



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
16.		<b>Favor</b>	Anna Harris	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm Anna Harris, a Los Angeles County resident, amateur racer, content creator and now I've become an activist for legal racing. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak about a movement that I believe will help keep our streets safer throughout Los Angeles County and the entire Southern California region.</p> <p>I know the county is trying to prevent the issues and problems associated with illegal street racing and takeovers. I'm trying to save the last LA County racetrack open to the public. As you may have heard, Irwindale Speedway in the San Gabriel Valley is poised to shut down at the end of the year. We've heard that the company that purchased the land last year wants to build warehouses on land that has been home to racing for many decades.</p> <p>It would be impossible to pinpoint the exact number of lives that have been saved by Irwindale Speedway and racetracks like it, but the number of street takeovers has significantly increased throughout Los Angeles City and County since the start of the pandemic, as noted in this year's report from the city of Los Angeles.</p> <p>In item 2(b)5 of your 2023 motion to address illegal street takeovers and racing in unincorporated Los Angeles County, supervisors voted to find out the feasibility of "securing a permanent closed track for street performance activities, separate from public streets, in communities most impacted by street takeovers and racing." It's clear that county officials would spend far more money on building a new track anywhere in the county than they would in working with the developer that bought Irwindale. It's also clear that developers would spend far more money destroying the racetrack and building more warehouses than it would cost to keep the track, burnout box and drag strip alive for residents throughout Southern California.</p> <p>Irwindale Speedway already has the amenities in place that county officials are looking for as a legal place for Southern Californians to perform stunts and race. Irwindale has a burnout box where stunts can be performed, a 1/8 mile drag strip with 1/2 mile runout, and a 1/2 mile racing oval where professionals currently race. This is the only racing facility still open to the public in Los Angeles County. This is a real shame, because drag racing was born in the San Gabriel Valley all those decades ago.</p> <p>Earlier this month, I started a petition to save Irwindale Speedway from destruction. The petition has more than 6,000 signatures as of December 2. That number keeps climbing daily as more people ask that this track be saved. I fear that Irwindale's loss could lead to an even greater rise in illegal</p>



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street racing and street takeovers - a problem that has plagued many areas of the county.

Irwindale is a safe place for both professional and amateur racers to take out their road rage, aggression and other bad behavior on the track instead of on innocent drivers. I believe that the issue of illegal street racing and burnouts is a major problem in Southern California, not just an issue in Los Angeles County. We need to keep our racetracks open or even try to open new ones instead of shutting them down. We need to save Irwindale Speedway for racing.

We need to form a public-private partnership to keep Irwindale open, and increase the number of events geared at amateur racers to keep them off the streets. Themed nights for different types of vehicles, concerts, fireworks shows, drag racing, car enthusiast and even more events could be held if the county worked with Irwindale track officials and the racing public to keep racing on the track and prevent illegal street takeovers.

I'm not sure that one racetrack alone could help solve this problem, but Irwindale Speedway has been packed for nearly every event since people found out about the closure. Clearly, the support for the track is at its highest point. We've heard that the track amenities will be moved to an area near Bakersfield, but the drag strip, racing oval and burnout box are three pieces of asphalt that can't be moved. I think these should be kept open for amateur racing, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, and if warehouses are built on the property, that they could have an automotive focus.

I also think an automotive school for vocational training, defensive driver training for teens and young adults learning to drive, The track could host community concerts, drone shows and other events that are fun for families. Irwindale could help shape the automotive industry instead of flattened by it. The support is there. We just need the help from officials to make this place a historical landmark and partnership instead of something else flattened into the earth by development.

Please help us Save Irwindale Speedway for Racing. You can find more information on [change.org](http://change.org) with the petition Save Irwindale Speedway for Racing, and my YouTube channel Monarch Ranch Garage. Thank you for your support.

Daria H Brooks

Now nearing the end of 2024, we in the unincorporated areas of West Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, East Gardena and Willowbrook ask just what is REALLY being done to end the nightmare of these NIGHTLY street takeovers? While law enforcement is dutifully protecting the beach cities, these manics are free to destroy the health, welfare and value of our homes and neighborhoods every evening, with many coming from OTHER COUNTIES to commit their crimes here. They KNOW that we have no law enforcement back-up to stop them. Again, DO SOMETHING AND DO IT NOW!



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	Dorothy Wright	<p>Street takeovers Every night (10-2am) throughout this entire year 2024 this is an ongoing nightmare that needs to coming to an end. Many sleepless nights, the danger to our community, our streets are constantly torn up, People are afraid to go out at night for fear of getting caught up in a takeover. We have been fighting this for sometime now. Atlantic Ave/Comton Bl, Alondra Bl/Atlantic Ave, Rosecrans Bl/Alantic Ave these are the main streets in our area that's affected.</p>
	Jacqueline J Gonzaga	
	Steve Quinonez	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Steve Quinonez, and I am a resident of [Florence-Firestone] and the CEO/President of the Florence-Firestone Community Organization (FFCO). Thank you for your continued advocacy and focus on addressing illegal street racing and takeovers in our County. This dangerous activity poses a significant threat to the safety, well-being, and quality of life of residents in my community and many others.</p> <p>Illegal street racing and takeovers have deeply impacted Florence-Firestone, endangering lives and disrupting the peace in our neighborhoods. Residents are frequently left grappling with noise pollution, property damage, and the fear of accidents that these reckless activities bring.</p> <p>I appreciate the County's progress thus far, but after reviewing the initial report from September 2023, I urge that future steps be more comprehensive, actionable, and community-informed. The lack of clarity in the report underscores the importance of a more detailed plan that incorporates robust prevention measures, community education, and stronger enforcement.</p> <p>Here are a few solutions I encourage the County to include in the strategic plan:</p> <p>Enhanced enforcement and penalties: Equip law enforcement agencies with the resources to intervene and deter illegal street racing effectively. Infrastructure modifications: Install physical deterrents like speed bumps and barriers in high-risk areas to prevent racing activity. Community engagement and education: Partner with local organizations like FFCO to raise awareness about the dangers of illegal racing and promote alternative recreational opportunities for youth. Data-driven resource allocation: Use technology and data analytics to identify hotspots and allocate resources effectively.</p> <p>Illegal street racing is a multi-faceted issue that requires collaboration between County departments, law enforcement, and community stakeholders. It is critical that this plan addresses the root causes of these activities while protecting our communities.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. I urge the Board to prioritize swift and decisive action to ensure safer streets for all residents of Los Angeles County.</p>

				Sincerely, Steve Quinonez CEO/President, Florence-Firestone Community Organization
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<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>5</b>	