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### <u>Proclaiming November 16<sup>th</sup> LA County Remembrance Day for Road Traffic</u> Victims

Each year, thousands of collisions occur across the roads in Los Angeles
County. California Highway Patrol reports that in 2024, in unincorporated Los Angeles
County alone, 18,708 collisions were reported with 125 being fatal. Of these fatalities,
37 involved a pedestrian, 17 motorcyclists and 2 bicyclists.

These are tragic numbers representing the lives lost, the families left behind and futures that will not be lived. On November 16th, organizations around the world will hold public space with an exhibit to pay respects to road traffic victims. Locally, the organization Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) identifies a location in downtown Los Angeles each year and displays empty chairs with a rose. This public art installation serves as a place of private reflection for families of the victims and public education.

Collisions are preventable not just on the part of residents, but with the assurance that the infrastructure residents live in supports and enhances safe mobility regardless of whether people walk, drive, ride or roll. This is why Los Angeles County has undertaken a goal of ZERO traffic deaths in unincorporated County roadways by

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2035 by investing in the Vision Zero initiative.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, accidents tend to increase during the holiday season. With the upcoming holiday season, it is imperative residents are reminded of safe driving strategies, dangers of street takeovers, and to also learn what projects are in store with the Vision Zero initiative and how residents may get involved. Within the County infrastructure, Department of Public Works leads the Vision Zero initiative while the Department of Public Health's Policies for Livable, Active Communities and Environment (PLACE) program co-leads the initiative as well.

- I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim November 16<sup>th</sup> as Los Angeles County Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims; and direct Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, in partnership with Department of Public Health's PLACE program, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and applicable partners to:
  - 1. Encourage community awareness of road traffic safety, promote progress toward Vision Zero, and highlight the dangers of street takeovers and racing through inclusive outreach efforts—such as hosting multilingual virtual townhalls with community members, sharing social media posts that reflect local voices, and installing billboards over the course of the holiday season and into early 2026.
  - 2. Report back within 120 days on the outcome of the activities conducted

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