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Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
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Re: Sale of Cars on Public Streets

Dear Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

We have recently learned of Gloria Molina's concern about the County-wide problem of the sale of used cars on public streets. We understand from news reports on the subject that many county residents have complained about the proliferation of such activity. We want you to know that for several years, the Los Feliz Improvement Association and other area groups have been facing the same problem along Los Feliz Boulevard and other streets in the Los Feliz neighborhood. In fact, we have found that since the closure of many used car lots throughout Los Angeles, this has become a problem for many neighborhoods. These cars (i) are predominantly not owned by local residents, (ii) are owned and unlicensed commercial ventures in many instances, (iii) are often in violation of registration and other applicable requirements, (iv) monopolize valuable parking spaces, (v) discourage visitation to local businesses, (vi) cause traffic and safety problems and (vii) are unsightly.

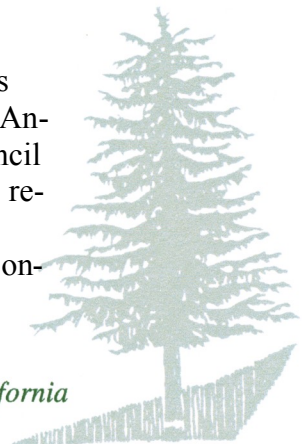
The problem is compounded by the fact that ordinances allowing for the restriction of such activities were declared unconstitutional in 2001. While some municipalities have constructed restrictions that pass constitutional muster, many have not.

We have urged our Councilmember, Tom LaBonge to help us alleviate this problem, and he introduced the issue at the Los Angeles City Council last October 2008 (Los Angeles City Council File 08-2939/Sale of Cars on City Streets). The problem was referred to the Public Works Committee of the City Council, Chaired by Councilman Bill Rosendahl, which continues to con-

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sider the adoption of a new municipal ordinance that places reasonable limitations on the conduct of such activities. The Los Angeles City Attorney was instructed to prepare a report on the applicability for Los Angeles of a new Lawndale, California law adopted to address constitutional concerns, but this report has languished for over nine months without realization as of this date.

The Los Feliz Improvement Association would strongly support the prompt adoption of a new countywide ordinance that places reasonable limitations and restrictions on the use of streets in the county to commercially sell cars and other motor vehicles and that empowers the Department of Transportation to enforce the new ordinance by the issuance of fines and the physical removal of cars and other motor vehicles found to be in violation of the new restrictions.

Thus, we encourage you to support Gloria Molina's efforts to enact a County-wide ordinance that can realize this goal, and we offer you every support.

Sincerely,

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President

cc. Councilmember Tom LaBonge
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich