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The Honorable Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
6150 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 300
Van Nuys, CA 91401

May 19, 2017

Re: Support for Tour Bus Safety Act (AB 25)

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 45 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. At its meeting of April 3, 2017 the Hillside Federation voted to support AB 25, the Tour Bus Safety Act.

As Los Angeles Councilmember David Ryu (CD 4) has noted, “open air tour buses have been a consistent public safety hazard” and “the levels of traffic and noise caused by . . . unregulated [tour] buses are out of control.” Unfortunately, local efforts to better regulate tour buses is hampered by existing state law. The safety of tour bus patrons and local community members would be significantly enhanced by passage of AB 25, and we join the City Council of Los Angeles in supporting its adoption.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims
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Encl.

cc: Los Angeles Councilmember David Ryu

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel-Air Association
Bel Air Hills Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
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Lake Hollywood HOA
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Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Residents of Beverly Glen
Save Coldwater Canyon!
Save Sunset Blvd.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Studio City Residents Assn.
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires tour buses to obtain an operating permit from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and undergo annual inspections by the California Highway Patrol (CHP); and

WHEREAS, some tour buses, particularly in Los Angeles, operate with significant structural modifications, such as the removal of roofs, seat belts, and frame rails; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, Assembly Member Nazarian introduced AB 25, subsequently amended on March 21, 2017, that would require the CHP to develop and implement a mandatory inspection and certification program for modified tour buses; and

WHEREAS, AB 25 would also authorize local authorities to adopt rules and regulations to restrict the streets upon which a modified tour bus may operate, prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems, require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers, and extend to a city attorney, the ability to recommend to the CPUC that a carrier's operating authority be suspended, denied or revoked; and

WHEREAS, there are a host of safety concerns with modified tour buses and it is critical that the State and local jurisdictions receive authorization to regulate the operation of these vehicles;

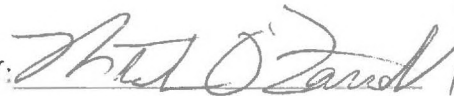
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 25 (Nazarian) that would require State inspection and certification of modified tour buses, as well as to authorize local authority oversight and regulation of these vehicles.

PRESENTED BY:



DAVID RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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When making inquiries relative to
this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.: [17-0002-S57](#)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2017

Council File No.: [17-0002-S57](#)

Council Meeting Date: May 02, 2017

Agenda Item No.: 10

Agenda Description: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding AB 25 (Nazarian) that would require State inspection and certification of modified tour buses, as well as to authorize local authority, oversight, and regulation of these vehicles.

Council Action: RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL
YES	BONIN	YES	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
ABSENT	BUSCAINO	YES	KORETZ	YES	RYU
YES	CEDILLO	ABSENT	KREKORIAN	YES	WESSON
YES	ENGLANDER	YES	MARTINEZ		

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 231(h)

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

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APPROVED

***DISAPPROVED**

***VETO**

MAYOR

5/5/2017

DATE SIGNED