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Tour Bus Headphones

On Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 Governor Jerry Brown signed into law AB 25 (Nazarian) which allows local jurisdictions to impose reasonable restrictions on tour buses regarding route restrictions and the use of public address systems.

This legislation stemmed from the numerous complaints from residential neighborhoods about the noise emanating from sightseeing tour buses, especially those that are open air. The rise in the noise complaints has been attributed to public announcement systems from some of the tour bus companies. This concern has been expressed by many residents in the Hollywood area, as well as other neighborhoods in Los Angeles. As a specific example, the City has received reports that tour buses using megaphones stop in front of residential homes up to 100 times a day.

In 2015, Los Angeles City Council File 15-1465 (Ryu—Bonin) was introduced to require permits for public address systems on unenclosed tour buses as an interim measure to bring relief to besieged neighborhoods. AB 25 now allows the City to require headphone use, a move it should take.

I THEREFORE MOVE to request the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance, based on the recently signed into law AB25 (Nazarian), which would prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems on tour buses that have had their roofs substantially structurally modified or removed, and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

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Tour Bus Route Restrictions

On Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 Governor Jerry Brown signed into law AB 25 (Nazarian) which allows local jurisdictions to impose reasonable restrictions on tour buses regarding route restrictions and the use of public address systems.

This legislation stemmed from the numerous complaints from residential neighborhoods about the public safety impact from sightseeing tour buses on narrow hillside streets and frequent traffic violations. This concern has been expressed by many residents in the Hollywood area, as well as other neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

These buses, based on their size and weight, pose a clear hazard on certain streets not built to accommodate these types of vehicles. The City of Los Angeles, in the interest of public safety, should move forward with a study of which routes or streets in Los Angeles are unsafe for these vehicles to operate on.

I THEREFORE MOVE to Instruct the Department of Transportation, with assistance from LAPD and LAFD, based on the recently signed into law AB25 (Nazarian), to report within 30 days with a list of routes or streets, particularly including hillside substandard streets, which are unsafe for tour buses to operate on.

I FURTHER MOVE to request the Office of the City Attorney to report within 30 days on the process by which Council may adopt this list of restricted streets through either ordinance or resolution.

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