

## ***Chapter 11.68 CRUISING***

### **11.68.010 Cruising defined.**

"Cruising" means the repetitive driving of a motor vehicle two or more times within a four-hour period, in the same direction, past a traffic-control point in traffic which is congested at or near the traffic-control point, as determined by the ranking police officer on duty within the affected area, and after the vehicle operator or passenger has been given an adequate written notice that further driving past the control point will be a violation.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.020 Signs designate cruising control zone.**

Signs shall be placed at the beginning and end of the portion of any street determined to be subject to cruising controls which briefly and clearly state the appropriate provisions of Section 11.68.050 of this code, and of Section 21100(k) of the California Vehicle Code.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.030 Traffic-control point—Establishment authority.**

The ranking police officer on duty within an area affected by traffic congestion may establish one or more traffic-control points at or near the area of traffic congestion.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.040 Traffic-control point—Written notice of violation.**

Any person who, as the operator of, or passenger in, any motor vehicle driven in a particular direction past a traffic-control point established pursuant to Section 11.68.030 may be given written notice that further driving past the control point within a four-hour interval will be a violation of Section 11.68.050.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.050 Cruising prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person, as a driver or a passenger of a motor vehicle, to engage in the activity known as "cruising," as defined in Section 11.68.010, on the public streets or alleys of the city in any area which has been posted pursuant to Section 11.68.020. Each successive trip within a four-hour period past the traffic-control point established pursuant to Section 11.68.030 shall constitute a separate violation, and no additional written notice shall be required for such separate violation.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.060 Exceptions.**

This chapter shall not apply to persons who, according to DMV records, reside within a designated no-cruising area; nor to authorized emergency vehicles as defined in Section 165 of the California Vehicle Code; nor to

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vehicles licensed for public transportation; nor to publicly owned vehicles of any city, county, district, state or federal agency.

(Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

### **11.68.070 Violation—Penalty.**

Any person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Ord. 2075, 1994: Ord. 2025 (part), 1992)

**Orozco, Norma**

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**From:** Maria Ceja <ceja.maria95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Item 38

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am in support of item 38 to repeal the anti-cruising ordinance. Cruising has been part of Santa Ana's culture for decades, even when it's been continuously criminalized and repressed. We should be able to celebrate our culture safely and free from discrimination from city officials meant to serve us. Establishing a cruising policy will reignite safe cultural practices and the respect our community deserves.

Thank you,  
Maria Ceja

## Orozco, Norma

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**From:** alexruelas65@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 8:49 AM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Repealing the cruising ordinance

Good morning. My name is Alex Ruelas I am the Duke's car club international President. I wanted to introduce myself and say I for one and my club support repealing the cruising ordinance. My father Fernando Ruelas (rip) was a co-founder of this club in 1962. This year we celebrate 60 years. My dad at a very young age cruised the streets of Whittier Blvd, Elysian Park etc. He grew up in South Los Angeles very poor being involved with the 38th street gang well known for the sleepy lagoon case in the 1940's. He didn't have money for an education his education was building cars & lowriding. For me as a kid and my brothers this is what we grew up with working with our father teaching us responsibilities and most of all education. My father believed in family and working hard to provide for that family and would pass this knowledge on to others to go to school pick up a trade and be the best you can. His trade was mechanics and restoring cars. He had many stories of him cruising with the club, friends & family. The tradition continues on with myself and my family and of course the club. We love cruising we love getting together hearing music bbq you name it. And I feel it's important to repeal this being we're just trying to have a good time and express who we are, what we love and share it with everyone. Thank you for listening and have a blessed day.  
Respectfully,

Alex Ruelas  
Duke's Car Club International President

Sent from my iPhone

**Orozco, Norma**

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**From:** Dulce Fernandez <dulcejfernandez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 8:35 PM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Remove the no cruising ban

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of removing the no cruising ban that has been in place for decades. The ordinance is discriminatory against the Chicano/Latino culture. The ordinance has oppressed our community and is antiquated.

Cruising does not put anyone at risk or post harm. Cruising brings culture to the community and promotes diversity.

Please consider removing the ordinance as other counties accross the state are already leading by example.

Sincerely,

Dulce Fernandez

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**From:** champipple72 <champipple72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Santa Ana no cruising ordinance

Hi my name is Donnie Taylor and I am the President of The Black Lowriders Association of San Diego. I would like to say that Lowriding is not only a Chicano lifestyle but other ethnicities as well. Black people have been Lowriding as long as our Chicano brothers and sisters and we face the same discrimination and racial profiling

In our cars. We stand in solidarity and ask to remove the racial and discriminating ordinances in your city and all across California thank you

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device





# United Lowrider Council

of San Jose

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Re: Supporting the Repeal of the Santa Ana No Cruising Ordinance

July 18, 2022

On behalf of the United Lowrider Council of San Jose (ULCSJ), we are in complete support of the Repeal of the Santa Ana No Cruising Ordinance. The ULCSJ mission is to serve the community youth and those in need, as well as continuing the lowrider culture. This measure facilitates our mission and culture of the Lowrider community and much more. On June 28, 2022, we were part of the movement that successfully repealed the San Jose Ordinance Municipal Code 11.34.

We collaborate closely with public officials, law enforcement, local businesses, car clubs, and as well as all Lowrider owners that are not in a car club (solo riders) in and around the City of San Jose with many charitable events and cruises that promote and celebrate the culture of cruising in a Lowrider.

We have said this many times and will continue to say it, those in the Lowrider community are tax paying citizens, which have successful careers and/or businesses. Restoring a classic car and making it a Lowrider is by no way cheap. We take immense pride in our Lowriders and love displaying them to everyone in the public eye to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important measure which help continue the Lowrider culture. The San Jose Lowrider community is completely supportive.

Best regards,

United Lowrider Council of San Jose  
<https://www.ulcsj.com/>

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**From:** Rafael Perez <rafael@thehomemap.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 3:58 PM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Letter of Support-Cruising Ordinance Repeal

My name is Rafael Perez and I live in San Diego. Last month I wrote a resolution of support for the Repeal of the No Cruising Ordinance in National City and it was adopted without any opposition from the San Diego County Democratic Party. The basis of the resolution was that anti-cruising ordinances don't foster a positive relationship between the community and law enforcement, cruising bans are discriminatory in nature and cruising should not be criminalized nor used to unfairly target the Lowrider community.

For those reasons, I oppose cruising bans across the Southwestern United States as they have unfairly targeted communities of color and criminalized Lowriding.





July 18, 2022

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
Santa Ana, CA

Re: Support for the repeal of the No Cruising Ban

My name is Jovita Arellano, Co-chair of the United Lowrider Coalition (ULC). On behalf of the San Diego, CA United Lowrider Coalition (ULC), I am expressing our support of Councilmember Hernandez's request to repeal the city of Santa Ana's No Cruising Ban.

ULC has been advocating for the repeal of the No Cruising Ordinance here in National City since January, 2021. Our coalition's pro-active approach is just one example of what government is required to do when communities make legitimate and heartfelt demands.

The movement to end the cruising ban in Santa Ana will send a message to each and every lawmaker to repeal the No Cruising ordinances not only in your city, but to all cities in the state of California. As the lowrider groups come together and unite, this not only helps us, but shows that your vote to repeal will help us all move forward and have hope that this will change so many cities in California.

ULC of San Diego is comprised of neighborhood leaders, lowrider car clubs and others who know all too well that anti-cruising really means, institutional racism.

It's time to cruise towards a more responsible and respectful way for government to regulate and govern in a community that wants to speak for itself and to itself. We believe that your vote to repeal the ordinance promotes the same efforts advocated by ULC.

Respectfully,

Jovita Arellano  
Co-chair, United Lowrider Coalition



Assemblymember Friedman, Chair  
Assembly Transportation Committee  
1020 N Street Room 112  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: ACR 176 (L. Rivas): Cruising - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Friedman,

On behalf of the San Fernando Valley Car and Truck Club Council, I am writing in support of ACR 176 to celebrate the rich history, and culture of cruising in California, and encourages local officials, law enforcement, and local car clubs to work collectively to foster a safe and welcoming car enthusiast environment.

After World War II, cruising became a highly popular social activity among teenagers. Teenagers would drive on urban boulevards to show off their customized vehicles. To this day, these cruising events are often combined with local meetups of vintage custom cars and low riders.

No matter what the vehicle, cruising remains a popular activity in major cities like Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, San Diego, and National City. This activity is so popular that cities have popular cruising streets within its limits. Some of the most notable are cruising streets are Mission Street in San Francisco, Broadway Boulevard in Sacramento, Lake Merritt in Oakland, Story and Kings Road in San Jose; Whittier Boulevard, Van Nuys Boulevard, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, Colorado Boulevard, and McHenry Avenue.

In 1988, California passed a law to allow local governments to pass anti-cruising resolutions. However, car and auto clubs frequently participate in community events like 4th of July parades and have collaborated with local law enforcement and elected officials to host philanthropic events for their communities. In 2020, car clubs participated in COVID-19 vaccine drives, raised money for local causes, raised awareness about the census count, engaged in community activism.

Cities are starting to recognize that by prohibiting the cruising of vintage, low-riders, and custom cars they are enabling discriminatory practices, including perpetuating racial biases. These laws wrongfully stereotype law-abiding car owners and conflate them with illegal street racers who are, and should be prosecuted when putting public lives in danger. Police have not enforced this outdated traffic regulation in recent years. It has proven that there is a need for a change in this ordinance.

Sacramento, San Jose, and National City are cities that have recently lifted the cruising ban. It is time for locals to follow these cities and repeal this archaic traffic law.

In the hopes of creating a new perspective of what cruising means to each community, ACR 176 recognizes and honors the history and culture of cruising by encouraging local officials, law enforcement, and local car clubs to

work collectively and conduct safe cruising events. For this reason, the San Fernando Valley Car and Truck Club Council is proud to support ACR 176.

Respectfully,

Adam Medellin  
San Fernando Valley Car and Truck Club Council



## Orozco, Norma

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**From:** Marisa Rosales <marisa49bomb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 11:38 AM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** No Cruising Ordinance

Dear Santa Ana City Counsel,

My name is Marisan Rosales, I live in National City, CA, I am a Co-Chair with the United Lowrider Coalition, I am a member of Dukes Car Club, and a Social Worker with the County of San Diego by trade.

I write to you today with a Plea for you to demonstrate true Leadership and Repeal the No Cruising Ordinance in your city. We do not need laws that disenfranchise entire cultures. In the times that we are living in today we need our communities to be United and all individuals to feel Accepted. The No Cruising Ordinances are discriminatory they target people of color, they send a message that these people are "Bad". When in contrary, we are your constituents, we Vote, we are Professionals in many trades, we own Homes, we pay Taxes. Lowriders are always one of the first groups to come out and give back to the community when a need arises.

I am a Lowrider by Heart; I stand with my Lowrider brothers and sisters in Solidarity in this struggle to be able to practice our culture without being criminalized for it.

Please, Repeal the No Cruising Ordinance, it is rooted in racism the Penal Code and Vehicle Code are Vast enough tools for your Police Department to fulfill their duties efficiently, there is no need for a law that Criminalizes a Beautiful Culture as Lowriding is.

Thank You for your time

Respectfully,  
Marisa Rosales



June 28, 2022

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
City of Santa Ana

Re: Support The Repeal of the - No Cruising Ordinance in the City of Santa Ana

On behalf of the Sacramento Lowrider Commission (SLC), representing over 40 lowrider car clubs with hundreds of members and equally in number with solo riders, we are expressing our support of the repeal of the no cruising ordinance in the City of Santa Ana, California

The SLC has been advocating the lawful activities associated with cruising our lowrider vehicles and illuminating on the many charitable and philanthropic efforts in which car clubs and solo-riders participate in all cities. In less than four months, the SLC was instrumental in advocating for the repeal of the ordinance that prohibited cruising in the City of Sacramento for the last 34 years. The repeal occurred on May 31, 2022, by unanimous vote of the Sacramento City Mayor, City Council and supported by the Chief of Police. The SLC collaborates with the car clubs, solo-riders, public officials, law enforcement, charitable organizations and business leaders in promoting the safe and fun use of the public highways and roads to cruise and promote our culture.

We are certain the car clubs in Santa Ana will collaborate with city officials to give assurance to the City and police department that cruising is a cultural event and life style that supports family gatherings. We will continue to work with the Santa Ana car clubs in support of the repeal and to demonstrate that cruising is not a crime.

The SLC is available to provide comments and public testimony. Please contact me as the President, of the Sacramento Lowrider Commission at (916) 912-3510 or at [francinemata64@gmail.com](mailto:francinemata64@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Francine Mata, President  
Sacramento Lowrider Commission

cc: Olivia Fonseca, Secretary  
Joe Ayala, Esq.  
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