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From: Miguel Lozano <MLozano@nationalcityca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 12:10
To: Shin, Richard
Subject: RE: Lifting Ban on Cruising

Good morning,

We do currently have an ordinance that bans cruising in our city. There has been push by the local low riding community to repeal the ordinance. They have gone as far as creating a "low rider coalition" that has been working with our city council to negotiate the repealing of the ordinance. Our city council came to an agreement back in May to do a test run of allowing cruising on Friday's as a test pilot to see what issues may arise. The lowrider coalition was granted a permit to cruise for a designated time frame during that day as well as one Friday each month for the next three months. The permit was supposed to cover approximately 50 cars and about 100 spectators. The temporary use permit did not have any police resources calculated into the permit.

The end result was the cruise was put on as planned and over 250 cars showed up to the event with more than 500 spectators. Businesses complained that spectators took over their parking lots without contributing to the business. Numerous vandalisms occurred to surrounding businesses, fights broke out, calls of 417 came in and traffic was severely impacted well into 11 pm which was over 2 hours past the agreed upon time.

The city council went back to the negotiation table with the low rider coalition and laid out a plan that would use police resources to provide extra security. There was a significant cost associated with the new permit rules up in the area of \$15k . The coalition claimed the cost to put on a monthly cruise was too astronomical and went as far as reaching out to the media and making a statement that the city and the police department were trying to gouge the low rider coalition.

National City has historically had issues with low rider back in the 90s. Since that time there have been measures taken to curb the cruising by changing the environmental design as well as implementing the cruising. Some of the issues that plagued the last event that was put on are similar to the ones that plagued the events in the 90s.

We had a certain member of local car club try to put on unauthorized cruising events back in 2020 at the peak of Covid. Those events were put on in our Mile of Cars area where all the car dealerships are located. The event drew large crowds as well as hundreds of vehicles that impacted the car dealerships and traffic well into our neighboring city. We saw numerous issues with drinking in public, dui drivers and recreational marijuana use by the spectators. One of the challenges we as a department face is that there are members on our city council that are making the push for the repeal of the cruising ordinance and given its an election year the push has been a strong one in order to garner votes.

I hope this helps you out. Please let me know if there is any other info I can provide to you.

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From: Shin, Richard [mailto:RShin@santa-ana.org]
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Hello sir,

SAPD Sgt. Minter gave me your email address. I have been tasked with researching the issue of possibly repealing our existing anti-cruising ordinance at the request of our City Council.

Can you please provide answers to the following questions?

Does your City have any ordinance(s) banning cruising in any way?

If so, is there any push to repeal such ordinance(s)?

Do you have any general feedback regarding cruising?



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