

Community Impact Statement

DATE: June 12, 2021

TO: LA Mayor, LA City Council, Los Angeles, CA

RE: Community Impact Statement in **SUPPORT** of Council File #21-0263

Motion Relative to Street Harassment.

Mayor and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council is writing in **SUPPORT** of the motion to analyze, report on, and pursue street harassment mitigation strategies.

As the motion points out, there are predictable demographics that repeatedly suffer from street harassment: women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, people of color, and the de facto scapegoat of the day. After 9/11, we saw an increase in street harassment of Sikhs and Muslims. Following the pandemic, we've seen a notable increase in street harassment of our AAPI friends & neighbors. For decades, black and indigenous community members have been harassed. All of these facts are corroborated by statistics available at <https://www.streetharassment.org/> and FBI Hate Crime statistics.

Given the prevalence of street harassment against vulnerable populations, we wholeheartedly support the Council's efforts to identify "soft approaches" that work to curb street harassment *and* campaigns like "It's Off Limits." We further hope the Public Safety Advisory Committee will work to **collaborate with** marginalized community members in formulating plans to promote their safety in ALL public spaces.

Sincerely,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council