



## Streets Are For Everyone

4470 W. Sunset Blvd, Suite 453  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
Phone: (844) 88-4-SAFE

---

24 August 2022

### **Re: Our Ask Regarding Angelino Heights, Street Racing, our elected Leaders and NBCUniversal**

We acknowledge that street racing for fun is not new, nor will it go away anytime soon. What is new is the magnitude of the glorification of illegal street racing, sideshows and street takeovers by the entertainment industry through film, TV and video games. We are a copycat society and this glorification has contributed to an explosion in the popularity of this illegal activity to the point of it being a public health crisis in many neighborhoods across Southern California, like Angelino Heights.

We acknowledge that state and local agencies are attempting to do something about it but with limited funding and a lack of tools, these efforts have been ineffective at reversing the numbers of illegal and dangerous street racing, street takeovers and sideshows in Southern California.

We are not attempting to “cancel” those who enjoy showing off their cars and driving skills. We simply want these illegal activities to be taken off city streets where innocent lives can be lost and the peace of residential communities like Angelino Heights shattered. Enjoy street racing, and sideshows on a racetrack, in a controlled environment where it can be done in a way that is fun and safe.

#### **Basic Ask**

It's time for the City of Los Angeles to prioritize the long term health and safety of the community over the short term profits of a corporation.

#### **Exact Asks**

The City of Los Angeles needs to re-engineer the roads of Angelino Heights so the regular burnouts and street racing are no longer happening.



- This means things like installing effective physical barriers – speed humps, medians and other hard structures – that prevent drivers from racing and drifting.

2. Leadership in Los Angeles, our Governor and state legislators need to adopt a zero tolerance policy on street racing, street takeovers and sideshows.

- This doesn't mean spending millions more on police to try to catch up with street racing and increasing numbers of street takeovers.
- It means allowing the use of measures like automated speed cameras on known street racing corridors.
- It means continuing to impound the cars of those involved, regardless of who was driving, with heavier fines before those cars can get recovered.
- It means revoking the driver's license of repeat offenders for at least a year.
- It means mandatory increased penalties for those who injure or kill others while involved in street racing, street takeovers and sideshows.
- It means supporting organizations engaged in education in high school about the dangers and consequences of illegal street racing, street takeovers and sideshows to deter youth from getting involved in the first place.
- Lastly, it means supporting educational and diversion programs and other legal ways for drivers to enjoy their cars without negatively impacting our communities and injuring or killing people.

3. NBCUniversal needs to hold true to the social impact statement on their own website and take responsibility for the glorification of illegal street racing, street takeovers, and sideshows that are wreaking havoc and killing people across our city.

- This means including a disclaimer or short video at the start and end of all Fast and Furious movies showing the dangers of and discouraging fans from being involved in illegal street racing, street takeovers and sideshows.
- It means actively working with CA legislators to get laws passed that will help deter illegal street racing, street takeovers and sideshows.
- It means using some of the billions of dollars of profit from the Fast and Furious franchise to invest in organizations involved in education and grassroots advocacy to deter those from doing illegal street racing.
- Lastly, this means creating or sponsoring a broad reaching media campaign to show the truth about and discourage illegal street racing, street takeovers and side shows.

Damian Kevitt  
Executive Director  
Streets Are For Everyone

Lili Trujillo-Puckett  
Executive Director  
Street Racing Kills