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The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 2546 (NAZARIAN) SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2546 (Nazarian).

During the COVID 19 pandemic lockdowns, cities have seen an increase in street racing and sideshows, in part because there have been fewer vehicles on the road. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to 25,953 calls involving a motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed in 2020, nearly 3,500 more calls than the prior year. In 2020, CHP cited 341 individuals with a violation of motor vehicle exhibition of speed, 141 more than the year before.

Law enforcement in Los Angeles County know all too well that street racing and sideshows are not exclusive to state highways and public roadways. When street racing and sideshows occur in off street parking facilities and on public or private property, the risk of death and serious injury increases substantially due the presence of spectators and uninvolved vehicles.

Existing law only prohibits motor vehicle speed contests and exhibitions of speed that occur on the public highways/roadways.

AB 2546 would prohibit sideshows from taking place on off-street parking facilities not open for use by the public and private property not used for parking (e.g. agricultural or recreational land) without the consent of the owner, operator, or agent thereof.

It makes no logical sense to have criminal liability for acts occurring on a highway/roadway but to not have criminal liability for the same acts that occur in an off-street parking lot or on public or private property without the consent of the owner or operator of the property. AB 2546 closes this loophole.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

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