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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON DRAG RACING AND DRIFTING EVENTS HELD ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Drag racing and drifting events continue to cause problems and impact the City's residents, especially those on the Southwest Side; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the potential for causing injuries, and even death among motorists and pedestrians, these drag racing and drifting events often include vehicles equipped with illegally modified mufflers which can create noises that may trigger ShotSpotter sensors, diverting police resources away from areas where they are actually needed; and

WHEREAS, It has become increasingly common to find drivers drag racing on major streets and also drifting and drag racing in shopping center parking lots and on other private property; and

WHEREAS, The City Code authorizes seizure and impoundment of vehicles that have been used in drag racing on the public way, but does not currently prohibit drag racing on private property; and

WHEREAS, The City Council and the Chicago Police Department must coordinate and find solutions which adequately combat this scourge on our neighborhoods; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of July, 2021, do hereby call upon the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing to discuss possible solutions to address these dangerous drag racing and drifting events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the hearing be held after 6:00 p.m. by remote means, thereby allowing working families to attend and comment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, or his designee, and representatives from the Illinois State Police testify at the hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the hearing include discussions of strategies to combat the dangerous drag racing and drifting events on public and private property, including discussion of: (i) proposals to expand the offenses for which seizure and impoundment of vehicles are penalties for violation; (ii) policies to require large parking lots and other private property regularly used for such events to be physically secured to prevent vehicles from accessing the property when the business is not open; (iii) 02021-1617 and 02021-1618, both Introduced by Alderman George Cardenas on April 21, 2021; (iv) assigning Chicago Police Department officers to patrol sites frequented by drag racers and drifters; and (v) any resources that the Chicago Police Department may need to address this problem.

SILVAN TABARES Alderman, 23rd
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Submitted by Alderman Silvana Tabares, (23rd Ward)

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