

February 28, 2022

Beverly Hills City Council City of Beverly Hills 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Recent Traffic Incident at Beverly/Canon/Lomitas Intersection and Traffic Safety In General

Dear Honorable Mayor Wunderlich and Members of the Beverly Hills City Council:

The Chamber writes to you in regard to Item F-1 on the City Council evening session agenda for March 1, discussing a recent driving sideshow incident in Beverly Hills and concerns over traffic safety more generally. Thank you for addressing this important issue for the community.

Although this incident in question occurred in a residential area, the Chamber is also concerned about the amount of speeding and noise generated by cars in commercial neighborhoods. In particular, the Chamber is seeing and hearing more reports from local businesses of very loud cars and motorcycles driving through commercial streets while others are driving at excessive speeds and creating a danger to themselves and pedestrians. This conduct is disruptive to people generally but also to business owners who want to conduct their work in a generally peaceful environment and to customers who are shopping and dining, including dining outdoors as part of the City's OpenBH program.

The Chamber thanks the City Council, staff and Beverly Hills Police Department for their devoted work to keep the City safe. The Chamber encourages the City to continue to evaluate steps to address this issue and would be happy to partner with the City to identify potential solutions.

Sincerely,

Todd Johnson President and CEO Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce