

TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21100(e) broadly grants local governments the authority to regulate traffic at locations that may require traffic direction for orderly flow. The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.03 states that no one, other than a Police Officer, a person deputized by the Chief of Police, a Traffic Officer, an off duty or retired police officer, or a member of the Fire Department shall direct traffic. This requirement is intended to ensure drivers are directed toward appropriate roadways that are adequate to handle the volume of diverted traffic.

Waze is a GPS navigation software application owned by Google. It provides detailed navigation information and user-submitted travel times and route details. Based on the information collected, Waze is then in a position to provide routing and real-time traffic updates. Any Waze user can also change the designation of local roads and suggest edits to "segment attributes" such as traffic direction, unpaved roads, and allowable turns.

By allowing untrained, civilian application users to suggest edits to City's road designations and direct traffic, Waze has usurped the authority explicitly granted to the City. It is critical that the LAMC be updated to clarify that digital applications and/or infrastructure used to re-route traffic is in direct violation of the authority granted to the City for the greater public good.

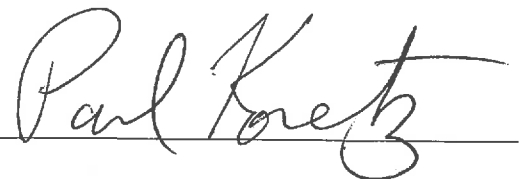
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that would amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to expressly prohibit the use of digital applications and digital infrastructure to re-route vehicular traffic that is inconsistent with official City street designations.

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