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Comments

The primary issue and cause of this noise pollution situation is less about vehicles and more about poor driver behavior. City administration already has the power and responsibility to deal with irresponsible drivers. It is very disappointing and an abdication of responsibility to deflect this to another government agency for yet more delay. More often than not, the key cause of excessive vehicle engine and muffler noise is not so much the vehicle itself but is more a result of driver behavior. As an experienced auto enthusiast I know that even factory installed mufflers can be made to sound excessively noisy especially on "muscle vehicles", by revving an engine in a low gear. So the primary issue is not the vehicle or the installation of after market mufflers but is in fact the narcissist and show off behavior of drivers. They need to be educated and/or with appropriate enforcement, convinced to drive responsibly and respectfully especially in the downtown core, on residential streets and dense public areas where noise has a high negative impact. There are several options to alter driver behavior in the following ways; 1) promote a city wide education program which highlights the negative impact of loud vehicular noise which affects the public at large, 2) engage the various car clubs in the city to be champions and role models of responsible driving, 3) erect signage indicating fines for "anti social driving" and ensure there is ongoing enforcement. None of this is difficult or complicated. Let's be smart and stop avoiding and deflecting and start doing.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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