

CPRC- Written Public Comment

September 9, 2021 – Special Meeting

Lowrider Community Forum Public Comment: 1

From: Chalint El Champasi
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:08 AM
Subject: Lowriding Meeting Statement

Dear Ms Maxilom,

I read about the lowriders' cause in the SD Union Tribune and after contacting the organizers. I was told I can submit a statement to be read at the meeting, since I'll probably not be able to attend the Zoom meeting due to time zone differences. Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,
Chalint El Champasi

The statement:

"My name is Chalint El Champasi and I was a Greek exchange student at SDSU a couple of years ago. I have never been involved with lowriding, nor know anyone else that has been, so I don't have a personal interest in this. However, I had seen many lowriding scenes in movies and consider it an iconic part of Southern California culture. I never visited National City, but if there were lowriding events during my stay in San Diego, I'd have definitely attended a couple. I don't see how anyone would consider lowriding harmful - if anything it could increase local spending and give young people an engaging hobby that teaches them some engineering. I think it's art, an expression of people's identity, and also a representation of the rich car culture which California is famous for compared to Europe or even the East Coast. I hope the ban on this victimless activity is repealed and I get to see my first lowriding event in National City, whenever I'm back in America."

Lowrider Community Forum Public Comment: 2

From: Renee Rodriguez
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:26 AM
Subject: Lowrider Meeting Sept. 9th

Hello,

We live in the surrounding neighborhood of Highland Avenue and have concerns about the removal of the no cruising signs on Highland Avenue.

I understand that these signs were erected mainly because of the amount of traffic jams it caused. The street has since been narrowed down to one east & west lane in certain areas. Removing these signs would really cause an even bigger problem for emergency vehicles and citizens. The overflow into surrounding neighborhoods will be impacted as well. Who will pay for the extra policing for these cruising days? Hasn't it been the city's focus to get people to use more public transit and lower pollution?

This is a very expensive hobby and to what end will any of this showcasing of one's car benefit the city & its citizens as a whole.

Sincerely, Rodriguez family