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***ZINE INTRODUCES RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AB 2210 (GOLDBERG) REGARDING MORE STRINGENT TOWING REGULATIONS***

(Los Angeles) - Seeking to address abuses by the towing industry, Councilman Dennis P. Zine today introduced a resolution to support AB 2210 (Goldberg) which provides local jurisdictions more authority over the tow truck industry.

Specifically, the resolution permits local authorities to require more specific written authorization from the property owner prior to towing of any vehicle; requires towing companies provide a photocopy of the written authorization to the vehicle owner prior to receipt of payment for towing and storage fees; prohibits towing companies from removing a vehicle unless the towing company has made a good faith inquiry to determine the statutory restrictions regarding the removal of the vehicle from certain private property; requires towing companies maintain certain records and make violations of any of the abovementioned provisions a misdemeanor and subject to civil actions.

“This is a consumer protection bill concentrating on public safety by spelling out specific requirements for impounding vehicles,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the City’s Public Safety Committee. “Legitimate towing companies like the City’s OPGs are well regulated and abide by the rules. There is no excuse for bandit towing companies to exist and not following the guidelines which others follow.”

This motion has been referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the City Council for review and discussion.

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