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In a memorable scene from the 1991 Lawrence Kasden film "Grand Canyon," a harried Los Angeles father tries to teach his son how to drive.

With cars whizzing past at a busy intersection, he cautions the teenager that "making a left turn in L.A. is one of the harder things you'll learn in life."

If they were on the Westside, they might still be there, fourteen increasingly gridlocked years later.

Making a left turn in Los Angeles has gone from hard to nearly impossible, from inconvenience to formidable challenge. Frustrations with too few left-turn arrows, or with arrows that seem to stay green for barely an instant, are emblematic of the traffic crisis that grips our City, and particularly the Westside. It robs us of time with our families. It makes us late for work. It eats away at our nerves and our happiness.

We need more and longer left turn signals at our major intersections – particularly on the Westside. There are several Westside intersections that the City must evaluate immediately for placement of left-turn signals. Some of the intersections lack left-turn signals entirely. Other intersections have them in some directions, but need them in other directions. The intersections that need study are:

- Bundy Drive and Olympic Boulevard
- Via de la Paz and Sunset Boulevard
- Bundy Drive and Pico Boulevard
- Sepulveda Boulevard and La Tijera Boulevard
- Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue
- Sunset Boulevard and Mandeville Canyon Road
- Venice Boulevard and Centinela Avenue
- Kenter Avenue and Sunset Boulevard
- Overland Boulevard and Venice Boulevard
- Sawtelle Boulevard and Venice Boulevard
- Sepulveda Boulevard and Venice Boulevard
- Sunset Boulevard and Mandeville Canyon Road

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to report with recommendations, including cost estimates and potential timelines for installation of a number of left turn traffic signals throughout Council District 11, as detailed above in the text of this motion.

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Seconded by

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