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The City is working to improve the quality of bicycling in the City and encourage more people to travel by bicycle. Unfortunately, as more people use bicycles, there has been an increase in the number of clashes between cyclists and automobiles. Bicyclists report that they have been bumped off the road, screamed at by drivers and had objects thrown at them. Occasionally, these situations have resulted in serious verbal altercations and physical assaults.

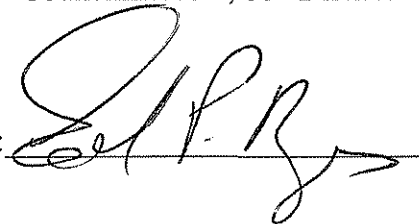
As efforts are made to promote bicycling, the City must take steps to stop the harassment of bicyclists. Several cities and states are addressing this issue by implementing ordinances that make harassing a bicyclist a criminal offense. It is important for the City of Los Angeles to do the same. Such a law would discourage this type of behavior toward cyclists, as well as provide another tool to prosecute offending individuals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, working with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that would prohibit the harassment of bicyclists in the City of Los Angeles.

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