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The City of Los Angeles is a great place for everyday, year-round cycling and one of our transportation goals should be to promote bicycles as an integral part of our transportation system, culture and communities. More bike riders would mean less automobile congestion, cleaner air, safer streets and a healthier environment.

In 2009, through a number of cycling advocates, the City of Los Angeles repealed their mandatory bicycle licenses. The City Council listened and the Transportation Committee voted to put a moratorium on the bike license program. According to the Department of Transportation, the bicycle license program was nearly defunct. It was very difficult for a resident to obtain a license if one was not provided when the bicycle was purchased and LADOT estimated that as many as 80% of the bicycles sold in the City of Los Angeles were not licensed.

However, one of the key responsibilities of the Department of Transportation (LADOT) is the development of programs and the implementation of solutions to meet the ground transportation needs of Los Angeles, including the provision of infrastructure for bicycles and the regulation of bikes. Bicycle registration is an integral part of any local bicycle program in order to provide a method for tracking and returning stolen bicycles; identify the rider if an accident occurs; and to provide a method to monitor the number of bicycles in the City. It is also an incentive for the public to invest in bicycles as an environmentally and physically beneficial mode of transportation. As "moratorium" doesn't mean "terminate", the City of Los Angeles should consider redeveloping an efficient and effective registration process.

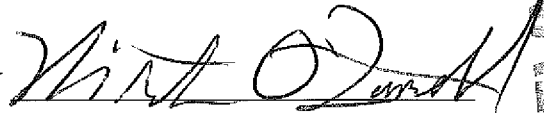
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to investigate and to provide to the City Council a comprehensive report on the administrative and overall costs to license bikes along with recommendations and possible funding sources.

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