

MOTION


Motion (Wesson – Martinez – Buscaino), which was approved by Council on June 28, 2017, instructed the Department of General Services with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the City Attorney to report with recommendations for establishing a pilot program to refurbish/recycle and then distribute surplus unclaimed bicycles held by the LAPD to underprivileged youth (C.F. 16-0555). The Motion also requested that the departments consider any amendments to existing ordinances that may be needed in order to allow for the donations of these bicycles.


After a review of the City ordinances related to unclaimed property held by LAPD, the City Attorney determined that Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 52.55(c) needed to be amended in order to allow for the donation of unclaimed bicycles. Council adopted an ordinance on October 4, 2017 to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 52.55(c) to transfer unclaimed personal property valued at not more than \$500 held by local law enforcement to a non-profit organization that was established to address juvenile delinquency prevention.

Currently, LAPD is working with a non-profit organization, East Side Riders Bike Club (ESR), on a pilot program that would allow the City to donate unclaimed, surplus bicycles held by LAPD to ESR. ESR would then refurbish and distribute the bicycles to the youth in the surrounding communities. ESR is a non-profit organization that seeks to prevent kids from joining gangs and/or taking drugs through recreational activities that are focused on bicycle riding. ESR has introduced the youth to bicycle safety, healthy eating habits, and an active lifestyle. They also learn about bicycle repair, maintenance and design. ESR is in need of space to store unclaimed bicycles that may be donated by LAPD. There is available space at the City-owned facility located at 1513 E. 103rd Street in Council District 15.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services (GSD), with assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease or license agreement with East Side Riders Bike Club (ESR) for use of a portion of the City-owned facility located at 1513 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles, 90002, contingent upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding, or other appropriate agreement, between ESR and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) related to a pilot program to donate surplus, unclaimed bicycles held by LAPD in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 52.55(c) (Pilot Program).

I FURTHER MOVE that GSD, in consultation with the City Attorney, be instructed to issue the appropriate Right of Entry (ROE) permit, and any other necessary documents, to ESR to allow ESR access to the site until the lease or license agreement is executed.

PRESENTED BY: 
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 Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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