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If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCSupport@lacity.org.

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Summary: Motion attached in favor of legal requirements that dockless vehicle companies cooperate with law enforcement.
June 21, 2019

Los Angeles City Council

Dear Council Members,

At our June 20th, 2019 meeting, the Del Rey NC passed by a vote of 10-2 (Gupta, DeSobe opposed) the following motion:

Whereas, on or about April 13, 2019, the pastor of a church located in Pacific Palisades was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident recklessly caused by the user of a dockless electric scooter, who fled the scene (on the sidewalk outside of the church rectory) and could not be immediately apprehended at the time of the accident;

Whereas, any of us in any neighborhood of the City could be victims of such future reckless and unlawful conduct;

Whereas, the business providing the dockless electric scooter involved in the above accident refused to provide information to law enforcement about the user or to reasonably assist in law enforcement’s investigation of the accident, resulting in an inability to bring the user to justice or a significant delay in justice;

Whereas, in the interest of public safety, every business providing dockless electric scooters and/or bicycles (Dockless Mobility Devices) operating in the City of Los Angeles (City) should reasonably be required to cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances described above as a condition of being granted a business license or Dockless Mobility Permit;

Whereas, such requirement of provider cooperation with law enforcement is necessary to protect the safety of the public and does not unreasonably infringe on the privacy rights of users of Dockless Mobility Devices;

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the City to “promote safety. . . and improve the quality of life for the people of Los Angeles “ (LADOT Statement);

Whereas, prominent Dockless Mobility Device providers all publicly proclaim that the safety of riders and the community is their “obsession” (Bird) or their “top” (Lyft) or “#1” (Lime) priority;
Whereas, Dockless Mobility Devices providers can provide notice to users in the “Terms of Use” of their rental agreements that user information will be provided to law enforcement, upon request by law enforcement, in the event of an accident involving injury to another person caused or claimed to be caused by the operation of the Dockless Mobility Device;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Del Rey NC urges the City to (1) deny a business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, or suspend and/or revoke any previously-issued business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, to any provider of Dockless Mobility Devices operating in the City that fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its Dockless Mobility Device involved in an accident causing injury to another person; (2) if and as necessary, immediately enact additional regulations amending existing rules and/or data protection policies in the City’s Dockless Mobility Pilot Program to provide for issuance of business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits only upon condition that providers cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above; and (3) provide for suspensions, followed by revocation hearings, of any such licenses and/or permits issued to Dockless Mobility Device providers that fail or refuse to comply fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above.

Should you have any questions, please contact me either via email at matt.wersinger@delreync.org or by telephone at 310.721.2980.

Sincerely,

Matt Wersinger
President

Electronic copies to:
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