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Item Number:
Summary: Please see the attached letter regarding safety concerns and the Pilot program being developed for regulating dockless scooters.
TO: Council Members, City of LA
   Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT

CC: Mike Bonin, CD11 Council Member
    Paul Koretz, CD5 Council Member
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Re: Dockless Scooter Permit Regulations, MVCC Policy Motion 20181009-12.7

Dear LA City Council Members, Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT:

At its regular board meeting on Oct. 9, 2018, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) unanimously passed (vote: 10/0/1) the attached motion advocating incorporation of safety concerns in the pilot being developed for regulating dockless scooters.

MVCC appreciates the City Council’s, and in particular council members Bonin’s and Koretz’ attention to the details in regulating new scooter technology, which will ensure the public’s safety while supporting expansion of new transit modalities.

Thank you for your attention.

Elliot Hanna, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council

Encl: MVCC Policy Motion 20181009-12.7, “Dockless Scooter Permit Regulations”
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WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council supports dockless scooters as an affordable mode of transportation that integrates well with existing public transit options; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and LADOT recently approved and developed a pilot program and regulations for shareable dockless vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the pilot regulations drew from a traffic study limited to one district and did not include usage patterns or accident rates in areas where dockless scooter usage is highest; and

WHEREAS, the regulations emphasized equity and sidewalk safety of parked vehicles, but ignored safety of vehicles in operation; and

WHEREAS, the regulations do not provide LAPD with specific guidance on enforcement, allocate resources from fees to mitigate the costs of enforcement, or require dockless scooter operators to self-enforce by geofencing prohibited areas; and

WHEREAS, these regulations are largely unenforced and dockless companies are not yet in compliance with them and do not have a firm deadline for doing so, and

WHEREAS, local hospitals have reported numerous injuries, many of them serious, and the city has no process to collect data on these injuries,

THEREFORE, MVCC objects to the approval of the LADOT regulations and requests that the city council and LADOT address its shortcomings before approving any permit applications as follows:

- require permitted companies to utilize geofencing to disable scooter usage and parking throughout Venice Beach including along bike and pedestrian pathways, city parks (excluding roads and bicycle lanes), and LAUSD primary and secondary schools;
- provide LAPD with adequate resources to deploy two extra officers for full-time traffic enforcement, to focus on scooter usage in high-impact areas;
- support Councilmember Koretz's Supplemental Motion, CD 17-1125-S4 regarding signage and the prohibition of scooter-riding on City sidewalks, and work with council offices and LAPD to install signage throughout Mar Vista where appropriate; and
- announce a firm deadline for scooter companies that have not submitted applications for the pilot program, or are not in compliance with key parts of the pilot regulations, to cease operating within the City.

Additionally, MVCC requests that LA City Council and LADOT act during the pilot program to:

- study scooter traffic patterns, illegal operation and parking, injury rates, and ER, Urgent Care and inpatient utilization in areas of the city with the highest scooter usage;
- use interim results of the study to estimate, with LAPD, long-term resources needed to enforce traffic laws for scooters and fund these costs via changes to the permitting fee structure; and
- expedite functionality to the 311 app that enables reporting of illegal scooter use, parking, injuries, or property damage caused by scooters
- develop tools for LAPD to rapidly identify dockless vehicles and the operators involved in injuries or property damage
- add expectations on response times for dockless scooter companies to respond to legitimate subpoenas from city agencies.

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests this motion be filed as a CIS attached to council file CF17-1125 and CF 17-1125-S4.