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The City of Los Angeles should be at the forefront of providing spaces for and encouraging more physically-active youth, such as BMX bike riders and in-line skaters. Currently, the Los Angeles Municipal Code restricts the use of the 25 skate parks under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks to skateboarders only.

AB 1146, signed into law by Governor Brown in August, revised an old state code that discouraged the use of skate parks by anyone except skateboarders, by making it tougher for cities to defend a lawsuit by an injured in-line skater or cyclist compared to an injured skateboarder. When the new law takes effect on Jan. 1, the City will be afforded the same protection from liability due to injuries incurred by cyclists, in-line skaters and other skate park users, as it is with skateboarders.

Removing the ban would encourage more use of public parks by active youth, align our City's laws with the already popularly adopted and accepted practices of our public, increase the value that skate parks bring to the communities they serve, and eliminate the inconsistent enforcement of this ban at skate parks.

I **THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, be REQUESTED to prepare and present an ordinance to revise LAMC 63.44 to allow the use of bikes, scooters, inline skates, and other wheeled recreational equipment at skate parks under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

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