

July 19, 2019

CITY CLERK
ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: APPEAL OF PENALTY BY BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE DATED 6/20/19, ATTACHED HERETO TO CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear City Clerk and City Council, City of Los Angeles:

L.A. Checker Cab Cooperative, Inc. hereby appeals the Penalty/Fine and all of the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Notice from the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, to the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Section 5.5 of its Franchise Ordinance No. 181423 and under all other applicable Ordinances, Statutes, Rules or Regulations.

Very truly yours

Yevgeny Smolyar

President

cc: City of Los Angeles, City Attorneys' Office

## BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS

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June 20, 2019

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**CALIFORNIA** 



ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** 

100 S. MAIN STREET, 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

SELETA J. REYNOLDS General Manager

L.A. Checker Cab Cooperative, Inc 14943 Califa St.

Van Nuys, CA 91411

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF L.A. CHECKER CAB COOPERATIVE, INC., CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S

**RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE 181423** 

At its regular meeting of June 20, 2019, after hearing the evidence presented before them, the Board of Taxicab Commissioners (Board) voted to deny your May 16, 2019 appeal concerning the Department's recommendation to revoke Franchise Ordinance 181423. The Board selected as the penalty "Suggested Option #2" as noted in the board report, with the following provisions:

- 1. The gross fine has been reduced from \$335,000 to \$200,000, which is reducible by the cost of MDS compliance, to a floor of \$105,600
- 2. If MDS compliance cost exceeds \$94,400, LA Checker must bear the additional cost
- 3. Timeframe for payment of the fine is 10 months, or \$20,000 per month, to begin immediately
- 4. All other aspects of Suggested Option #2, particularly those with a deadline, must be completed by December 31, 2019

A copy of the Board Reports are enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, at (213) 972-8431.

Sincerely.

Barron G. Lightner

**Acting Commission Executive Assistant** 

Enclosure

c: Jarvis Murray