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The Honorable Wendy Greuel, Chair  
The Honorable Tom LaBonge, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Member  
The Honorable Richard Alarcón, Member  
The Honorable Bernard Parks, Member  
Los Angeles City Council c/o Karen Kalfayan, City Clerk  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Letter from Council President Eric Garcetti in Support of the Board of Police Commissioners Recommendation to Discontinue the Bicycle License Program**

Dear Committee Chair Greuel and Honorable Members:

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to approve the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) recommendation to immediately enact a moratorium on the enforcement of bicycle licensing requirements and begin the process of discontinuing the bicycle licensing program.

According to reports by both bodies, the bicycle licensing program has become ineffective and outdated. In addition, the Los Angeles bicycle community, including the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, has provided input on this issue and is supportive of LADOT's recommendation.

As more people look to get out of their cars, it is important to not only strengthen public transit options, but to encourage walking and cycling. Eliminating our ineffective bicycle licensing program will make it simpler for Angelenos to choose cycling as a mode of transportation.

I am writing to express my support for discontinuing the bicycle licensing program by amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code as needed, and in the meantime enacting an immediate moratorium on the enforcement of the bicycle license.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI  
President, Los Angeles City Council  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

