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In 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation launched a bike sharing program at 61 stations in downtown. Since then, the program has been gaining momentum and popularity. Metro and the City are continuing to explore the expansion of bike share into other communities in Los Angeles.

Recently, several cities have experienced new bike share companies placing bicycles in public areas without city approval. The new companies allow users to leave rented bicycles at any public bike rack instead of designated and approved docking stations. If these companies begin operation in the City of Los Angeles, it could result in thousands of bikes cluttering public sidewalks, causing public safety and nuisance problems.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.73.3 prohibits a person or entity from selling, leasing, reserving any street, parking space or other public space without written authorization from the City. The LAMC should be amended to explicitly prohibit private bike sharing companies from using City property and other public spaces without the proper authorization.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that amends Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.73.3 to add a new subsection which explicitly prohibits private bike share companies from renting, leasing, or selling or facilitating the renting, leasing, or selling of bicycles or other related equipment on City property or on any City public right of way, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, parkways, public bicycle racks, public parks, alleys, and streets unless explicitly authorized by the City.

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