MOTION

On September 28, 2018, the Council approved the Los Angeles Department of Transportation’s (LADOT) Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility pilot program (C.F. 17-1125). In early March, 2019, one-year permits were issued for qualifying companies. The program authorizes the issuance of 3,000 devices per permitted company, with an additional 2,500 allowed in Disadvantaged Communities, and an additional 5,000 allowed in the San Fernando Valley.

While electric scooters claim to help ease traffic, reduce air pollution and provide an easy alternative to short trips, serious issues have emerged. A recent collision with a scooter and a pedestrian on a sidewalk resulted in serious injury to the pedestrian. The police investigation located the scooter, however, when the police contacted the scooter company to obtain the name of the individual who rented the device and caused the collision, the company refused to provide the name or any identifying information of the culpable individual. There does not appear to be a specific requirement in the rules and guidelines for the City’s Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility pilot program that require cooperation with law enforcement in the event of a serious incident or injury.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to revise the rules and guidelines for the Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility Pilot to allow the City to deny, suspend and/or revoke operating permits if a personal mobility company fails or refuses to cooperate with law enforcement investigations.

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