

# MOTION

On October 29, 2019, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) implemented a new policy at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) that required arriving passengers to travel to an off-terminal parking lot to pick up either a taxi or rideshare app service.

Historically, taxis have been allowed to pick up passengers along the curb within the Central Terminal Area. This practice has allowed arriving passengers to conveniently pick up a taxi outside of their terminal without having to navigate the airport or make multiple stops. However, LAWA's new policy will require passengers to either walk or shuttle to a lot away from the Central Terminal Area and then choose between a ridesharing app service or a taxi which will both be located within the same lot.

This new policy will be disruptive to passengers arriving at LAX expecting to be able to pick up a taxi curbside as they have always done and will further inconvenience elderly passengers and passengers with disabilities who will no longer be able to pick up an ADA-compliant taxi from directly outside of the terminal.

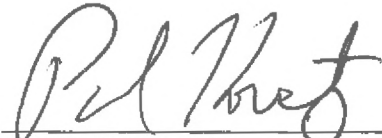
Taxicab drivers have already been economically displaced by rideshare companies that compete unfairly by taking advantage of their own workers and dodging local and State regulations. Within the Central Terminal Area of LAX, taxis make up a small portion of vehicle traffic, while the number of ridesharing vehicles continues to swell, worsening gridlock. Despite these differences, LAWA's new policy treats taxicab drivers and rideshare drivers the same.

LAWA's new passenger pickup policy will be the final nail in the coffin of the taxi industry by adding barriers to reach taxicabs and physically displacing drivers to the same lot as the rideshare vehicles that continue to crowd them out. Currently, LAX is the only place where taxis remain competitive due to curbside convenience, which would be eliminated.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Los Angeles World Airports be requested to allow taxis to resume curbside passenger pickups within the Central Terminal Area of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Airport Commissioners be requested to take the necessary steps to establish taxi curbside pickup within the Central Terminal Area of LAX as official department policy.

  
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