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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary:



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Council File: [21-1115](#)

Title: Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition

Position: Oppose

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes this motion on bike “chop shops,” which will add nothing that existing laws do not already cover but will subject legitimate bicycle vendors and mechanics to harassment and criminalization.

Stealing bicycles is already illegal. So too is selling goods known to be stolen. So too, in businesses like this, is selling stolen goods without taking due diligence in figuring out if they are stolen. So too is buying stolen goods. So too is concealing stolen goods. So too is aiding in any of those efforts. So too is blocking pedestrians and the path of travel for those with mobility disabilities. This motion would change none of that. The legal tools already exist here.

Instead, this motion would make illicit, in most circumstances, the street sale of and repair of *all* bicycles and would imperil and cast suspicion on street vendors of non-stolen bicycles, who often serve poor riders. Obtaining and servicing low-cost bicycles is vital for many low-income travelers and travelers of color. Many delivery people and messengers who rely on low-cost bicycle service would see their livelihoods threatened. For bike-riders, outdoor repair shops serve our lowest-income communities as a means of economic survival and transportation. For bike vendors—all of whom this motion implicitly tars as thieves and accomplices—outdoor repair shops provide subsistence profits for those who cannot (yet) afford an off-street commercial space.

This neighborhood council supports accessible sidewalks, safe bike use, and secure bike storage. This motion does not add anything to further those goals, but further criminalizes poverty and non-automobile mobility in this city.