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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(3) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/19/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/25/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-1115

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: FULL CIS ATTACHED The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council opposes this Motion on bike “chop shops,” and the language of the draft ordinance, which will criminalize mundane activities of cyclists and risk increasing the harassment and victimization of already vulnerable populations: the unhoused; and black and brown cyclists. The draft ordinance has incredibly vague and broad language. First, it does not define the activity “store” yet makes it illegal to “store” bikes on public property of a certain number or condition. Additionally, this ordinance criminalizes mundane behavior such as bicycle repair that is performed in lower-income neighborhoods without a license or permit, which are expensive to obtain. In combination with the vague language in the ordinance, simply possessing bicycle parts on a sidewalk would be criminalized. In essence, this draft ordinance greatly penalizes the activity of cycling. The City of Los Angeles should be aware that black and brown cyclists already experience unnecessary police stops at a much higher rate than the rest of the population. This ordinance does nothing to improve the well-being of Angelenos during a time when studies continue to show that increasing criminalization of activities does not reduce crime. Further, the timing of this ordinance is callous as pedestrian and cycling deaths and injuries are increasing due to speeding motorists and unsafe streets. We call on the City to investigate non-punitive measures to stem bicycle theft, that will not risk already burdening vulnerable communities, such as secure bicycle parking, especially new metro stations. This neighborhood council supports accessible sidewalks, bicycle use, and bicycle storage. This motion does not improve accessibility of sidewalks or improve bicycle transportation, but instead further criminalizes poverty, and mobility in this city. For the foregoing reasons the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council strongly opposes this Motion and draft ordinance.



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## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [21-1115](#)

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

Position: Oppose

Summary:

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This ordinance will not improve the penal code for bicycle theft. Stealing bicycles is already illegal. If the city was truly interested in preventing bicycle theft, it would instead establish secure bicycle parking near metro stations. The costs to enforce this ordinance would most likely equate to making bicycle parking. Thus, we call on the City to investigate non-punitive measures to stem bicycle theft, that will not risk already burdening vulnerable communities, such as secure bicycle parking.

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**-APPROVED-**

April 19, 2022

Yay: 11. Nay: 3. Abst. 3