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PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2019

Los Angeles City Council: Hon. Mike Bonin (CD 11); Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council President (CD 10); Hon. Bob Blumenfield (CD 3); Hon. Joe Buscaino (CD 15); Hon. Gilbert A. Cedillo (CD 1); Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD 8); Hon. Jose Huizar (CD 14); Hon. Paul Koretz (CD 5); Hon. Paul Krekorian (CD 2); Hon. Nury Martinez (CD 6); Mitch O'Farrell (CD 13); Hon. Curren Price, Jr. (CD 9); Hon. Monica Rodriguez (CD 7); Hon. David Ryu (CD 4); Hon. Greig Smith (CD 12) – *via email*

Mayor, City of Los Angeles: Hon. Eric Garcetti – *via email*

Re: Resolution - Dockless Mobility Device Providers (LADOT Dockless Mobility Program)

Dear Council Member Bonin; President Wesson; Members Blumenfield, Buscaino, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Rodriguez, Ryu and Smith; and Mayor Garcetti:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based organization in Pacific Palisades and has served as the voice of our community since its formation in 1973, 46 years ago.

The Palisades community is deeply concerned about a recent incident involving a felony hit-and-run by an individual riding a dockless electric scooter. A beloved local pastor was struck on the sidewalk outside of the rectory by the scooter user, who left the device on the ground and fled the scene, stating to a passerby "I'm out of here" as he left. The pastor was seriously injured and taken by EMTs to the emergency room of a local hospital, where he received sutures for his injuries. When police (who have possession of the scooter) contacted the scooter provider to obtain the name of the user, the provider refused to cooperate by providing the name or any identifying information.

On May 9, 2020, the PPCC Board unanimously passed a resolution addressing the situation described above. *See resolution attached below.* The resolution calls for the City to deny, and/or to suspend or revoke, business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits to any providers that fail or refuse to cooperate with law enforcement in the event of an incident involving harm to a person in situations such as those described above.

PPCC believes that the incident described above is not isolated. Internet searches and reports in other news media confirm that injuries involving Dockless Mobility Devices are widespread. In this light, we are very disturbed to learn (from information on the LADOT Dockless Mobility Program [website](#)) that there is apparently no requirement in Los Angeles -- nor any condition imposed on the issuance of Dockless Mobility Permits -- for providers to cooperate with law enforcement in situations such as those described above.

This state of affairs is completely unacceptable. In the interest of public safety, cooperation with law enforcement should be a bare minimum requirement of all Dockless Mobility Device providers operating in Los Angeles. PPCC urges the City Council and Mayor to take immediate steps to ensure that business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits will be denied, and/or will be suspended or revoked, in all cases in which Dockless Mobility Device providers fail or refuse to cooperate with law enforcement in the event of an incident involving a Dockless Mobility Device as described above.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this serious matter of public safety.

Sincerely,

George Wolfberg, Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):

Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager – Mobility Management, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

PPCC Resolution re Dockless Electric Scooter & Bicycle Providers

Whereas, on or about April 13, 2019, the beloved pastor of a church in Pacific Palisades was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident recklessly caused by the user of a dockless electric scooter, who fled the scene (on the sidewalk outside of the church rectory) and could not be immediately apprehended at the time of the accident;

Whereas, any of us could be victims of such future reckless and unlawful conduct;

Whereas, the business providing the dockless electric scooter involved in the above accident refused to provide information to law enforcement about the user or to reasonably assist in law enforcement's investigation of the accident, resulting in an inability to bring the user to justice or a significant delay in justice;

Whereas, in the interest of public safety, every business providing dockless electric scooters and/or bicycles (Dockless Mobility Devices) operating in the City of Los Angeles (City) should reasonably be required to cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances described above as a condition of being granted a business license or Dockless Mobility Permit;

Whereas, such requirement of provider cooperation with law enforcement is necessary to protect the safety of the public and does not unreasonably infringe on the privacy rights of users of Dockless Mobility Devices;

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the City to "promote safety. . . and improve the quality of life for the people of Los Angeles " ([LADOT Statement](#));

Whereas, prominent Dockless Mobility Device providers all publicly proclaim that the safety of riders and the community is their "obsession" ([Bird](#)) or their "top" ([Lyft](#)) or "#1" ([Lime](#)) priority;

Whereas, Dockless Mobility Devices providers can provide notice to users in the "Terms of Use" of their rental agreements that user information will be provided to law enforcement, upon request by law enforcement, in the event of an accident involving injury to another person caused or claimed to be caused by the operation of the Dockless Mobility Device;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) urges the City to (1) deny a business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, or suspend and/or revoke any previously-issued business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, to any provider of Dockless Mobility Devices operating in the City that fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its Dockless Mobility Device involved in an accident causing injury to another person; (2) if and as necessary, immediately enact additional regulations amending existing rules and/or data protection policies in the City's Dockless Mobility Pilot Program to provide for issuance of business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits only upon condition that providers cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above; and (3) provide for suspensions, followed by revocation hearings, of any such licenses and/or permits issued to Dockless Mobility Device providers that fail or refuse to comply fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that PPCC send a copy of this resolution directly to Councilmember Mike Bonin and to Mayor Eric Garcetti, as well as to all members of the Los Angeles City Council, to emphasize the importance of this safety concern to the residents of Pacific Palisades.

Unanimously Adopted by PPCC Board May 9, 2019