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On September 28, 2018, the Council approved the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility pilot program, beginning a 120-day condition permit phase (C.F. 17-1125). Conditional permits were issued throughout the City, excluding Council District 12, Council District 13, and the Downtown portion of Council District 14. On January 15, 2019, the Council extended the condition permits for an additional 45 days to March 13, 2019 (C.F. 17-1125-S5).

On January 28, 2019, LADOT posted applications for the one-year permit, which will be issued by March 4, 2019. Electric scooters claim to help ease traffic, reduce air pollution and offer first- and last-mile transportation solutions. A growing number of health and safety issues, however, have been reported in cities across the nation. Numerous media stories have been published about the increasing number of emergency room visits by people injured when riding electric scooters.

Additionally, many cities are struggling with scooters that are haphazardly parked along sidewalks and parkways, thereby obstructing access for pedestrians and people in wheelchairs. Hopefully, all of the electric scooter companies abide by the LADOT rules and regulations and the City's pilot program will operate smoothly.

Until LADOT's one-year pilot has concluded it would be fitting to limit the locations where the electric scooters can operate.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to exclude Council District 1 from the Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility pilot program and to not issue any permits for this area.

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