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The White Point Nature Preserve in Council District 15, which is owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks, encompasses 102 acres of coastal open space that has been restored and carefully stewarded by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. Since 2001, significant ecological restoration has occurred, including the reintroduction of native plant species, habitat enhancement, and the development of pedestrian trails designed to provide safe public access while protecting sensitive environmental resources.

These trails were designed and intended primarily for pedestrian use and passive recreation. Recently, however, there has been a noticeable increase in the use of electric bicycles along the preserve's trails. Similar concerns have been raised in other City parks and open space areas, and various Recreation and Parks facilities, where conflicts between high-speed mobility devices and pedestrians have resulted in safety hazards, user conflicts, trail erosion, and environmental degradation.

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 86.04 prohibits the use of vehicles or bicycles on any path designated or posted as a "trail" by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. However, questions remain regarding how this provision is currently applied and enforced at White Point Nature Preserve, including: whether existing signage is sufficient, whether electric bicycles are clearly addressed under current City and State law, and whether additional rules, regulations, or infrastructure improvements are necessary to ensure compliance and safety.

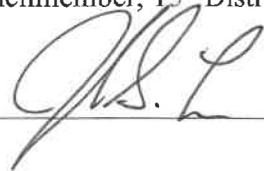
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the City Attorney, to work collaboratively and report within 30 days with information regarding electric bicycle use at White Point Nature Preserve and similarly situated natural open space parks to help inform potential next steps. The report should include:


- Available data on incidents, injuries, enforcement actions, trail impacts, and user conflicts;
- An overview of current rules, enforcement practices, and applicable City and State regulations;
- Best practices and management strategies from other jurisdictions overseeing environmentally sensitive natural areas; and
- An assessment of existing signage, public education efforts, and enforcement tools.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council request the RAP, in coordination with the LAPD and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on electric bicycle access at White Point Nature Preserve as follows:

- Within 15 days, report on what currently governs electric bicycle access at the Preserve, including applicable City ordinances, Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' rules, posted trail designations, enforcement authority, citation data, and existing signage or educational efforts.
- Within 30 days, report on current City and State regulations governing electric bicycles in park and trail settings; clarify the extent of the City's authority to regulate or restrict their use within designated natural preserves; and provide recommendations, if warranted, on strengthening, clarifying, or updating existing rules to ensure the protection of riders, pedestrians, and protected park space and infrastructure.

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