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Re: Letter of Support for Council File 26-0212: Motion to receive reports related to e-bike use at White Point Nature Preserve

February 24, 2026

Councilmember Tim McOsker  
2000 N Spring Street, Room 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember McOsker,

I am writing to express strong support for the Motion in Council File 26-0212 calling for more information about the issues surrounding increased use of e-bikes in the White Point Nature Preserve and surrounding City parks. The reports requested in the Motion would help inform City management and enforcement decisions to ensure the Preserve remains a safe place for passive community enjoyment. We appreciate your leadership on this matter.

White Point Nature Preserve is a rare and irreplaceable natural open space that provides critical habitat for native coastal species, protects sensitive bluff and coastal ecosystems, and offers passive recreation and free educational opportunities for the surrounding community. The Preserve was intentionally designated for non-motorized, low-impact use to safeguard these fragile natural resources and to create a safe place for nature enjoyment.

In recent years, the growing presence of e-bikes and motorbikes within the Preserve has created serious and compounding concerns. These motorized vehicles contribute to accelerated trail erosion, damage to native vegetation, disturbance of wildlife, and increased risk of collisions with pedestrians, families, and volunteers. Importantly, the use of motorized vehicles in the Preserve is already inconsistent with City municipal codes and posted trail regulations. However, insufficient enforcement has allowed these violations to become increasingly common, undermining public safety, habitat protection, and respect for the rules that govern shared public lands.

It should be recognized that many incidents of vandalism, aggression and verbal assault exacted by e-bike and motorbike riders towards visitors in the Preserve were not reported to LAPD, Park Rangers or the council's office and therefor may not be sufficiently represented in such incident reports requested by the Motion. Fortunately, the Land Conservancy's Volunteer Trail Water program tracks data about City municipal code violations in the Preserve, and has recorded several dozen observations of unlawful bike/e-bike/motorized bike activity in the past year, in addition to capturing evidence of their vandalism to the landscape and damage to trails. This data

is a tip of the iceberg for the actual frequency of instances at White Point Nature Preserve, and does not include any data about the other Parks nearby.

In support of the motion, we respectfully urge the City to take the following actions:

1. Formally prohibit e-bikes and motorbikes within White Point Nature Preserve, with clear and unambiguous language that aligns with existing municipal codes.
2. Research and implement strategies that create a bike-free Preserve in coordination with the PVP Land Conservancy, RAP and community members. Such strategies could include establishing a bike-friendly trail along the Paseo del Mar right of way outside of the Preserve and installing bike-deterrent entries to the Preserve.
3. Increase enforcement presence and consistency, including ranger patrols or coordination with appropriate enforcement agencies during times where e-bike use is greatest (ie. after school and on the weekends).
4. Allocate sufficient funding to support stewardship and compliance efforts that help preserve the ecological integrity of the Preserve for future generations. In the face of budget challenges, it is vital the City continues to invest in the enforcement and maintenance of City parks to ensure they are safe for public use.

Protecting White Point Nature Preserve requires allocation of City financial resources and meaningful enforcement. The enforcement actions of the LAPD and City Rangers in December was an excellent start to tamp down unauthorized bike use in the Preserve. However, we respectfully request additional enforcement actions to reinforce the message delivered that day that e-bike and motorbike use will be subject to citation and vehicle confiscation. This consistent presence will prevail against this growing issue.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important issue. We look forward to working collaboratively to ensure White Point Nature Preserve remains a safe, resilient, and protected natural resource for the community.

Sincerely,



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