

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for Senate Bill 915, *The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act*, which would prioritize local control in the decision to deploy autonomous vehicle services.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Soto-Martinez – Raman et al.) and SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 915, *The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act*, which would prioritize local control in the decision to deploy autonomous vehicle services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 19, 2024, your Committee considered an April 2, 2024 CLA report and Resolution (Soto-Martinez – Raman et al.) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for Senate Bill 915, *The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act*, which would prioritize local control in the decision to deploy autonomous vehicle services. According to the CLA, the Resolution (Soto-Martinez, Raman, et al - Krekorian), introduced on February 2, 2024, notes the growing concerns about Autonomous Vehicles (AV) and highlights safety issues associated with driverless vehicles that have occurred in several cities, including crashes, blocked emergency vehicles, and interference with active firefighting and crime scenes.

SB 915 (Cortese) was introduced on January 9, 2024 and would allow local governments, rather than the State, to govern the operation of autonomous vehicles in a given area. According to the bill's author, the approval and deployment of AV services in California is governed entirely by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Public Utilities Commission, which allows for minimal local control and public input. The author's intent is to balance the deployment of responsible technology and public safety. Specifically, the proposed legislation would:

- Prohibit AV services from operating within a local jurisdiction unless an Ordinance or Resolution is adopted to allow this activity.
- Allow local jurisdictions to establish permitting programs, reasonable fare caps, hours of service restrictions, administrative fines for noncompliance and override systems accessible to emergency first responders.
- Allow jurisdictions to charge fees to pay for administrative costs of an Ordinance relative to AV services.
- Require AV companies to enter into data transparency sharing agreements with local jurisdictions as necessary to administer the Ordinance.
- Require AV companies to implement training programs to instruct employees on compliance with federal and State disability accessibility laws.
- Require AV companies to maintain financial responsibility and to keep vehicles in safe working condition.
- Authorize local jurisdictions to enter into agreements with other local jurisdictions or local transit agencies to regulate AV services within shared jurisdictional boundaries.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

| <b>COUNCILMEMBER</b> | <b>VOTE</b> |
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| KREKORIAN:           | YES         |
| HARRIS-DAWSON:       | YES         |
| BLUMENFIELD:         | YES         |

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