

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached comments in regards to the three month permit extension of the Dockless Mobility Pilot Program, on behalf of Lyft. Sincerely, Colin Hughes Senior Policy Manager, Lyft



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VIA E-MAIL

Los Angeles City Hall
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File: 17-1125

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Lyft, which has been operating its electric scooters and bikes in Los Angeles since 2018, I want to endorse item 12 on the January 12th Council agenda which extends the current dockless vehicle permit by three months. Bicycles and scooters continue to be an ever more-important mobility option to Angelenos providing socially distant, publicly available transportation in the city, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lyft has continued to operate this important mobility option throughout the pandemic and Lyft's Critical Worker program has delivered over 4,000 free rides to front lines workers in the covid crisis in the LA area.

We appreciate the Council's previous permit extension in August so that LADOT and operators could have sufficient time to address issues identified by Council with the proposed regulations. We also appreciate LADOT's engagement of operators in discussing those issues, particularly as they relate to the important shared goal of equitable service.

However, given the various urgent crises of the last year with which the City and its agencies have had to contend, the issues with the proposed dockless permit have not yet been resolved. LADOT and dockless operators require more time to work together toward revising the permit regulations to ensure a dockless permit program that will be socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable and a continued asset to the mobility options of Angelenos.

We thank the council for this extension and look forward to continuing to work with LADOT.

Best Regards,

Colin K. Hughes
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