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Subject: City Council Agenda Item #15: Shared Mobility Devices

Dear City Council,

I would like to voice my support for Agenda Item #15: Shared Mobility Devices.

Bike and scooter sharing services are quickly becoming popular throughout the world but, more importantly, in coastal California communities. The two quickest growing shared mobility device companies, Bird Ride, Inc. and Lime E-Bikes, are headquartered along the coast of California, in Venice Beach and Santa Monica, respectively. While there are many benefits to shared mobility devices, they present a public hazard to the community. Many users ride on sidewalks or without a helmet, endangering themselves as well as others. In addition, many bikes and scooters are left haphazardly throughout the community, littering sidewalks and neighborhoods and blocking public pathways. Without any form of City regulation, shared mobility devices threaten the quality of life enjoyed throughout the City.

To be clear, I am not opposed to shared mobility devices in Huntington Beach. I believe with proper regulation, shared mobility devices can add a lot to the City. They provide a green system of travel and a possible solution to traffic congestion along Main Street. In addition, they present a possible new revenue stream for the City of Huntington Beach.

Establishing a temporary moratorium will allow the City to work proactively to mitigate this issue before it becomes an unmanageable problem. San Francisco and Santa Monica are currently in the process of instituting regulated shared mobility device programs and offer a wealth of knowledge and potential solutions for the City to explore. A temporary moratorium will afford the City ample time to make a thoughtful decision and implement effective policy on shared mobility devices.

I thank you for your consideration.

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