

## Legislation Summary – June 13, 2019

### 1. Dockless Electric Scooters.

#### a) AB 1112 (Friedman) in Senate Transportation Committee 6/11 (postponed).

This bill – another attempted state preemption of local land use control – passed in the Assembly overwhelmingly and is now in the Senate committee process (postponed in the Transportation Committee on 6/11; next hearing date unknown). AB 1112 would tie the hands of cities by preventing them from requiring scooter providers to provide individual trip data (except upon a warrant); it would effectively make the Koretz Motion moot (see subsection c below). PPCC opposes the bill, as does the League of California Cities ([PPCC Letter](#)). The City Council recently adopted a motion in opposition by Councilmember Bonin ([Bonin Resolution](#): status: awaiting Mayor’s signature). According to a recent legislative analyst’s report, Mayor Garcetti has individually submitted a letter in opposition. We are also told that LADOT GM Seleta Reynolds has lobbied with the Senators in Sacramento who will be hearing this bill, i.e., “the full force of the City’s influence is being used on this issue” (CD 11 Transportation Deputy Eric Bruins).

#### b) LADOT Dockless Mobility Plan Community Meeting 6/11 (WLA).

Secretary Chris Spitz attended this meeting, which was also attended by numerous community members, members of Brentwood CC, Westwood NC and Mar Vista CC, as well as representatives of many companies that have received one-year permits to operate in the City under the LADOT pilot program. ADOT provided information about the pilot program, permits, safety measures, enforcement and the like. See [Dockless Mobility Plan](#) and [E-Scooter FAQ](#). Community members and NC/CC leaders expressed concerns about lack of enforcement, unsafe conditions, injuries, users’ frequent failure to follow rules and flaws in the MyLA 311 app reporting system. Spitz remarked on the Palisades hit-and-run incident and the Koretz Motion (see subsection c below). Meeting attendees (other than providers) were in agreement with PPCC’s position that providers should be required to cooperate with law enforcement in exchange for receiving permits to operate in LA. Meanwhile, cities world-wide are becoming fed up with injuries and other negative impacts caused by dockless electric scooters and are seeking to tighten regulations; see [LAT Article](#). LADOT representatives indicated at the meeting that the City will continue to hold meetings for community input which may be reflected in revisions to the pilot program or in any final ordinance that is developed for the City.

#### c) Koretz Motion in City Council Transportation Committee 6/12.

Responding to PPCC’s resolution, Councilmember Koretz introduced a motion calling for scooter providers to be required to cooperate with law enforcement as a condition of their permits ([Koretz Motion](#)). The motion was heard in the Transportation Committee, June 12. Area 7 Representative Steve Boyers testified for PPCC and will report at the 6/13 PPCC meeting. The Committee (chaired by Councilmember Bonin) directed LADOT to (1) revise the pilot program rules and guidelines to require providers to create an online portal for expedited processing of law enforcement requests and to establish a liaison for law enforcement reporting, and (2) revise the permit to require providers to make clear to users all law enforcement compliance requirements. The Committee also directed the City Attorney to report back on legal parameters.

#### d) AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) in Senate Judiciary Committee 6/19.

We are watching yet another proposed dockless mobility bill, SB 1286, which passed in the Assembly and is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee (Sen. Allen is a member). The bill would prohibit any provision in a dockless mobility agreement by which the user waives privacy or other rights (e.g., a provision suggested by PPCC notifying the user that the provider will reveal the user’s identifying information to law enforcement in the event of a hit-and-run incident). However, it appears that the bill offers other safety protections that PPCC might support. See [SM Daily Press article](#) and [Muratsuchi Press Release](#). We will monitor.

### 2. Citywide Sign Ordinance in PLUM Committee 5/28 (postponed to 8/13).

This complicated draft ordinance – which has an 8-year-long history (see [Background Summary](#)) – was suddenly take up by the City Council Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee the day after

Memorial Day, after a hiatus of more than a year. PPCC was able to submit another position letter despite the short notice ([PPCC PLUM Letter](#)). The PLUM Committee asked for Planning staff to write another report to answer certain questions and continued the matter again until August 13. PPCC's main concern is to **prevent digital and static billboards in our parks, our Specific Plan areas and along our scenic highways** (e.g., Sunset Blvd.). The Planning Dept. has advised that billboards will *not* be allowed along scenic highways or where Specific Plans prohibit them (as ours does), but there is a possibility that the PLUM Committee *may* direct a further revision of the ordinance for a "public option" which would allow billboards in City parks. We will continue to monitor and to oppose any proposal for static or digital billboards in our parks and recreational areas. For a recent Planning Dept. fact sheet on the current status of the ordinance, see [Planning FAQ](#).

### 3. Short-Term Rentals Ordinances:

#### a) Home-Sharing (Primary Residence)

This ordinance was adopted last fall and is set to go into effect on July 1 (for more details, see [STRs Update](#)). We've now learned that the Planning Dept. is drafting "administrative guidelines" to assist in application of the ordinance; the guidelines may be presented at a PLUM Committee meeting on June 18, when the Planning Dept. will give a presentation on how hosts can apply for short-term rental permits (when the ordinance goes into effect). We have advised Planning staff of our position on what the guidelines should contain, highlighting in particular: 1) a requirement of **proof of the host's residency & liability insurance**; and 2) provision for a **24/7 hotline** or other streamlined process for neighboring residents to register complaints ([Spitz Message to Planning](#), directed by the Chair). We will continue to monitor.

#### b) New Vacation Rentals (Non-Primary Residence/Second Homes).

We've learned in the last few days of yet another proposed "short term rentals" ordinance – this one to allow such rentals in **vacation or second homes**, i.e., homes that are not the host's primary residence (see [Wesson/Harris-Dawson Motion](#)). The matter was referred to the Council PLUM Committee in February (the bill's co-author, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, is co-chair) and there has been no action so far this year – but given past experience it's quite possible this could be agendaized suddenly for hearing in PLUM. Since PPCC opposes legalization of short-term rentals and has only conditionally approved of the home-sharing ordinance to the extent it is limited to rentals of the host's **primary residence**, the proposed vacation rental ordinance is contrary to PPCC's express public position and on that basis should be opposed at the earliest possible time.

### 4. "Mini-SB 50" Legislation.

Although SB 50 is on the backburner, state legislators are continuing to introduce bills that would **preempt local land use control**, including SB 330 (Skinner) and AB 1279 (Bloom). Commentators have referred to these as "mini-SB 50" bills. Both bills have passed in their respective houses and will be heard in committees (SB 330 will be in the Assembly Housing Committee on 6/19). The goal is to increase affordable housing in the state, but critics argue that the bills won't actually produce more affordable housing and may even have the opposite effect (not to mention their curtailment of cities' traditional "local control" authority). We've asked for explanations of specific impacts on the Palisades from Sen. Allen (who voted for SB 330) and Assemblymember Bloom (AB 1279's author), but so far, we haven't received responses. We will attempt to follow up. For an interesting take on these bills, see [Palisades News Op Ed](#) and [City Watch Article](#).

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