June 10, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1112 (Friedman) Shared mobility devices: local regulation.

City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Beall,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to AB 1112 (Friedman), which would override local control and prevent localities from effectively regulating businesses that offer shared motorized scooter services.

The deployment and proliferation of shared motorized scooters throughout the state has created a number of new challenges for local governments. In many cases, the rapid deployment of these devices without sufficient planning and effective regulation has led to public safety risks for the riders and the general public. It has also caused issues of accessibility in the public right of way when the shared mobility devices are abandoned on sidewalks, which creates severe issues for individuals with limited mobility or with disabilities.

Cities have a responsibility to manage sidewalks, streets, and public spaces within their jurisdictions and will continue to be responsible for the enforcement of and compliance with local and state laws that govern the public right-of-way. AB 1112 (Friedman) would unnecessarily eliminate existing and prospective local regulations that aim to improve the public health, welfare, and safety of residents for shared mobility devices being deployed on California’s streets and roads. AB 1112 (Friedman) unduly removes local control over the regulation of these devices and places the public’s safety, health, and well-being at risk.
Given the variety of community impacts these devices create, it is necessary for local jurisdictions to be able to meaningfully regulate shared motorized scooter services. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSE AB 1112 (Friedman)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc:  Members and Consultants, Senate Transportation Committee  
The Honorable Laura Friedman, 43rd Assembly District  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
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