September 16, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor’s Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) Shared Mobility Devices: Agreements.
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) and respectfully request you SIGN this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill would require shared mobility service providers to enter into an agreement or obtain a permit from the city or county before distributing shared mobility devices.

As you know, there has recently been a sudden and extensive deployment of shared mobility devices such as bicycles and electric scooters in California cities, often without any notice given to local governments. The sudden and disorganized deployment of these devices has created many public safety issues for pedestrians as well as riders of these devices. Local governments have worked to address these issues and assuage the concerns of their residents by enacting local ordinances regulating the operation of shared mobility devices and the manner that these devices may be offered to the public for use.

AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) will further empower local governments to regulate shared mobility device providers by requiring companies that provide shared mobility devices to enter into agreements with local governments before offering their devices to the public in their jurisdictions. This bill will also establish minimum liability standards for the companies that make these devices available and require them to maintain general liability insurance coverage with limits no less than $1 million for each occurrence for injury or damage and not less than $5 million aggregate for all occurrences during the policy period.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT AB 1286 (Muratsuchi). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lester J. Friedman
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, 66th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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