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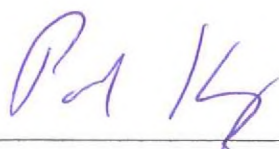
New Online-Enabled Transportation Services (NOETS) and similar on-line reservation ridesharing services dispatch passenger vehicles to anybody who hails them through a smartphone. Currently, these new companies are subject to no local or state regulatory oversight. Passengers are using these services with no assurance that drivers are licensed and insured or that the vehicles are inspected and safe. Furthermore, there is no oversight relative to the fees charged for the service. Since these vehicles for hire are providing metered, on-call transportation services, they should be subject to all the rules and regulations applied to taxicabs. Local taxicab rules and regulations contribute to a system of official accountability which helps ensure the safety of both passengers and drivers.

The California Public Utilities Commission is beginning a discussion of possible regulatory responses to the proliferation of NOETS, however, a regulatory determination has not yet been made. In the interest of public safety, it is incumbent upon the City to make a definitive determination on whether or not NOETS operating in the City are subject to the regulatory authority of the Department of Transportation and if so, immediate corrective action should be taken.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on the status of New Online-Enabled Transportation Services (NOETS) and other similar ridesharing services that are rapidly expanding in Los Angeles, with a determination as to whether these new services fall under the City's taxicab regulatory authority and recommendations for any necessary corrective actions.

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