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Statement on Helmet, Operation, and Maintenance Safety for Electric Scooters

San Diego— I am very concerned about the growing public safety issues associated with scooters and the lack of action and response from the City of San Diego.

- The state must pass legislation that allows cities the authority to require helmets.
- Operational and maintenance requirements must be included in any scooter regulation that the Council considers.

The City must create standards of service to ensure that all scooters are properly maintained including a requirement that operators provide their maintenance and operational plans along with their applications for a permit. The plans should list the operators' individual hours of operations, methods for re-balancing, helmet distribution strategies, the frequency of planned scooter maintenance, and whether the operator employs a repair team or relies on independent contractors for vehicle maintenance.

At my Dockless Vehicle Working Group last year, multiple scooter operators represented they were willing to offer such plans if required under a permit program. Currently, these scooter companies are making a great deal of money off of our infrastructure while paying us nothing and skirting responsibility by requiring riders to agree to an extensive liability waiver.

Enough is enough. Our residents expect the City of San Diego to appropriately address these public safety issues while holding these scooter companies accountable through the implementation of reasonable regulations.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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