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Council President Pro Tem Bry Calls for Moratorium on Electric Scooters in San Diego

San Diego— San Diegans deserve a safe, unobstructed and accessible public right of way. Electric scooters have posed challenge after challenge on our City sidewalks, boardwalks, and pedestrian walking areas. Last year, I was open to working with scooter companies to provide a new affordable transit option as I hosted a Dockless Vehicle Working Group. As time progressed, we have witnessed the situation worsen.

In May, the City Council approved a permitting and regulatory program that went into effect on July 1. We believed these rules could help reestablish order on our sidewalks. Instead, we are left with companies willfully ignoring staging restrictions and geofencing requirements. Emergency rooms and urgent care centers are filling up with severe injuries. City resources are being wasted to collect and store inappropriately parked devices, and we don't even know if the fines cover our costs. In addition, private companies are picking up scooters left on private property. Thousands are piling up in at least one scooter graveyard, posing a long-term environmental hazard. Enough is enough – scooter companies have had their opportunity.

Today I am calling for a moratorium on electric scooters in San Diego until we demonstrate that we can develop a fiscally responsible, well-thought out plan that ensures public and environmental safety.

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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