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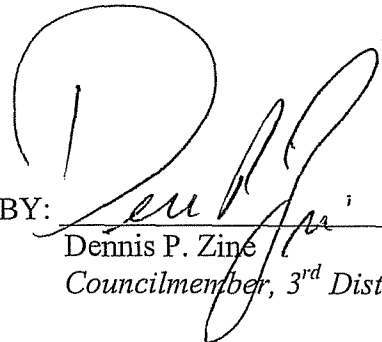
Skateboarding is a popular and worthwhile recreational activity and mode of transport. The City of Los Angeles has a history of supporting skateboarding by building facilities such as skate parks. However, skateboarding is not appropriate or safe in all locations. Certain public facilities, such as libraries and parks, need to have effective skateboard regulations in place to maintain access to buildings and to protect the safety of all patrons.

The provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding the use of skateboards lack clarity and uniformity. Portions of the Code are currently suspended, resulting in the existence of many "No Skateboarding" signs that are still posted but no longer valid. Areas of the Code pertaining specifically to Recreation and Parks facilities regulate the use cycles and vehicles, but do not mention skateboards. Additionally, Code sections that address the Los Angeles Public Library discuss pedestrian access but not skateboards. Finally, the Department of Transportation is authorized to control skateboarding on sidewalks and roadways, but the Code is silent with regard to walkways and entrances to City facilities.

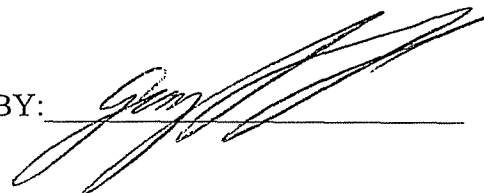
In the interest of protecting public safety and maintaining orderly conduct at the City's parks and libraries, the Municipal Code must be updated and clarified with regard to the use of skateboards. A consistent regulatory approach would improve the quality of life of both skateboarders and non-skateboarders alike.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report to the City Council, in cooperation with the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Public Library, the Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Office of Public Safety, with proposed new regulations of the use of skateboards at and around Recreation and Parks locations, libraries, and other public facilities.

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