ITEM #9

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: September 9, 2021

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager

Subject: APPEAL OF REZA MOMENI DBA CYRUS SERVICES, INC (CYRUS) REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT’S JULY 8, 2021 REVOCATION OF CYRUS’S AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE A PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

RECOMMENDATION

That your Board:

a. **FIND** that on July 8, 2021, after hearing relevant testimony from the Department and Cyrus’s company representative, the Board of Transportation Commissioners (BOARD) revoked Cyrus’s authorization to operate a passenger transportation service within the City of Los Angeles.

b. **FIND** that on August 20, 2021, the City of Los Angeles Department Transportation (LADOT) received a written Request for Rehearing from Vokshori Law Group (Vokshori) on behalf of Cyrus.

c. **DENY** Vokshori’s request to rehear the revocation of Cyrus and uphold the Department’s July 8, 2021, decision.

INITIATED BY

This subsequent report was initiated by the Request for Rehearing submitted by the Vokshori Group on August 12, 2021. (Attachment A)

DISCUSSION

On July 8, 2021, the Department of Transportation presented a report to the Board requesting the revocation of Cyrus due to excessive, repeated, and flagrant violations of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). After due consideration, the Board upheld LADOT’s recommendation to revoke Cyrus’s authorization to operate any form of passenger transportation service for a period of two years, and to impose a requirement that upon submitting any new application to operate a passenger transportation service, Cyrus must also submit a performance bond equaling $75,000, the amount of the proposed monetary penalty.
Based on the information submitted by Cyrus and after eliminating any ambiguous incidents, the Department found the company to be in violation a total of 77 times. Given the requirements of Board Order 580, it was determined that the company could be assessed a potential monetary penalty of $75,000.00. However, due to the excessive number of violations, staff recommended that in order to safeguard the public, the monetary penalty should be waived and instead Cyrus’s permit should be revoked for a period of two years.

Additional Information

On August 16, 2021, Cyrus was observed picking up a patient from 5108 West Sunset Boulevard. This address is located within the City of Los Angeles. The pickup occurred 39 days after the company was advised that their authority to operate a passenger transportation service within the City had been revoked. Notification of the violation was sent to the company on August 17, 2021. (LE21-047.pab)

Staff’s Conclusion

The Department’s primary directive is to safeguard the health and safety of citizens who, due to circumstances, must use services such as those that are provided by Cyrus. As such, the Department has an obligation to ensure that the companies providing these services do so at the highest possible level. Passengers and patients deserve the best possible treatment during transportation to services that are usually designed to improve or prolong life. This is done through the regulation and enforcement of companies like Cyrus.

Cyrus has exhausted all administrative relief with the Commission and the City of Los Angeles.

Therefore, staff’s recommendation as stated in the original report (LE21-008.pab) remains unchanged.

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Denied: 9/9/2021
Board of Transportation Commissioners
Commission Executive Assistant