

## **UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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VIA: Electronic Mail

Re: International Drive and Universal Boulevard District Proposed Scooter Ordinance

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you very much for the time and attention you and your team put forth on your presentation to the Universal Boulevard Property Owners Association, Inc. ("UBPOA") Board of Directors on the proposed scooter ordinance for the International Drive and Universal Boulevard district.

As you will recall, the UBPOA Board of Directors had many questions and genuine concerns over how the operation of a point-to-point scooter service would function within our district. These concerns vary from general public safety to controlling the placement of these scooters to geofencing, to name a few. We also feel the last mile issue the scooters propose to solve is not a problem in our district as we have the I-Ride Trolley, which serves our district and visitors in a safe, cost effective, and efficient manner.

We recently saw this issue come before both the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and the Orlando City Commission and it was met with strong resistance. It prompted Commissioner Sheehan from the City of Orlando to say the following: "This has just been a nightmare in my district. I am voting vehemently no because these things aren't safe." The City Commission went on to deny the extension and the City program expired on January 2, 2021.

Our district's commissioner, Commissioner Siplin, has voiced genuine concerns about deploying these scooters throughout Orange County and especially in our dense tourist district. On this issue she said the following: "We must proceed with caution."

Given our initial concerns and reservations, the UBPOA is not in favor of the proposed ordinance and implementing a scooter program within our district at this time. To gain our favor would require an ordinance with strong regulations and enforcement mechanisms with genuine penalties for scooter vendors and operators who violate the ordinance.

Based on the performance of the pilot program in Orlando, we do not see the scooter vendors meeting the standards we would need to support a scooter program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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