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Dear City Council Clerk:

This morning I called and made a reservation to speak before the City Council on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Below is the statement I would like to give.

I move to Portland almost 7 years ago. I moved here because I realized that I could walk everywhere and I do. I walk to the grocery store, to the bank, to church, etc.

On June 11 while walking home from Whole Foods I was knocked down by a man on an electric scooter on the sidewalk near corner of NW Everett and NW 12th. He came around a corner and I did not see him until it was too late.

He stopped briefly, muttered something and then continued on riding his scooter ON THE SIDEWALK. Fortunately three good Samaritan's helped me up off the sidewalk. As a result of the fall I have a very large bump on my head.

Since that incident, I have been terrified that I will be hit again by an scooter rider while walking around my neighborhood. I encounter scooter riders on the sidewalks every time I walk outside my residence (I live on the corner of NW Lovejoy and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Just a few days later I encountered three riders in a row on NW 11th in front of the Armory who refused to maneuver around me or move to the street.

There is nothing being done to keep the riders of electric scooters off the sidewalks although I was told that they are supposed to use the streets. I have written to the Mayor, to PBOT and talked to the police on the non-emergency number. I really want to feel safe again walking on the sidewalks of our city.

I would welcome any effort by the City that would make walking in the Pearl safe again.

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Request of Cecily Johns to address Council regarding danger of scooters on city sidewalks (Communication)

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