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April 23, 2024

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair of the Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 1774 (Dixon) Vehicles: Electric Bicycles
Notice of Support (As Revised 4/9/2024)

Dear Assembly Member Wicks,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to offer its support for AB 1774 (Dixon), prohibiting a person from selling a product or device that can modify the speed capability of an electric bicycle such that it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle. AB 1774 is a common sense measure that is not over restrictive as the bill permits a person to modify an electric bicycle as long as it continues to meet the definition of an electric bicycle as outlined in CVC Sec. 312.5.

Laguna Niguel, like many other cities in Southern California, has seen a proliferation of electric bicycle ridership, particularly among children between the ages of 11 and 15. Parents often purchase an electric bicycle with the understanding that their child cannot exceed 28 miles per hour. Unfortunately, modifications are easy to purchase and install, increasing the maximum speed of electric bikes. Increasing the maximum speed creates serious safety issues on our local streets, sidewalks and public areas.

The City of Laguna Niguel believes AB 1774 is a proactive first step in addressing the safety concerns associated with electric bicycles while balancing the needs of all user groups. For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel supports AB 1774.

Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Jennings".

Kelly Jennings
Mayor