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June 24, 2025

The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, California State Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 2200
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Electric Bicycles: AB 544 and AB 545 (Davies)
Notice of SUPPORT (As Amended March 24, 2025)

Dear Senator Caballero,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support AB 544 and AB 545 by Assembly Member Davies. AB 544 and AB 545 expand safety requirements and enhance public safety for electric bicycle riders, pedestrians, and motorists.

- **AB 544 Electric Bicycles: Required Equipment** – This bill requires electric bicycles (e-bikes) to have red reflectors on the bicycle at all hours of the day instead of only at night. This bill further allows a minor cited for not wearing a helmet while riding an e-bike to complete a specialized electric bicycle safety course developed by the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in lieu of paying a fine.
- **AB 545 Vehicles: Electric Bicycles** – This bill adds applications to the list of products that a person cannot sell to modify the speed capability of an electric bicycle (e-bike) such that it no longer meets the statutory definition of an e-bike.

The City of Laguna Niguel believes AB 544 and AB 545 are proactive measures 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 strongly supports AB 544 and AB 545 (Davies) and encourages members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote in support.

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

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Ray Gennawey.

Ray Gennawey
Mayor

Cc: Senate Appropriations Committee
Assembly Member Laurie Davies, 74th District
Laguna Niguel City Council