



City of Encinitas *City Council's Office*

June 15, 2021

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Senator Gonzalez, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Gonzalez,

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

I am writing as Mayor of the City of Encinitas to express my support for AB 122 which would provide changes the Vehicle Code to allow bicyclists approaching a stop sign to slow to a reasonable speed, yield to other traffic, and then proceed through the intersection without requiring a complete stop unless necessary. Reforming existing law has the potential to increase cycling and transfer daily commutes from automobiles to bicycles.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

As a recreation destination and with a local population that is very active, cycling is prevalent in the City of Encinitas. Cyclists come from all over Southern California for long rides on Highway 101 and many of our residents enjoy riding their bikes to work or to recreate at the beach. As an older established community, many of the streets in Encinitas are narrow and concerns for safety have led to the installation of traffic safety measures at many of our intersections. This creates a less desirable experience for travel by bicycle as the frequent stops make commuting cumbersome. Relieving this encumbrance may increase the desire for many to cycle rather than commute by automobile.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

AB 122 is an important initiative that will promote cycling and has potential to decrease carbon emissions by lessening barriers for commuters to move from their vehicles to bicycles. For these reasons I support AB 122 and urge you to consider its passage in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Joy Lyndes
Council Member

Sincerely,

Pamela Antil
City Manager

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor