



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

July 2, 2020

Senator Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Government & Housing Committee
Via the Senate Position Letter Portal

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Re: AB 3153 Parking and zoning: parking credits.

Dear Senator McGuire,

Kellie Shay Hinze
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is pleased to support Assembly Bill 3153 (Robert Rivas) that would allow housing developers to replace some of their required car parking spaces with bike parking or car-sharing spaces.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

Currently, the lack of secure bike parking in multi-unit residential buildings is an obstacle that prevents many Californians from taking advantage of the bicycle—a healthy, low-cost, low-impact means of transportation and recreation. Parking a bike outside on a daily basis is not feasible in many places in California because of the risk of damage from the elements, or theft and vandalism. Because many apartments are small and crowded, many people do not have room inside their homes to store a bike. The lack of secure bike parking especially impacts low-income Californians, one third of whom do not own a car. It makes bicycling infeasible for people who use unwieldy utility bicycles for work or to carry their children to school. These factors all prevent Californians from using a bike regardless of whether there is a strong cycle network and adequate parking at their destinations.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

Additionally, parking requirements drive up the cost of building housing and effectively subsidize motor vehicle use at a time when public resources and regulations should support alternatives to the automobile.

Jody Hubbard
Council Member

AB 3153 simultaneously helps California achieve its affordable housing goals and its sustainable transportation goals and deserves your support. We support AB 3153 and urge the Committee to pass the bill.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor