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Tony Kranz
Mayor

The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath
Assemblymember, 77th District
State Capitol, Room 4130
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 73 (Boerner Horvath): Stop as Yield Pilot Program Letter of Support

Joy Lyndes
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assemblymember Boerner Horvath,

The City of Encinitas would like to show our support for Assembly Bill 73, which would permit bicyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs, legalizing a common, safe, and energy-conserving maneuver.

Allison Blackwell
Council Member

The law currently treats bicyclists and motorists the same in this regard, despite it being much more difficult to stop and restart repeatedly on a bicycle. The additional exertion of energy required to come to frequent full stops acts as a deterrent to bicycling, is in direct opposition to our climate goals and is imperative to encourage more people to bike instead of drive.

Bruce Ehlers
Council Member

As a coastal community in Southern California, micromobility modes of transportation such as skateboards, bicycles, and electric bicycles are popular in the City as part of the City's coveted beach lifestyle. The City supports new modes of transportation that reduce traffic congestion, improve vehicular flow, and improve air quality, public safety and quality of life measures. The first step toward addressing these concerns in a thoughtful way is to stop penalizing this safe bicycling practice with unnecessary and inconsistent enforcement at stop signs. It is counterproductive to the larger goal of increasing bicycling.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

For the above reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 73.

Sincerely,

Pamela Antil
City Manager

Tony Kranz
Mayor