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*Tony Kranz*  
Mayor

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

### **Re: AB 1188 (Boerner Horvath) Bike Smart Handbook: City of Encinitas Letter of Support**

*Joy Lyndes*  
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assemblymember Boerner Horvath,

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, I write in support of AB 1188, which would direct the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop and distribute, on or before September 1, 2024, the Bike Smart Handbook, a bicyclist, and e-bike safety handbook based on evidence-based practices and emerging trends.

*Allison Blackwell*  
Council Member

The City supports modes of transportation such as skateboards, bicycles, and electric bicycles that are popular in the City as part of the City's coveted beach lifestyle. As such, the City has seen a drastic uptick in pedestrian and bicycle involved injuries largely due to the proliferation of electric bicycles. While 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 need consideration. The first step toward addressing these concerns in a thoughtful way that maintains and encourages safe forms of transportation involves data collection, analysis, and best practices on bike safety.

*Bruce Ehlers*  
Council Member

AB 1188 will ensure all riders have access to the same instruction and support about the rules of the road. The Bike Smart Safety handbook would make information about bicycle laws and bicycling best practices readily available making bicycling – e-bike or acoustic (non-electric) – safer, convenient, and more pleasant.

*Kellie Shay Hinze*  
Council Member

For the above reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 1188.

*Pamela Antil*  
City Manager

Sincerely,

Tony Kranz  
Mayor