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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation  
1020 N Street, Room 112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 43 (Friedman): Traffic safety. Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Friedman,

On behalf of the City of Vista, I am pleased to express my support for AB 43 (Friedman) and respectfully urge members of the Assembly Committee on Transportation to affirm this important piece of legislation to improve traffic safety in California.

The City of Vista has an area of approximately 19 square miles and boasts a population of 102,098. The City maintains more than 185 miles of streets and an extensive network of bicycle and hiking trails. Traffic safety—especially the safety of pedestrians and cyclists—is of utmost importance to the City.

AB 43 will build on the findings of the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force by accommodating local control and allowing flexibility on setting speed limits. Local jurisdictions like the City of Vista need legal tools to curtail increases in traffic speeds on streets and roadways within their jurisdictions. AB 43 requires traffic surveyors to consider the presence of vulnerable groups such as children, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and disabled people when establishing speed limits. AB 43 will keep Vistans—and all Californians—safe.

The City of Vista advocates for efforts that enhance local control. As a meaningful legislative fix for decades-old speed-limit setting methodology, AB 43 will allow cities to determine appropriate speed limits on roads within its jurisdiction.

For these reasons, the City of Vista supports AB 43 (Friedman).

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter  
Mayor

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