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The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath
Assemblymember, 76th District
State Capitol, Room 4150
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1946 (Boerner Horvath) Electric bicycles: safety and training program.
(As Amended March 11, 2022) - Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath:

On behalf of the City of Vista, I want to express our support for AB 1946. This measure would require the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to develop, by September 1, 2023, statewide safety standards and training programs based on evidence-based practices for e-bike users including, but not limited to, general electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road, and laws pertaining to e-bikes. AB 1946 would also require the safety standards and training programs to be developed in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and to be posted on the department's website.

Adoption of e-bikes increased by 145% from 2019-2020 in the United States. The City of Vista has similarly seen an increase of e-bikes over the past several years and local authorities are challenged by the increased concerns regarding e-bike safety. The City supports efforts than strengthen local law enforcement and AB 1946 not only provides for the development of safety standards and training programs, it seeks to do so in a collaborative manner.

For these reasons, the City of Vista supports AB 1946.

For questions or to coordinate a further discussion, please contact Imelda M. Huerta, Assistant to the City Manager at (760) 643-5208 or ihuerta@cityofvista.com.

Sincerely,


Judy Ritter
Mayor

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