



August 21, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2346 (Wilson): Vehicles: Electric Bicycles and Speed Limits
City of Irvine – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Irvine, I write to respectfully request your signature on AB 2346 (Wilson), which advances important safety, transparency, and local control measures related to electric bicycles. Irvine's commitment to e-bike safety led Irvine Police Department (IPD) Motor Training Officer Jason Scheafer to testify in support of the bill before the Senate Transportation Committee alongside the California Medical Association. The Officers who educate and enforce traffic laws every day attest to the following benefits of AB 2346 for all who share the road.

AB 2346 would require, beginning January 1, 2029, that electric bicycles be equipped with specified safety features, including speedometers for Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles and integrated front and rear lighting systems to improve visibility. These requirements represent a thoughtful approach to enhancing rider awareness and roadway safety as electric bicycle usage continues to grow.

Additionally, AB 2346 establishes clear consumer information standards by requiring manufacturers, distributors, and sellers to provide written disclosures regarding classification, speed capability, wattage, and applicable safety requirements at or before the point of sale. These provisions will help ensure that users are better informed about the lawful and safe operation of electric bicycles.

AB 2346 also provides local jurisdictions with important authority to manage safety on shared-use infrastructure. Specifically, it authorizes local agencies to set speed limits on bicycle paths and multiuse trails, subject to appropriate signage requirements. This flexibility allows cities to tailor regulations to local conditions and improve safety for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, this measure establishes reasonable speed limits, including a prima facie speed of five miles per hour on sidewalks and fifteen miles per hour on Class IV bikeways, and

includes provisions aimed at protecting younger riders by limiting speeds for individuals under 16 years of age.

For these reasons, the City of Irvine requests your signature on AB 2346 (Wilson).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Agran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" and last name "Agran" clearly distinguishable.

Larry Agran
Mayor
City of Irvine

cc: Irvine City Council
Sean Joyce, City Manager