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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: CITY OF VILLA PARK RESPONSE TO THE 2023-2024 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT, “E-BIKES- FRIEND OR FOE”

On behalf of the City of Villa Park, I am pleased to respond to the Grand Jury’s report regarding E-bike regulation, education, and safety in Orange County cities. The City of Villa Park provides the following responses:

Finding F1: The majority of Orange County’s 34 cities do not have ordinances or policies in place, which makes it difficult to address the safe operation and regulation of E-bikes leading to confusion.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Finding F2: Due to the increasing incidence of E-bike injuries and deaths, there is a need for consistent and accurate tracking by law enforcement and first responders, which does not exist now.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Finding F3: Training and education on E-bike use and safety varies from city to city causing confusion amongst bike riders.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Recommendation R1: *Each Orange County city should have specific policies that define the rules of the road for use of E-bikes in their communities by December 1, 2024.*

City Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but the City is actively working with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and monitoring State actions to see forthcoming legislation. The City will implement the recommendation to the extent agreed upon by the Orange County Sheriff's Department by December 1, 2024.

Recommendation R2: *Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving E-bikes by December 1, 2024.*

City Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented to the extent agreed upon with the Orange County Sheriff's Department by December 1, 2024.

Recommendation R3: *Each Orange County city should research and develop outreach and education programs regarding the safe operation of E-bikes for their residents by December 1, 2024.*

City Response: The recommendation is being implemented through collaboration between the City and the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The City has published E-Bike safety information provided by the Orange County Sheriff's Department on City e-newsletters and social media platforms. The City plans to host an E-Bike safety Town Hall prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Sincerely,
THE CITY OF VILLA PARK



Vince Rossini
Mayor