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The Honorable Michael J. Verrengia,  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Orange County Grand Jury  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Report of the Orange County Grand Jury - "E-bikes Friend or Foe"

Dear Presiding Judge Verrengia,

The City of San Clemente (City) appreciates the time and effort the Grand Jury spent on the development of their report, "E-bikes Friend or Foe".

The City Council has reviewed the report and authorized the attached response to the findings and recommendations noted in the report. The City values the opportunity to respond to the report, share our perspective, and provide firsthand knowledge to each of the issues requested by the Grand Jury.

If the City of San Clemente can provide additional information or clarification of our response, please do not hesitate to contact City Manager Andy Hall at [Halla@san-clemente.org](mailto:Halla@san-clemente.org).

Sincerely,

Victor Cabral, Mayor  
City of San Clemente

Enclosure: City of San Clemente's Response to Findings and Recommendations

cc: City of San Clemente Council Members  
Andy Hall, City Manager

"The Spanish Village  
by the Sea"

City of San Clemente Responses to Finding & Recommendations: 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury report, "E-bikes Friend or Foe":

### **Findings and Responses**

**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's Response:**

Agree; however, the City of San Clemente has not conducted an independent survey to confirm this 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's Response:**

Agree.

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

**City's Response:**

Agree; however, the City of San Clemente has not conducted an independent survey to confirm this finding.

### **Recommendations and Response**

**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. (F1)

**City's Response:**

The Recommendation has been implemented in specific areas of the City, such as Beaches and Trails, and further implementation is contemplated through future amendments to the San Clemente Municipal Code to address areas in the City's right-of-way by December 1, 2024.

**R2** Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving E-bikes by December 1, 2024. (F2)

**City's Response:**

This Recommendation requires implementation by the City's contracted public safety personnel, specifically the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority because those agencies are responsible for traffic enforcement and medical responses within the City of San Clemente, and subsequent reporting of such activities. The City of San Clemente will support these agencies in implementing this recommendation to the extent possible by December 1, 2024.

**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. (F3)

**City's Response:**

The Recommendation has been implemented. The City, along with the Orange County Sheriff's Department staff conducts bicycle/E-bike training at various events throughout the year, including a Bicycle Rodeo and trainings at local schools.