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August 14, 2024

The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

RE: City of Cypress Response - E-Bikes Friend or Foe

Honorable Presiding Judge Hernandez:

The City of Cypress has received and reviewed the above referenced Grand Jury Report. In accordance with the Grand Jury's request, I respectfully submit the following response.

Findings:

Finding 1: 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.

Response: The City of Cypress is not aware of policies in other cities.

Finding 2: Due to the increasing incidences 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.

Response: The City of Cypress' experience with E-bikes does not support the Grand Jury's finding.

Finding 3: Training and education on E-bike use and safety varies from city to city causing confusion amongst bike riders.

Response: The City of Cypress is not aware of policies in other cities, but supports consistent, state-wide regulation, reporting and training for E-bikes.

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Recommendations:

Recommendation 1: 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.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because Cypress' experience with E-bikes does not warrant it. The City of Cypress supports consistent, state-wide regulation, reporting and training for E-bikes.

Recommendation 2: Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving E-bikes by December 1, 2024.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because Cypress' experience with E-bikes does not warrant it. The City of Cypress supports consistent, state-wide regulation, reporting and training for E-bikes.

Recommendation 3: 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.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because Cypress' experience with E-bikes does not warrant it. The City of Cypress supports consistent, state-wide regulation, reporting and training for E-bikes.

The City of Cypress would like to thank the Grand Jury for addressing this issue critical to our communities. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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City Manager

c: Cypress City Council

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