



September 3, 2024

The Honorable Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Hernandez:

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, pertaining to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report, *E-bikes Friend or Foe*, the City of Fountain Valley has listed the following required responses to the findings and recommendation:

Findings

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.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the 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.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees that 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. The City disagrees that these tracking mechanisms do not exist now.

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

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

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.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented. The City is in the process of adopting an ordinance to establish the rules of the road for E-bikes. The ordinance will be implemented by December 1, 2024.



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

The recommendation has been implemented. The City of Fountain Valley Police Department tracks reports involving E-bike accidents, injuries, and deaths through existing traffic collision reporting software.

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.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented. City staff is working on researching outreach and education programs through the use of social media, school resource officers, and other civic groups. The recommendation will be implemented by December 1, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Jury report. We hope our answers add to the general understanding of the mental health issues in Orange County. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Maggie Le, City Manager, at (714) 593-4410, or at maggie.le@fountainvalley.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor