



February 23, 2026

The Honorable Diane Dixon
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5330
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1614 (Dixon) – Vehicles: Bicycles
City of Irvine – Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Dixon,

On behalf of the City of Irvine, I write to express my strong support for AB 1614, which seeks to ensure rider safety on bicycles by ensuring riders are riding on a seat affixed to the bicycle when on a Class I bikeway.

Safety for cyclists is paramount, given that cycling is not only a mode of transportation but also a form of recreation and exercise that promotes a healthy lifestyle. However, children and adolescents often face significant risks on the road, ranging from inadequate protective gear to challenges in navigating traffic. The measures proposed in AB 1614 can substantially address these issues and strengthen CVC section 21204.

Our City has seen significant issues in the past several years with multiple riders on a bicycle at the same time, often not wearing proper safety equipment and exceeding the maximum weight load of the vehicle. This commonsense legislation would increase awareness of the issue of overloading bicycles with passengers and ensure that riders are operating safely, especially on Class I bikeways, which are shared with pedestrians.

Among the significant concerns is the visibility and awareness of young riders. Children do not have the same judgment and experience as adults when it comes to maneuvering in traffic. They often lack the spatial awareness and ability to react quickly to unexpected obstacles or drivers' actions. AB 1614's approach to improving bicycle safety infrastructure is a commendable step in the right direction. By ensuring that all cyclists are on a seat affixed to the bicycle when riding, AB 1614 ensures that riders will operate with increased safety and not have their view obstructed if another passenger is on the bike. By prohibiting riding without a seat on Class I bikeways, this bill also protects pedestrians who might otherwise be endangered by reckless riding on protected paths.

For these reasons, the City of Irvine is pleased to support AB 1614.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Agran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline for the first letter of the last name.

Larry Agran
Mayor
City of Irvine

cc: Irvine City Council
Sean Crumby, City Manager