

May 15, 2025

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Representative
1021 O Street, Suite 5310
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Representative Muratsuchi,

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach would like to express our endorsement to Assembly Bill 875 (AB 875) which you introduced in February, 2025.

Assembly Bill 875, which provides important statutory authority for the regulation of electric bicycles, particularly those exceeding 750 watts in power. This bill represents a meaningful step toward enhancing public safety across California by ensuring that overly powerful E-bikes, which can function more like motor vehicles, are subject to proper enforcement and oversight. These high-powered motorized cycles, when operated on public roads, bike paths, or pedestrian areas, pose increasing risks to the safety of both riders and the broader community.

We also commend the bill's provision prohibiting individuals under the age of 16 from operating Class 3 E-bikes. These vehicles, capable of reaching speeds up to 28 mph, demand a level of judgment, awareness, and physical capability that is more appropriate for older riders. Our city has seen a significant increase in the use of E-bikes, particularly among youth, and we have growing concerns about accident rates and injury severity. By implementing these age and power restrictions, AB 875 provides a much-needed framework to help cities like ours maintain safer streets while still encouraging sustainable transportation options. We respectfully urge the Legislature to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

(Mayor and Council Signatures, as desired)