

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, electric bicycles (e-bikes) have rapidly expanded in popularity over the last few years in communities across California but they have been accompanied by a significant increase in serious injuries and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, a study published in July 2026 by researchers from the University of California, San Diego found that e-bike injuries in California have increased from two reported collisions in 2018 to 1,506 in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the study also found that e-bike riders were more likely to experience moderate-to-severe injuries than riders of traditional bicycles and that these injuries disproportionately occur among children under the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, Children's Hospital in Los Angeles has seen emergency room visits from e-bike injuries increase from six in 2023, 12 in 2024, 34 in 2025, to 21 in the first months of 2026; and

WHEREAS, these statistics underscore that immediate action is needed to protect anyone in California who uses e-bikes; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature recently approved AB 1569 (Davies and Chen) that would require the California Department of Education, in consultation with the California Highway Patrol, to develop a standardized e-bike safety and training program for pupils in grades 7 to 12; and

WHEREAS, the bill would also encourage local educational agencies and parent organizations to offer training demonstrations to pupils and parents on electric bicycle operations in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies or local governments; and

WHEREAS, this bill would ensure that children and are equipped with the necessary training to use e-bikes safely and prevent serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, AB 1569 is currently pending before the Governor for final consideration and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program support for AB 1569 (Davies and Chen) that would require the California Department of Education to develop a standardized electric bicycle (e-bike) safety and training program for pupils in grades 7 to 12, and urges the Governor to sign the legislation.


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PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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