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Grand Jury Report on Electric Scooters

San Diego— A Grand Jury report reviewed by the Council this week criticized the city for its management of electric scooters and made several recommendations. I believe that scooters continue to be a public safety and health issue.

As I walk around my Council district and throughout the city, I continue to see riders using the sidewalk, multiple riders on one scooter, and scooters strewn about the sidewalks, rather than in designated corrals. For these reasons, I continue to call for a moratorium. The City could then issue a RFP to secure the best deal for the City and users.

We must also ask the State Legislature to restore the original helmet requirement for motorized scooters that mandated all scooter riders to wear helmets before the passage of AB 2989. Over the weekend, I read a report (<https://tsaco.bmj.com/content/4/1/e000337>) by a group of doctors on the increased number of head injuries related to scooter accidents. These medical professionals are very concerned, and they will likely be advocating for a statewide helmet requirement.

We have let a new technology overtake us rather than assist and empower our communities with safe and sustainable micro-mobility options. It is time to take back the control and put public safety first.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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