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Council Approves a Motorized Devices Ban on Beach Boardwalks

San Diego— Today, the City Council listened to the community and voted to approve a motorized devices ban on our beach boardwalks.

This is a public safety issue, not a transportation or mobility issue. Injuries to users of these devices, and surrounding pedestrians have varied in severity, from scrapes and bruises to severe fractures, head injuries and even a fatality.

The boardwalks are classified as a Class I Bike Path which preserve space for pedestrians and bicyclists and non-motorized devices. Today, the Council clarified that motorized devices do not belong on our boardwalks.

I want to sincerely thank the community for providing your first-hand accounts of the multiple accidents and injuries that regularly take place on our boardwalks. It's time to provide the same safety safeguards to our residents and tourists who should not have to worry about injuries and accidents when enjoying our beach boardwalks.

I continue to ask the State Legislature to restore the original helmet requirement for motorized scooters. Unfortunately, the scooter companies pushed for the passage of AB 2989 that exempted riders over the age of 18 from wearing a helmet. It's time to repeal this legislation in the interest of public safety.

Thank you to the members of the community; the Mayor's Office; and my Council colleagues, Campbell, Montgomery, Kersey, and Moreno for their commitment to protecting our residents and tourists on our beach boardwalks.

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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