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**Councilmember Campillo Announces New E-bike Regulations as Safe Routes to School Initiative**

**SAN DIEGO** — Today, San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo is announcing a Safe Routes to School initiative to introduce new e-bike regulations aimed at improving public safety for children and families across the City of San Diego.

“What we’re proposing are clear, enforceable standards that will curb dangerous driving and result in safer streets for everyone,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. “We need more common-sense legislation like this that will result in more protected and vibrant communities across the city.”

Councilmember Campillo’s initiative seeks to increase safety for children as well as reduce reckless riding and incidents by imposing passenger restrictions and an age limit of 12 years. If approved, passengers would only be allowed if the e-bike is specifically designed to accommodate multiple riders with a permanent second seat and children under 12 years of age would not be allowed to operate e-bikes.

“E-bike safety has become a growing concern in neighborhoods across our city,” said San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl. “SDPD fully supports regulations that provide clear, reasonable rules to allow officers to address unsafe behavior while keeping education at the forefront.”

The proposed regulations would promote education-first enforcement, strengthening youth training and accountability. A comprehensive public outreach campaign would be launched following City Council approval of the regulations. The new regulations would:

- Offer education-first diversion (safety course).
- Require 30-day public outreach before adoption.

- Align with new state authority for local regulation.

“Quality communities in San Diego depend on safety for children and their families,” said Erin Hogeboom, Director of San Diego for Every Child. “By protecting young riders and creating safer routes to school, we can put children’s safety first while ensuring older youth still have access to safe, affordable transportation options.”

In terms of next steps, the proposal will first need to be approved by the City Council’s Public Safety Committee and then be brought to the full City Council for final approval.

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