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## **Councilmember Campillo’s E-bike Regulations Gain Approval from City Council**

**SAN DIEGO** — Today, San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo’s e-bike regulations aimed at improving public safety for children and families across the City of San Diego were approved by the City Council. The e-bike regulations will go into effect 30 days after the second reading of the ordinance on July 7, 2026.

“Without a doubt these regulations will save lives,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. “I’m incredibly grateful to everyone who has rallied around this important issue to help keep children and families safe throughout our city.”

The e-bike regulations will increase safety for children and reduce reckless riding by:

- Imposing an age limit of 12 years for class 1 and 2 e-bikes.
- Reinforcing helmet requirements and passenger restrictions (passengers are only allowed if the e-bike is specifically designed to accommodate multiple riders with a permanent second seat).
- Providing option for cited individuals to complete an e-bike safety course in lieu of a \$25 fine.
- Requiring 30-day public outreach before enforcement.
- Establish a 60-day warning period before citations are issued.

“As a pediatric trauma surgeon at Rady Children’s Hospital who cares for injured children every week, I’ve seen how quickly e-bike crashes can change a family’s life,” said Dr. Romeo Ignacio Jr., MD, MS, Trauma Medical Director at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. “Setting a minimum age of 12 is a simple, practical safeguard that helps keep our youngest riders safe while still supporting active transportation for older youth. Children under 12 simply aren’t

developmentally ready for the speed, weight, and split-second decisions e-bikes demand. This proposal for an age restriction gives families a clear standard, helps schools and community groups teach safety more effectively, and aligns San Diego with national trends toward responsible e-mobility.”

Once approved, a comprehensive public outreach campaign will be launched to promote an education-first enforcement while strengthening parent and youth training and accountability.

“I applaud the City of San Diego for taking e-bike safety seriously and prohibiting children under the age of 12 from riding e-bikes,” said Senator Catherine S. Blakespear. “Youths who lack maturity and training on road safety and rules should not be driving high powered, motorized vehicles. E-bikes are an important part of a modern bicycling landscape and common-sense guardrails like this one need to be adopted.”

These e-bike regulations were made possible at the state level through Assembly Bill 2234 (AB 2234), also known as the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program, which was authored by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner.

“I am so proud to see how AB 2234 has empowered cities to take action on e-bike safety. I love e-bikes, and as a mom with two children who ride them, I worry daily about them getting home safely,” said Assemblymember Tasha Boerner. “When I authored AB 2234, I had one goal in mind – to protect our kids on the road and prevent these tragic accidents from happening across San Diego. I am grateful to Councilmember Campillo for championing this important ordinance in San Diego. This is the decisive step needed to make our streets safer for families and children.”

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### **About City Council District 7**

The Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego is proudly represented by Councilmember Raul Campillo, who serves as Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. His top priorities include improving public safety and fiercely advocating for increased transparency, opportunity, and access in District 7 and beyond. [Sign up here](#) for district-wide updates and more.