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To: Bruins, Eric
Cc: Wayne Howard
Subject: Culver City Bike Ordinances

Hi Eric,

I hope you are well. I cannot attend tonight's BPAC meeting, but I wanted to share some thoughts about the proposed changes to bike-related ordinances. I have not had a chance to discuss this with other BikeCC members, so I speak only for myself.

I am thrilled that the Committee will discuss the repeal of most of the confusing and dated local bike ordinances. Certain of Culver City's current rules are problematic, serve no useful purpose, or conflict with state law.

I do have two additional comments, however. First, I encourage the BPAC to discuss review of the sidewalk riding rule, which is not among those under consideration for repeal. Culver City's existing sidewalk rule is 52 years old and perhaps there is a more clear and flexible alternative that will keep cyclists and pedestrians safe. Closely related, section 7.02.050 should be reviewed because it seems to subject people who ride a bike on certain sidewalks or pedestrian areas to the same penalty as someone who drives a car in such places. That seems unjust.

Second, I urge BPAC to consider adopting ordinances or resolutions to protect and encourage bike riding, such as a cyclist anti-harassment ordinance or a cyclists bill of rights.

Sincerely,
Alex Fisch