

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Joni Lang <joni@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 3:03 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Wolf, Janet
Subject: Electric Scooters in the Unincorporated Areas of Santa Barbara

Dear all,

I live in the 93111 zip code (Walnut Lane area) and I am writing to express my concern regarding the electric scooters. While I can appreciate the convenience and the idea that they cut down on traffic, I definitely do not appreciate the safety issues they pose not to mention the major eye sore in my neighborhood. In the last few weeks, it feels like these scooters are strewn everywhere causing the neighborhood to look like a junk yard.

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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Ravid Raphael <r Raphael@twodancers.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 3:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: E-scooters

December 5, 2018

Re: e-scooters

Dear Santa Barbara County Commissioners,

After seeing the way e-scooters are unsafely ridden and left abandoned on sidewalks, we are opposed to them being allowed in unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

The way these venture capital-backed corporations have gone about dropping them into our cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, as well as many others, without permission or compensation for use of public facilities is an attempt to force their vehicles on us as a *fait accompli*.

These corporations avoid responsibility for the safe use and disposition after use by putting all of the blame on the riders, knowing full well that safety requirements will more often than not be ignored. Of particular concern is that the scooters often are blocking the use of sidewalks or curb cuts by those with disabilities. There are also concerns about the inherent safety of the scooters which have developed mechanical problems placing the rider and those around them at risk of injury. The user agreements also shield these corporations from liability and require forced arbitration to settle disputes and prohibit class- action lawsuits.

The claim that their use will reduce automobile driving, and therefore pollution, is not supported by the fact that most rides are little more than a mile, which means that they are more likely replacing walking or bike riding rather than driving. Also, they are picked up nightly and driven somewhere to be charged and then driven to be deployed in the morning which also negates any pollution reducing claims. They also will create e waste.

Enforcement of traffic safety laws regarding scooter use will add to the cost of public safety resources.

Please prohibit them.

Sincerely,

Ravid and Arlene Raphael

5546 Berkeley Rd.

Goleta, CA 93111

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Dan Brennan <drbruin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 4:28 PM
To: sbcob; Dan Brennan

Dear SB County Supervisors:

I write this letter to you as a long time SB County resident, parent and pediatrician.

I live in Santa Barbara County, between the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta. As you are aware, electric scooters have taken over much of Santa Barbara County and I would like to share my safety concerns with you.

On a daily basis, I have seen scooters scattered on random sidewalks and street corners, often extending into pedestrian walkways and impeding the ability to safely walk down a sidewalk without tripping over a scooter. It is not hard to find scooters extending so far into sidewalks or handicap ramps that they may prevent a person with disabilities to move freely in a wheelchair or on crutches.

It is common to see people operating electric scooters on sidewalks, in the middle of the street or going against traffic in a bike lane. In busy traffic areas this poses a significant hazard to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

I have yet to see someone operating an electric scooter on a road with a safety helmet. This poses a significant risk to the user.

These scooters do not have appropriate lighting to safely operate in the dark. Night time operation is a hazard to the operator, pedestrians and people driving cars.

Finally, I see many underage minors riding around on these scooters through neighborhoods, often in the middle of roads and doing jumps off of curbs.

I am not against electric scooters, but I do believe that they need significant oversight and enforcement in order to protect our public safety.

My hope is that the County of Santa Barbara will temporarily ban the use of electric scooters until reasonable safety regulations can be researched and implemented.

Scooters should not be allowed to be parked just anywhere. Scooter owners, such as Bird and Lime, should be required to lease designated spaces from the County or private property owners in non-residential areas to park the scooters for use. These areas should be large enough to accommodate the full size of a scooter so that they do not stick out into public sidewalks, crosswalks, handicap ramps, etc. ADA regulations must be fully protected. Furthermore, these designated areas should be confined to commercial areas. Residential neighborhood sidewalks should be off limits to placement of these scooters.

We also need law enforcement to step up education and enforcement, so that we can discourage improper riding of scooters by minors, on sidewalks, at night and without the use of safety helmets.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I know that many communities are dealing with similar issues and I hope the County of Santa Barbara will put safety first when considering how to embrace electric scooters.

It is vital that the County protect residential neighborhoods. I do not believe these scooters should be dropped off to any areas in residential neighborhoods. They should be permitted and leased only from designated commercial areas. It is not fair to have residential sidewalks littered with these scooters. I ask that you not permit these companies to pick and choose random residential sidewalks in the County.

Thank you,
Dr. Dan Brennan

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: jacque huth <jacquehuth@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 4:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Bird Scooters

I live on a one block street (Calle Luarda) in the 93111 zip code; imagine my surprise at seeing a Bird scooter parked out in front of my house this am. Last week there were four scooters parked on San Ricarco directly opposite Calle Luarda. This a quiet residential neighborhood.

These scooters belong where there are commercial activity, not in residential areas. Please regulate them.

Ms. Jacqueline Huth

5235 Calle Luarda

SB, 93111

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Dan Brennan <drbruin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 4:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please remove e-Scooters from residential neighborhoods in SB County

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Dr. Dan Brennan

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Jeff Palmer <jefeopalmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: bird scooters in unincorporated SB

Hi Supervisor Wolf.

We are a Mt View School family and take significant issue with Bird scooters littering our neighborhood streets. Here are our primary concerns:

- 1) Kids' Safety- I have seen on 3 separate occasions middle school aged kids riding these scooters. This tells me the App/ Service is accessible to kids without a CA DL and the Bird company is not self policing.
- 2) Residential Usage- In the past 4 weeks (starting early Nov)- there has been a massive increase in the number of these scooters near Mt View school. Commercial only zoning needs to be enforced.
- 3) Theft and Other Crime Risk- the Bird GPS/ APP solution will greatly increase visibility into our neighborhood. The scooter will also provide a means of transportation for perpetrators into our communities.

Please shut this service down for all residential zones in Santa Barbara, Unincorporated. Thank you-

Jeff Palmer
310.895.6595

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Jan Tornquist <calijan@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Scooters

Please ban the dangerous scooters before some is killed before doing so.
Check The dangers on You Tube, Google them & see what Dr's are saying.

They are a public safety issue in addition to all The other issues.
Please ban them.
Janice Tornquist
S.B 93111

Sent from my iPad

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: n6lra@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Wolf, Janet; sbcob
Subject: scooters and emergency services

Aside from the many obvious objections to scooters littering our streets, robbing time from local law enforcement who field complaints, and generally having to take the lion's share of work to maintain our neighborhoods despite the littering of scooters –

I am very concerned about the presence of scooters impeding the work of emergency services on time of need. I am very sure the fire department would rather NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH SCOOTERS blocking their paths, getting drawn up into the wheels of their engines, tripping the firefighters, etc. – all of which could and probably will happen if these things are forced upon us.

We need an emergency measure banning scooters altogether !!

Anything less shows weakness and complacency. This should never have happened in the first place !

Sincerely,
Dr. L. N. Tunnell

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Phil Archenbronn <archenbronngc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 8:57 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Electric Scooters

We live on Holiday Hill Road in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County and are concerned about having electric scooters parked around our area that are for hire.

While we have had a neighbor who moved after the fire on July 6th who had such a scooter for personal use, they always used common sense, wore a helmet and were respectful of how they drove the scooter. However, the rental scooters are being picked up and driven by children, many who I know are elementary kids and are not wearing helmets and have no sense of safety on our roads which are narrow and many have no shoulder but drop off into ditches. A couple nights ago we encountered 2 scooters crossing N Fairview about 7:30PM. One had a light the other none. One had one rider and the other had two riders and none had helmets. Very difficult to see them in the dark. There have been two bird scooters parked at PineTree Lane by the mail boxes which is one land at that point.

Please do not allow them to use our roads and offer this dangerous option freely but consider banning them as have Santa Barbara, UCSB and Goleta. I feel the time when a tragic accident will occur is dangerously close.

Mary Jane Archenbronn
1475 Holiday Hill Road