

## Lenzi, Chelsea

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**From:** Nancy Harter <nancyharter@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Bird scooters

Hi Mary,

I'm sure that the Bird (and Lime) scooters are on the County Supervisors radar, but I wanted to share my concern and frustration.

The scooters are everywhere in my Noleta residential neighborhood. The only users I've seen are teenagers riding them (really, joyriding) with no helmets. One has to wonder how they defeated the Bird registration process in order to have some fun, but I guess that's the world they inhabit.

The neighbors in my cul de sac want the scooters gone. Some have moved them from our Paseo Cameo corner to Patterson Ave. Other neighbors have simply dumped them in the street. And every night they are rearranged on our corners. I emailed the Bird organization at their "contact us" link without any response.

Now that the city of Goleta has banned the scooters and the city of Santa Barbara is in a holding pattern, I worry that even more scooters will be dumped in my Noleta neighborhood. Can you fill me in on what, if any, activity is taking place at the County level.

Thanks for taking note of my concerns.

Sorry I missed the chance to talk to you, and many others, at the tea on Sunday. The honor for Janet was well-deserved—and her long time staff deserves some of that credit!

Nancy Harter

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:00 PM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fwd: Linda Melsher on electric scooters

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** linda melsher <[lmelsher@gmail.com](mailto:lmelsher@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** December 5, 2018 at 5:42:44 PM PST  
**To:** [jwolf@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwolf@countyofsb.org)  
**Subject:** Linda Melsher on electric scooters

Dear Janet--

For the use of minors, electric scooters fall into the same category as go-carts and motocross bikes. Both require parental supervision and neither is allowed on public streets. (And users appear to be the same genre as snowboarders with the same lack of regard/awareness for others which is why some ski resorts give them separate slopes.)

When and if they are made available for adult use, use should require the same additional driver's license and training that motorcycles do and inobtrusive, legal "docks" must be available. Until then, they should be prohibited on public property and private property without written and witnessed documentation. They should be fined if operated illegally on par with driving while not wearing a seat belt to pay for policing.

Personal observations:

I live at the corner of Randolph & Longfellow, across the street from the foot of the playing field at Mt. View. When there were a clutch of them parked across the street, they got a lot of attention from the grade school school kids, but the actual riders appeared to be between 11 and 16. All were boys, not men. They wore no helmets and passed cell phones around, most likely to avoid displaying charges for kids whose parents paid attention and would have "raised the roof" had they discovered their son participating in that activity since it endangers life and limb.

While driving, I have seen them used in a street bike path going against traffic, putting them at risk from anyone making a right turn onto that street. I have seen 2 kids riding on 1 scooter. I have seen them riding on sidewalks at much faster than pedestrian speeds.

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Some very good observations have been posted on NextDoor. Here are two, the second is one of mine. The first from someone not totally opposed:

"It's an unfair business model. The scooters should have to park in designated areas (like Zip Cars do)... and the owners of these rentable scooters should be made to rent the designated places where they are parked. No other business can just "set up shop" wherever they'd like. And, who will victims of scooter accidents sue? I'm guessing they would try to sue the city of Goleta. I doubt that the scooter rental company would take responsibility."

This is mine:

"Very dangerous not just annoying if the person walking on the sidewalk is hard of hearing, has on earphones or otherwise is unaware that underage children--an oblivious group--are bearing down on them from behind. If more than one kid is coming, don't know which was to swerve to keep from hitting each other or the pedestrian. After someone is severely hurt perhaps this scourge will be eliminated as incompatible with any venue of traffic."

Those for electric scooters seem to fall into 3 categories: college students making money from them, adults craving a way to get from A to B who feel it's too far to walk. (Legitimate need but this isn't the solution.) Men who either don't see the risk to kids, the disabled or deaf, pedestrians and vehicular traffic or don't care. (Statistics on sociopaths in our society is 3 in a 100, but like autism, it's a range in degree of seriousness.) Or are stupid, not a curable issue as ignorance is.

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Bird scooters

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**From:** Kuntsal <kuntsal@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2018 10:05 AM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** Bird scooters

To: Janet Wolf, Supervisor

We couldn't say it any better than you said it yourself:

"I *am* opposed to a commercial entity doing business in a residential zone and I am concerned about the safety of those who choose to use the scooters and those who encounter them on the streets and sidewalks of our neighborhoods. I believe that the County should responsibly regulate this industry, as we do with other commercial activities."

These are a safety hazard in our neighborhood around Mountain View School, strewn every which way and a magnet for neighborhood children to get in trouble with. Please count us as fully supporting your stand.

Thanks,

Mary and Ender Kuntsal

P.S. Boy are we going to miss having you on the County Board of Supervisors. Thank you so much for your public service over many years.

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Please Vote to Ban Scooters from the County

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**From:** Joseph Alarid <redjoe55@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:45 AM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** Please Vote to Ban Scooters from the County

Dear Supervisor Wolf

About three weeks ago, Bird Scooters appeared in my neighborhood like a plague. I live on University Drive in the unincorporated area of the county, which is a shortcut between Patterson Avenue and Turnpike, and also an MTD bus route. The scooters appeared on street corners and bus stops and private property. The scooters have been left in piles, and block the sidewalk. They have also been tossed into San Antonio Creek and Maria Ygnacia Creek from bridges over the creeks, creating environmental hazards as the creeks start to flow in the recent rains.

Please follow the lead of the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and vote to ban the scooters from the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Joseph Alarid  
5101 University Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1835  
805-895-2829

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fwd: E-scooter Ordinance

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ravid Raphael <[r Raphael@twodancers.net](mailto:r Raphael@twodancers.net)>  
**Date:** December 5, 2018 at 3:34:18 PM PST  
**To:** <[jwolf@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwolf@countyofsb.org)>  
**Subject:** E-scooter Ordinance  
**Reply-To:** Ravid Raphael <[r Raphael@twodancers.net](mailto:r Raphael@twodancers.net)>

December 5, 2018

Re: e-scooters

Dear Commissioner Wolf,

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

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:00 PM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bird Scooters

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**From:** Paul Willis <[pwillisneuro@gmail.com](mailto:pwillisneuro@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** December 5, 2018 at 5:42:48 PM PST  
**To:** [jwolf@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwolf@countyofsb.org)  
**Subject:** Bird Scooters

Supervisor Wolf:

Please add my name to those that oppose the scooters. I live in the unincorporated area and would like to see it included. My concerns stem particularly to the medical issues regarding injuries in Untrained. Unhelmeted. Unregulated riders. I am a neurologist.

Thank you  
Paul Willis MD  
Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Bird & Lime Scooters

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From: Larry Disharoon <ljalroon@cox.net>  
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 11:16 AM  
To: Wolf, Janet  
Cc: bob1700@aol.com  
Subject: FW: Bird & Lime Scooters

Please County Board of Supers:  
I endorse my neighbor's below sentiments, deeply!  
Sincerely,  
L. Disharoon 8059671957

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Ruppel [mailto:bob1700@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2018 8:53 AM  
To: jwolf@countyofsb.org  
Subject: Bird & Lime Scooters

Ms Wolf:

Please follow the lead of the governments of the City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta and UCSB in banning scooters on our sidewalks and streets!

These scooters are dangerous to the riders, pedestrians and licensed vehicle operators!

The audacity of the management of these companies dumping hundreds of these scooters on our public right of ways without a permit is amazing!

Sincerely,

Bob Ruppel  
805 455 7250

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Bird worries

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From: Janet Fanucchi <chknmom@cox.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 8:13 PM  
To: Wolf, Janet  
Subject: Bird worries

Yes, I am worried about everyone's safety and the craziness of how this all began. Like bam! Can I just set up shop wherever and whenever?

These scooters are an eyesore and a danger. I live next to the bike path and it's an obstacle course with them littered everywhere. Very unfair for those walking or jogging or in a wheelchair or walker! Really? How is this permitted.

Who is policing them? Nobody.

Are they over 18? Not always. Helmets? Forget it.

They are a joyride at our expense.

I have been in the medical world for over 45 yrs and I hear all about the accidents and broken arms etc. These scooters are bad news.

Who shall we sue if we are hurt by one?

I vote to kick'em to the curb, collect them all and get them the heck out of dodge.

Janet Fanucchi

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kovacs, Naomi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 4:07 PM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Electric Scooters at Board of Supervisors

I'm not sure if he also submitted comments to Janet or the COB. Here is what I just received:

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**From:** Richard Cofiell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2018 3:14 PM  
**To:** Kovacs, Naomi  
**Subject:** Re: Electric Scooters at Board of Supervisors

They are already on out block and some falling down and blocking the sidewalk. Many of us walk around the blocks here in area 9111 and have to walk in the street to get around them. If they are blocked in Goleta and Santa Barbara we will be loaded with them and that is not right. WE also would like to block them out of this area.

R.G. Cofiell

On Dec 5, 2018, at 3:01 PM, Kovacs, Naomi <[nkovacs@countyofsb.org](mailto:nkovacs@countyofsb.org)> wrote:

Hello

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:20 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Thanks for your attention to the importance for scooter regulation

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From: Benjamin Johnson <benjamin.leo.johnson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 10:27 PM  
To: Wolf, Janet  
Subject: Thanks for your attention to the importance for scooter regulation

Hi Supervisor Wolf,

I read your post on scooters, and while I won't be able to attend the open meeting, I wanted to thank you for taking community concerns seriously.

First, as someone who frequently takes my young children on sidewalks on the way to the park, I have been very frustrated with them blocking sidewalks in residential neighborhoods. They aren't very stable and my two year old has knocked one over and thankfully it fell away from her and not on her. That said, these should not be parked on sidewalks and we need a system to punish those who do so (or reprimand the companies somehow).

Second, I am a radiologist, and since the scooters have arrived I have noticed an increased number of trauma cases with some variation on the history of: "fell of scooter." I think that we as a community may want to revisit the 18 and under helmet policy and potentially expand it. I don't want to make it completely prohibitive for people to use the service (I do see the value in this service...in theory it could decrease auto traffic...in practice I'd love to see the county do a study to demonstrate if that's really the case in our community) but I also don't want people to start dying from scooter accidents. These require practice to ride safely, and as I understand it, no demonstration of proficiency is required to "rent" one.

I don't know if restricting the scooters to commercial areas is necessarily the answer. I would think that there would be value to allowing people to go from a bus to a friend's home for example...the bigger issue for me would be that there are regulations as to:

1. Riding safely
2. Parking off the street and out of eyesight...for the example above, you would need to have it parked at the house you are in, in the drive way for example, not on the sidewalk. Elsewhere, maybe Bird or Lime could invest in "parking depots" like a cart return area at a grocery store. Leaving them all over streets and sidewalks to me is not a reasonable solution.
3. Licensing to in some way prove proficiency with (a) riding the scooter and (b) knowing the rules and regulations.
4. Ways to hold those who don't follow these regulations accountable.

Those are my two cents on the matter.

Thanks for hearing the community out!

Ben Johnson

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: SCOOTERS

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**From:** lroper2@cox.net <lroper2@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** SCOOTERS

**You are perfectly on point with your views re. scooters. Ban them from residential areas (even though some people like having them around). I would prefer to ban the businesses altogether due to their reckless flouting of any local rules...just threw them around, paying people to charge them and littering our lovely communities without caring to check with government authorities. Keep up your good work! Lori Roper**

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Scooters

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**From:** Betsy Sales <betsy@serafin.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:05 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** Scooters

Dear Commissioner Wolf,

After moving from Chicago where shared bicycles have been in place for the last 10 years (and actually providing a revenue stream to the City) I was shocked to just find scooters on all the corners near my home. It seems they simply popped up overnight. While I understand the intention behind the allowance of these scooters, they are not being used from what I can see for necessary transportation. What I am seeing is children about 8 – 13 driving these scooters extremely recklessly without any regard for traffic signals. Nor have I once seen someone on one of these scooters wearing a helmet. And, more often than not, I am removing them from my front lawn where they have simply been dropped. They are quite frankly a menace and being used as a toy for tweens and teens who do not have their driver's license.

Please get rid of these dangerous eyesores.

Thank you,

Mary E. Sales  
5005 Sunate Ranch Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Scooters

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From: sandy fatano <sandyhr22@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:00 PM  
To: Wolf, Janet  
Subject: Scooters

I would like to see these scooters banned from our neighborhood. They look like trash. More importantly, they are an accident waiting to happen. Young people are very attracted to them but not necessarily wise to the dangers of riding in traffic. I fear someone will be heartbroken

Thank you

Rosemary Fatano

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Concern about electric scooters

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**From:** Michelle Apodaca <mapodaca@deckers.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** Concern about electric scooters

Hi Janet,

I hope this email finds you well.

I too would like to voice my concern for these scooters littering our neighborhoods. They are strewn all over the sidewalks and parked in front of people's houses for days. If they were only parked at bus stops and commercial areas, I'm not opposed to them. The owners of these scooter companies should be more diligent in fielding them out of neighborhoods should they end up there. I also fear that they will cause accidents, injuries and even death for young people who are not educated on rules of the road and who take more risks than adults would. I certainly wouldn't want anyone to get hurt or die due to these scooters. I live near Foothill School and am concerned that if they are banned in the city limits of Goleta and SB, they will all end up littered all over the county limits. Thanks for listening.

Best,  
Michelle

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: the scooters

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**From:** Cathy Mallen <cathysandia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:06 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; steve.lavagning@countyofsb.org  
**Subject:** the scooters

Dear Supervisor Wolf,

I am writing about the scooter problem. As you are aware, the county has recently been inundated with scooters. I feel that the scooters pose a blight on the neighborhoods and more importantly they are a huge safety hazard.

For example, today I witnessed four youngsters (estimated ages 11 through 14) speeding down the sidewalk on scooters. They were laughing as they sped past the Turnpike Center driveway. They had no helmets. I cringed as I imagined one of them getting struck by a car and cracking his head on the sidewalk. I cringed when I imagined what would happen if somebody struck me while I was out walking. I, like many other seniors have low bone density.

I know that the scooters are not supposed to be operated on the sidewalk. But who is enforcing it? Who is checking on licenses and helmets?

Who is checking on where the scooters are getting dumped? I see them everywhere, blocking the sidewalks and bike lanes.

Also, while scooters may be convenient, shouldn't we be encouraging people to improve their health by walking and riding bicycles?

Finally, I worry about further deterioration of the neighborhoods. What will be the next, kiosks on every corner?

I appreciate you taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,  
Cathy M. Mallen (Walnut Lane)

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: ADA requirements violated by scooters littering the sidewalks

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**From:** n6lra@cox.net <n6lra@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:46 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** RE: ADA requirements violated by scooters littering the sidewalks

Thank you for your response.

I am saddened that so much valuable time is wasted on something that should be a non-sequiter.

We have real problems to solve and much work to do without being distracted by the demands of a greedy company who wants to use public resources for their own gain. The fact that we are even having this discussion should tell us something about the weaknesses of your society.

I will direct my comments to the link you have provided.

Thanks again --

Laura Tunnell

**From:** Wolf, Janet <jwolf@countyofsb.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:02 PM  
**To:** n6lra@cox.net  
**Subject:** Re: ADA requirements violated by scooters littering the sidewalks

Message from Supervisor Wolf  
Regarding Electric Scooters  
<http://countyofsb.org/bos/wolf/scooter.sbc>

Dear Laura,

I have received numerous complaints about the motorized scooters that have been appearing in the residential neighborhoods and commercial areas of the unincorporated Second District in the past three weeks. I want to provide you with an update on what steps the County has taken and how you can be involved in the future and offer your comments to the Board of Supervisors for the upcoming 12/11/18 hearing re: adoption of a fee resolution and adoption of road-right-of-way conditions for operation of "Shared mobility device" [scooter] companies.

On November 13, 2018, the County Public Works department presented ordinance amendments to the Board of Supervisors to regulate the "Shared Mobility" businesses. While I expressed concerns about this business

model and indeed made suggestions to enhance the ordinance, I was advised that if we passed the ordinance more restrictions could be put in place as regulations in the form of permit conditions. Please find the link to the documents from that meeting here:

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3724141&GUID=1AEC7BE2-F90E-4F8B-A3D1-1FB71F53EC1B&Options=&Search=>

Since then, I have met with our Public Works staff and county counsel about the safety and public infrastructure issues caused by the proliferation of scooters. I've had many constituents inquire about how a commercial entity can operate in a residential zone. I asked that a press release be issued notifying the community of the County's position on the scooters and important safety and contact information. The press release is here: <http://www.countyofsb.org/asset.c/4583>

On December 11th the BOS is scheduled to hear a presentation from Public Works as noted above. I anticipate discussion of specific and additional conditions that may be considered in the future to protect public health and safety or to protect public improvements in the right of way. At a minimum, I intend to advocate that scooter deployment be limited to commercial zones only, limit the number of scooters in the Eastern Goleta Valley, and limit the speed that the scooters can travel at.

Finally, I understand that many find the shared use of scooters a beneficial alternative form of transportation. However, I am opposed to a commercial entity doing business in a residential zone and I am concerned about the safety of those who choose to use the scooters and those who encounter them on the streets and sidewalks of our neighborhoods.

I believe that the County should responsibly regulate this industry, as we do with other commercial activities. I would appreciate hearing from you at [jwolf@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwolf@countyofsb.org) and/or submitting your comments to the Clerk of the Board at [sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

Sincerely,  
Janet Wolf

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**From:** [n6lra@cox.net](mailto:n6lra@cox.net) <[n6lra@cox.net](mailto:n6lra@cox.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 2, 2018 5:35 PM  
**To:** 'San Antonio Village'; Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** ADA requirements violated by scooters littering the sidewalks

Violations of ADA requirements have been the bane of many CA businesses.

WHY SHOULD ELECTRIC SCOOTER COMPANIES BE EXEMPTED FROM THIS LAW ????

What is the minimum ADA sidewalk width? ^

A sidewalk proposed within **2 ft.** of a curb will be placed adjacent to the curb and be at least **6 ft.** wide. There are exceptions: sidewalk width may be reduced to meet site constraints; however, ADA requires a minimum width of **4 ft.** to be provided in all cases (PROWAG R301.3.1). Apr 22, 2015

[http://epg.modot.org/index.php/642.1\\_Sidewalk\\_Design\\_Criteria](http://epg.modot.org/index.php/642.1_Sidewalk_Design_Criteria)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 3:34 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet  
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**Subject:** Fw: Scooters

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From: Fran Piacente <franpiacente@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 4:11 PM  
To: Wolf, Janet  
Subject: Scooters

Dear Supervisor Wolf,

I, too, have safety concerns regarding these scooters, which seems to have exploded in the last month.

I have witnessed people riding them on sidewalks, I have seen two people on one scooter and they are often left lying on private property. I have never seen anyone wearing a helmet.

I am particularly concerned about what appears to be students from San Marcos High School using them along Hollister Avenue...one young man was using one with earphones on. As a retired educator, I would suggest that the administration at the high school notify parents about the legal use of these scooters and the dangers involved.

This might be a very convenient and inexpensive mode of transportation, but clearly it needs to be regulated.

Many thanks for all you do for our county.

Regards,  
Fran Piacente  
5013 Sungate Ranch Rd.  
Santa Barbara 93111  
805-967-3893

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Wolf, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** O'Gorman, Mary  
**Subject:** Fw: Electric Scooters in the Unincorporated Areas of Santa Barbara

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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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