

Katherine Douglas

General Public Comment - Group 1



From: Clara Liang <clbliang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:58 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Joan, Be Just: Pass a Living Wage for Farmworkers!

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From: M Lndrs <megan.landeros@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 2:42 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
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Kind regards,

Megan

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From: Chelsea Rose <chelsrosela@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
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From: Susie Tomlinson <susietom10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 4:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Injury on bike path in Goleta due to an ebiker

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Hi there,

My husband was riding his bike on the Goleta bike path that goes under Hollister Ave and under a train track there today. While he was riding an e biker came barreling around a corner opposite the side he SHOULD have been on and straight in front of my husband who to avoid a head on crash had to move closer to the cement wall that was on his right side but in doing so sustained numerous non fatal injuries. The e biker didn't stop or render help or apologize but continued to speed away.

I do not know where to report accidents of this sort, my husband is 76 and was not violating any rules of the bike path. I walk this same path regularly and have almost been run down myself. It is apparently too difficult to apprehend these bikers who think they can drive whatever speed they want (quite fast!!) and have little to no regard for others that share the path.

Where can I tell SOMEONE WHO WILL DO SOMETHING about these kids who have no clue about the rules of the road, they don't have licenses, they drive faster than peddle assist and regular bikes, many don't wear helmets and basically think they can do whatever they want on the bike paths of SB because it's fun !!

I have read numerous articles on Noozhawk and the Independent, and also Nextdoor where lots of folks have the same complaints. I don't think that enough is being done to try to curb these types of bikes and the behavior of their drivers. Thank goodness my husband wasn't seriously injured but needed quite a bit of bandaging and doctoring of his wounds. His bike is damaged and this will fall on him to fix the related damage due to the e biker that sped off.

Frustrated and concerned,

Susie Tomlinson
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From: Helen L <helenlahoda@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:24 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
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