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May 20, 2013

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg, Chair and  
Member of the Senate Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1371 (Bradford) - Vehicles: bicycles: passing distance. (As amended on April 24, 2013) SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Steinberg and Committee Members:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Culver City, I am writing to request your support for AB 1371. This bill, also known as the "Three Feet for Safety Act", ensures the safety and well-being of cyclists by creating a three foot passing buffer. More specifically, the bill states that if a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a cyclist, the driver of the vehicle must consider the size and speed of the vehicle and bicycle and take into account traffic conditions, weather, visibility, and the surface and width of the roads. Further, if the vehicle is unable to pass, the driver should slow to a reasonable speed and pass only when doing so would not endanger the safety of the bicyclist while also considering the same aforementioned conditions. The bill also establishes penalties for drivers of vehicles who violate the "Three Feet for Safety Act".

Culver City has made significant efforts over the past several years to help ensure cyclists are safe on the road. The City's efforts include the adoption of the City's Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan; the installation of pavement markings to help guide cyclists; the co-sponsorship of CicLAvia; and the creation of a downtown bike corral for cyclists to park their bicycles. AB 1371 is a step in the right direction to add further protections to cyclists navigating our busy streets. For these reasons, the City of Culver City supports AB 1371. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (310) 344-8033.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Cooper  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Curren Price, Member of the State Senate  
The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Member of the State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, Member of the State Assembly  
The Honorable Members of the City Council  
John M. Nachbar, City Manager