

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS

WHEREAS, riding bicycles improves health, increases productivity, improves air quality, and would save \$800 billion annually in medical costs and lost productivity in the United States according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, residents, especially in disadvantaged communities, are reluctant to ride a bicycle because of safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, cities have the ability to address congestion and air quality in their communities by planning for “Slow Streets” (an opportunity to activate residential streets by reducing through traffic), and installing a network of bike lanes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party urges its cities and the County to prioritize the constructing of a network of separated bike lanes, to adopt Slow Streets, and to adopt other measures which enable residents to safely navigate city streets by bicycle.

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