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February 12, 2021

The Honorable Todd Gloria
Mayor City of San Diego
202 C Street, 11th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Reaffirmed Support for Safe Bicycle Infrastructure on 30th Street in North Park

Mayor Todd Gloria,

Thank you for your leadership as our new Mayor while implementing a new city administration and your continued support for climate action and complete street policies.

We want to express our support for the implementation of protected bicycle infrastructure on 30th Street in North Park as scheduled. While we recognize the need to use our streets for outdoor dining in the interim while our city endures the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot allow the short-term impacts to delay the City's progress on creating a city-wide network of safe, protected bicycle infrastructure.

We support accommodating businesses along 30th Street that have temporary use permits of the public right-of-way but we agree with your statements in your Recovery Plan that "we need to make sure our neighborhood commercial spaces are safe and appealing places to walk or bike" and "to expedite use of the public right-of-way for bicycling and pedestrian improvements and avoid today's delays in making multimodal street improvements." The city has gone to great lengths to waive fees and support these businesses.

We urge the City of San Diego to continue with the implementation of these long-term improvements to 30th Street in the North Park community. Investing in safe bicycle infrastructure on 30th Street will create a critical north-south spine to support the North Park and Mid-City network that includes the Orange Ave Family Bikeway, Meade Ave Bikeway, Landis St Bikeway, and Blvd Busway. It will enhance the safety of all residents and users of our streets and will ensure that San Diego is more resilient in the face of climate change and more residents can choose to go by bike. Many of the business owners along the 30th Street corridor will benefit from increased business and foot traffic

through their stores. There is significant precedent for cycle infrastructure increasing business revenue and not all businesses are against the project.

To help achieve our City's Vision Zero goal and our Climate Action Plan mode share goals, investing in protected bikeways along neighborhood commercial streets like 30th Street is critical. Protected bikeways allow safe travel for people of all ages and will allow more people to choose environmentally beneficial mobility options like scooters and bikes instead of making car trips.

Sincerely,



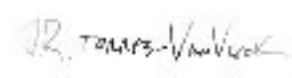
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