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CYCLISTS' BILL OF RIGHTS



WHEREAS, cyclists have the right to ride the streets of our communities and this right is formally articulated in the California Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, cyclists are considered to be the "indicator species" of a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, cyclists are both environmental and traffic congestion solutions; and

WHEREAS, cyclists are, first and foremost, people - with all of the rights and privileges that come from being members of this great society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE CYCLING COMMUNITY do hereby claim the following rights:

- 1) Cyclists have the right to travel safely and free of fear.
- 2) Cyclists have the right to equal access to our public streets and to sufficient and significant road space.
- 3) Cyclists have the right to the full support of educated law enforcement.
- 4) Cyclists have the right to the full support of our judicial system and the right to expect that those who endanger, injure or kill cyclists be dealt with to the full extent of the law.
- 5) Cyclists have the right to routine accommodations in all roadway projects and improvements.
- 6) Cyclists have the right to urban and roadway planning, development and design that enable and support safe cycling.
- 7) Cyclists have the right to traffic signals, signage and maintenance standards that enable and support safe cycling.
- 8) Cyclists have the right to be actively engaged as a constituent group in the organization and administration of our communities.
- 9) Cyclists have the right to full access for themselves and their bicycles on all mass transit with no limitations.
- 10) Cyclists have the right to end-of-trip amenities that include safe and secure opportunities to park their bicycles.
- 11) Cyclists have the right to be secure in their persons and property, and be free from unreasonable search and seizure, as guaranteed by the 4th Amendment.
- 12) Cyclists have the right to peaceably assemble in the public space, as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment.

And further, we claim and assert these rights by taking to the streets and riding our bicycles, all in an expression of our inalienable right to ride!



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CIVIL RIDES!

Our streets are the new 'public space' and our ability to share that space is one of our greatest opportunities for revitalizing and redefining our communities.

"Regardless of your mode of transportation, your freedom to move in the public arena is a civil rights issue, and whenever one user-group gains access at the expense of another user-group, it's a civil rights violation - plain and simple."

~Stephen Box as quoted in the June '07 issue of: Complete Streets

Unfortunately, our current transportation system requires an annual "membership fee" of \$8K in order to move freely and to be treated with respect and dignity. Those who fail to "buy-in" by purchasing, registering, insuring, maintaining, fueling and operating an automobile are essentially 2nd class citizens.

At best, pedestrians, mass transit passengers and cyclists are treated as afterthoughts when it comes to transportation and at worst, they are treated as obstacles and road hazards.

Until we position the movement of people as more important than the movement of vehicles and goods, we will continue to perpetuate a Civil Rights crisis that will not be corrected until we establish Equality as the foundation for our transportation system.

Complete and effective transportation solutions start with Equality as the principle that drives all Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement and Evaluation options and choices.

"See you on the Streets!"