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From: jskuhn@mac.com
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To: CouncilAll
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marin Civil Grand Jury Report on E-bikes

Dear Council members,

I am a 37-year Ross resident, yet I believe this is my first email to the Council. I am frankly alarmed at the apparent lack of urgency and alarm on the part of the Town, the Ross Police, and the Ross School District in dealing with the mushrooming problem of e-bikes in Ross.

I see kids (always boys, it seems) racing around Ross on these bikes with little regard for their speed or awareness of hazards to themselves or others. These kids often have a passenger with them, some without helmets, and at speeds well in excess of what bicycles normally attain, while zooming around corners. Only yesterday I was passed by a boy on an e-bike while I was coasting under the speed limit down Lagunitas in my car.

Someone is going to get injured, probably seriously, and possibly lethally. It is inevitable, and for the life of me I cannot understand why parents apparently are so cavalier about their children using e-bikes, particularly class-2 e-bikes, and allowing them to be modified for more (and illegal) speed.

I urge – implore, really – that the Council adopts ALL the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report, and insures that Chief Pata works urgently with Principal David Rice in enforcing the law and undertaking safety programs and education for students and parents before we have a tragedy.

Respectfully,

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