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To: Comm. Maria L. Mendoza  
Monterey County Superior Court  
Marina Courthouse, Dept. 20, Traffic Court

Re: Community service by [REDACTED] following bicycling-related citation

This is to advise the court that [REDACTED] has completed two hours of volunteer work for Bicycling Monterey.

This community service option was offered to [REDACTED] by the court as an alternative to paying a fine, after [REDACTED] received a citation from City of Monterey Police for failure to wear a bicycle helmet (required for minors by California law, [DMV VC Section 21212](#)).

To first expand his own knowledge, [REDACTED] was asked to review specific educational audios, videos, and written material on the Bicycling Monterey website, and was invited to ask questions of me. I also provided [REDACTED] for him to print and distribute, some California bike law summaries, as well as mini fliers informing people of the availability of tips on riding skills, safety, local sidewalk ordinances, and other information at [bikemonterey.org](https://bikemonterey.org).

In service to the community, [REDACTED] successfully distributed forty-five fliers to people on the City of Monterey section of the coastal multiuse trail. He shared these with people who were biking and also with pedestrians who expressed interest in biking information. [REDACTED] provided me four photos that show him engaged with some of the many people who paused to receive a bike law summary from him today.

As the final step in completing his volunteer requirement, [REDACTED] phoned me today, as I'd requested, so I could hear from him about his outreach, as well as be available again to answer any questions he might have. He said the flier distribution was a good experience, including that some people responded by sharing with him stories on why bike safety is important, including some sad stories that expressed regret for not having a bicycle helmet.

I sincerely appreciate the court's willingness to allow transforming a finable citation into education and public service, benefiting not only the person cited but also helping other youth and adults.

Respectfully,

Mari Lynch, Founder  
Bicycling Monterey