

# Bicycling Monterey

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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 citations

This is to advise the court that on February 21, 2024, fourteen-year-old [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED], contacted Bicycling Monterey, asking that [REDACTED] be allowed to do six hours of community service. That option had been offered to [REDACTED] by the court as an alternative to paying a fine, after he received two citations from City of Marina Police Department on December 3, 2023.

Marina PD had been called by the driver of a motor vehicle to the scene of a traffic collision, where [REDACTED] had been struck by the motor vehicle. MPD issued citations on-scene to [REDACTED] for "failure to yield," 21804(a), and for biking without a helmet, 21212(a).

My subsequent interactions with [REDACTED] and his mother included discussions on March 8, March 16, March 25, and April 2. At my direction, [REDACTED] reviewed specific educational audios, videos, and written material on bikemonterey.org, followed by opportunities for [REDACTED] and his mother to ask questions of me.

For [REDACTED] to print and distribute, I provided bilingual California bike law summaries, plus mini fliers informing people of a wide variety of additional resources at bikemonterey.org. Resources on the site include info on sidewalk and crosswalk laws and safety, and about some infrastructure designs that contribute to crosswalk confusion and safety challenges, as well as how to advocate for infrastructure improvements.

The week of spring break from school, [REDACTED] distributed twenty-eight bike law summaries and mini fliers, and ten copies of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2023 bike map (which I'd suggested he order from TAMC to also distribute). [REDACTED] distributed the materials at various Monterey Peninsula locations, i.e., in Monterey, on the multi-use trail by Old Fisherman's Wharf, and on the Plaza at Bubba Gump on Cannery Row; in Pacific Grove, at Lovers Point; and in Marina, at the Marina Pump Track. [REDACTED] mother provided me two photos showing [REDACTED] sharing fliers with youth in Marina.

To reinforce and strengthen his increased knowledge of bicycle riding skills, safety, laws, and infrastructure challenges, I asked [REDACTED] to continue reviewing a League of American Bicyclists video series I had referred him to and other educational materials I had provided. I welcomed [REDACTED] and his mother to phone me anytime with questions about California bike laws, Monterey County sidewalk ordinances, or any biking-related topics.

I sincerely appreciate the court's willingness to allow transforming finable citations into education and community service.

Respectfully,



Mari Lynch, Founder  
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