

**Bicycling Monterey**  
*Local Partner of the California Bicycle Coalition*  
<https://bikemonterey.org>

August 17, 2025

To: [REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED] has completed more than ten hours of community service for Bicycling Monterey. He also invested 19 hours in one-on-one bike education sessions with me, plus additional hours in independent study, viewing assigned riding skills and safety videos.

First, I thank the court for the honor of becoming acquainted with this magnificent teen. From the start, [REDACTED] showed astonishing initiative — to a degree uncommon even in individuals far older — and flawless follow through. Over the past seven weeks, we've had 17 conversations about bicycling topics. [REDACTED] is eager to learn. And without fail, he has proven to be exceptionally responsible, reliable, and trustworthy.

My experience with [REDACTED] began on June 27, 2025, when the mother of now fifteen-year-old [REDACTED] phoned me. She wanted her son to have the opportunity to do ten hours of community service. That option had been offered that day by the court as an alternative to paying a fine resulting from [REDACTED] receiving, on October 16, 2024, three citations from the Salinas Police Department. And as I requested, [REDACTED] phoned me himself on June 27 too.

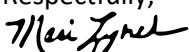
Before doing community service, [REDACTED] began our process as I asked: by first learning about bike laws, riding skills, safety issues, and infrastructure. He meticulously went over educational audios, videos, and written material in sessions with me, and he was exceptionally engaged in our discussions of the material. It was clear from the start that the citations received — *VC21650.1-Bicycles Ride on Right of Roadway*; *VC21202(a) Bicycles Less Than Normal Speed-Keep to Right*; and *VC23103(a)-M-Reckless Driving* — were primarily due to lack of knowledge, and he was profoundly interested in extensive "biker's ed."

For his community service, [REDACTED] did three activities: (1) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. (2) He learned about opportunities for the public to help improve infrastructure via Transportation Agency for Monterey County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, then [REDACTED]. (3) He helped educate others by printing and distributing 20 California bike law summaries, plus 40 mini fliers informing people of the wide variety of additional resources on state and local laws, riding skills, safety, and more at bikemonterey.org.

Words are insufficient to convey how outstanding [REDACTED] is. His numerous qualities of good character are so evident, as is his intelligence. In response to an unfortunate situation, he took on and fulfilled new commitments to resolve his misfortune in a masterful way.

My only regret in working with [REDACTED] is that he did not have his bicycle to practice skills on. His bike was immediately seized by the SPD officer October 16, and it remains impounded, now ten months later.

It has been such a pleasure to assist [REDACTED]. I welcome him to phone me anytime with questions about bike laws or any biking-related topics. I foresee much success and fulfillment ahead for [REDACTED], given meaningful opportunities and the necessary appropriate support.

• Respectfully,  
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• Mari Lynch, Founder