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RE: Assembly Bill 436 - Notice of Opposition, As Introduced 2/6/23

Dear Assemblymember Holden,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our opposition to Assembly Bill 436, which would remove the authorization outlined in Section 21100 of the Vehicle Code allowing a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or regulation regarding cruising.

Existing law in the Vehicle Code authorizes local jurisdictions to develop regulations in regards to various local transportation and public safety matters, including the operation of bicycles, the removal of illegally parked vehicles, and cruising. CCCA feels this authorization is of great importance, as cruising activity is a public safety issue in many of our member cities. The activity can create traffic control and congestion problems that then generate major logistical challenges for cities and their respective local agencies. Further, cruising can lead to street takeovers that are extremely dangerous. As an organization, we regularly voice our concern about reckless driving, street racing, takeovers, and sideshows. These activities are recurring issues that have overwhelmed many California communities and have had deadly impacts on activity participants as well as nearby pedestrians.

CCCA represents over 85 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them, including public safety. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our opposition to AB 436.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director