

**Lai, Christina**

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**From:** John Lopez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2026 1:53 PM  
**To:** Admin, OC Parks Commission  
**Subject:** June-4-26 E-bike legalization

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for legalizing Class 1 pedal-assist e-bikes on mountain bike trails.

Allowing these e-bikes will ensure our trail system remains accessible, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone. This includes riders recovering from surgery or health challenges, as well as those who require a small amount of assistance to continue enjoying the trails.

Additionally, I would like to state that I do not support the proposed \$1 million expenditure on a survey regarding this matter.

I am a resident of Rancho Santa Margarita (92688), and my Supervisor District is represented by Andrew Do. I appreciate your consideration of this issue, as mountain biking is an essential activity for many of us.

Regards,

John C. Lopez

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**From:** Matt Simanski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2026 2:20 PM  
**To:** Admin, OC Parks Commission  
**Subject:** Approve Pedal Assist Bikes in OC Parks

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Good Evening,

I am sending this email in hopes the OC Parks committee finally approves Pedal Assist bikes on all OC trails.

I am an avid trail runner and mountain bike rider approaching 60 years old. Both activities help with my health and keeps the blood pressure down. I can't run like the wind anymore, nor can I ride and climb hills on my mountain bike like I did when I was younger. My Pedal Assist mountain bike allows me to enjoy my rides and climbs like I used too.

As the name states: Pedal Assist means you actually have to pedal for you to move. If you are not pedaling, you are not moving.

There's no throttle, no magic go button! Your legs are the source of going anywhere. Pedal Assist helps one with your pedaling, riding, and climbing. But again, if you are not pedaling, you are not moving and definitely not climbing any hills.

I hope the committee approves pedal assist mountain bikes on OC Trails for the enjoyment of all.

Thank You for your Time!

Sincerely,

Matt Simanski  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jeff Ittel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2026 3:56 PM  
**To:** Admin, OC Parks Commission  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pedal Assist Ebikes

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello,

I am writing to express my desire that OC parks reject the proposed study for Class-1 ebikes in OC parks and allow Class-1 pedal assist ebikes (no throttle) in all OC parks as soon as possible. My reasoning is as follows:

1) I have ridden in groups that contain both Class-1 bikes and traditional mountain bikes and I can tell you that there is no more "dust" behind an ebike than a regular bike (which is currently allowed). I bring this up because dust = Erosion and the ebikes do not cause any more erosion than a traditional one. If the ground is wet and two bikes ride by, one traditional and one Ebike, you cannot tell the difference in the "tread" they leave behind. Again, an important measure of the IMPACT of ebikes vs traditional pedal bikes.

2) I won't give my exact age, but I will tell you that I qualify for AAPR (yeah, I'm kinda old). I have also lived in OC for over 25 years, I own property here, pay taxes etc. Given my age, and a number of injuries I have sustained over my lifetime, I am no longer able to access many portions of our great OC parks without pedal assistance. This is especially impactful when my kids want to go out and enjoy our trails since they are much more able bodied than myself. With a 20mph limit (which is actually about 18mph in real life situations), Class-1 pedal assist bikes are not about going super fast, they are about ACCESS. I simply want my ACCESS to the entire OC parks system PRESERVED

Thank You,  
Jeffrey Ittel  
(Mission Viejo resident)

## McKinnon, James

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2026 4:28 PM  
**To:** Admin, OC Parks Commission  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mtg today (6/4 5:30PM RE: E-bike legalization)

**Importance:** High

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Unfortunately I am not able to attend the above meeting.

Since my retirement, 10 yrs ago I started riding my regular Mtn bike several days/week with the Trail Angels (Women's Mtn Bike Group). Because I was having increasing difficulties keeping up especially in the heat, I purchased a class 1 E-bike in 2020.

I live in Irvine (5<sup>th</sup> Supervisor District). I will be 76 yrs old this year & am still riding at least weekly. After finally seeing a cardiologist a couple yrs ago, testing revealed I have valvular heart disease with all 4 valves affected. My Cardiologist wants me to continue E-biking on a regular basis for my best future health outcomes. At present I also have arthritis in one of my knees which makes walking extremely painful. My Cardiologist has written a letter of medical necessity which I can carry with me; however, it did NOT help me during a Quail Hill Open Access when the ranger did NOT even want to see my cardiologist's letter & said, "Just go ride someplace else other than here!" (I live in Irvine where I pay taxes including Mellroos!!).

I urge the OC Parks Commission to reject the Study/Survey because of financial & time constraints & approve Class 1 E-bikes in OC county parks now!! OC State Parks already allow Class 1 E-bikes! If this whole process takes as long as 5 yrs. It won't help me. I do not know how much longer I will be biking & would at least like the opportunity to enjoy my local OC Parks.

Sincerely,

Paula Dombroski