

Bikeside Survey on Biking and Walking for Council District 15 Candidates

About this bike friendliness survey

This Bikeside survey will take at least 20 minutes to complete, and could take longer depending on the thoughtfulness of answers and any time spent on background research.

The survey aims to measure each Los Angeles City Council District 15 candidate's level of support for cycling. The survey has eight multiple choice questions and twelve open-ended questions on the five 'E's of bike friendliness: engineering, encouragement, enforcement, education and evaluation.

For each multiple choice question, a small text box is provide afterward, if you would like to elaborate on your answer. Do not feel you are required to do so, though! For the eleven long answer questions, feel free to give as long an answer as you like - the box will expand to accommodate longer answers.

After finishing each question, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the 'Next' button to get the next question.

If you need a place to research these issues, here are some sites:

2010 Los Angeles Bicycle Plan:
http://www.labikeplan.org/public_involvement/

Bikeside:
<http://www.bikesidela.org/>

LA Streetsblog:
<http://la.streetsblog.org/>

October 9th CicLAvia:
<http://ciclavia.wordpress.com/2011/08/16/announcing-the-october-9-2011-route/>

Speed Limits:
http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/eng_spd_lmths/

Bikeside, a 501c4 non-profit, will use the results of this survey to engage candidates in a discussion about what it means to be a bike friendly city. We will inform our readers, our email list, and our volunteers of candidates' vision for a bike friendly LA.

We also encourage all candidates to participate in the October 9th CicLAvia! Thousands of cyclists, runners, walkers and skaters will descend upon the new 10.5-mile route from all areas of Southern California.

Bikeside trains and empowers local volunteers to become well-rounded activists – cycling, mass transit, traffic safety, environmental issues and beyond. By demanding accountability from city officials and police departments, Bikeside generates institutional support for cyclists in Los Angeles.

Please contact Bikeside President Alex Thompson at contact@BikesideLA.org with any questions.

*** 1. Please enter your name:**

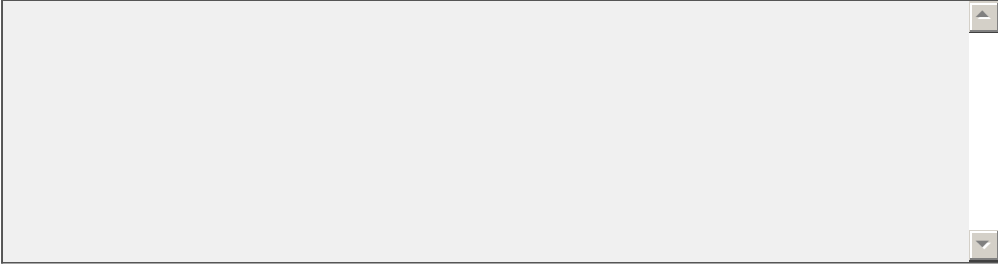
Question 2

2. How often do you bike?

- Every day
- Two or more times a week
- Once a week
- Two or more times a month
- Once a month
- Two or more times a year
- Once a year
- Never

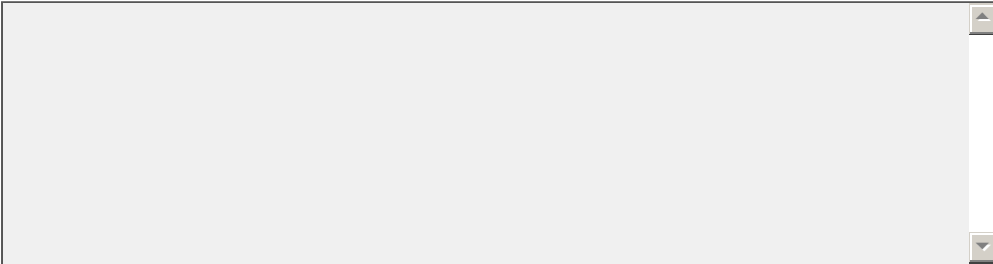
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3. What's the best part of your bike rides? What's the worst? How can we cultivate more of the good and less of the bad?



Question 4

4. In Bikeside's recent survey, 70% of respondents (386 out of 552) say that Los Angeles is not bike friendly. Generally speaking, what do you see as the obstacles to CD 15 becoming bike friendly?



Question 5

5. Which components of the 2010 LA Bike Plan do you plan to implement in CD 15 to make streets safer and more inviting for cyclists?



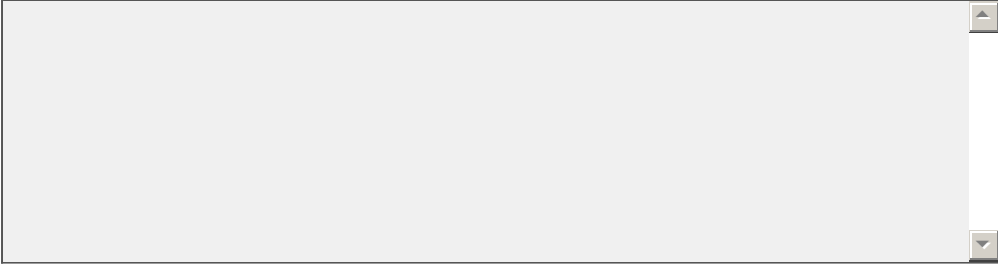
Question 6

6. Are there areas of your district that are bike friendly?

7. What aspects of those bike friendly streets can you cultivate in other areas?

Question 8

8. What will you do to ensure that the City of Los Angeles coordinates with Carson, Compton, Torrance, LA County, and other adjoining jurisdictions to improve bike friendliness?



Question 9

9. As Councilmember, will you direct LADOT to expeditiously implement the Bike Plan's Backbone Bikeways Network (BBN) in CD 15, including bike facilities on Vermont Avenue, the Pacific Coast Highway, Anaheim Street, Gaffey Street, Del Amo Boulevard, Imperial Highway and Manchester Avenue? Please visit <http://labikeplan.com/maps.html> to view these BBN segments.

- Yes, I support bike facilities on these streets and highways.
- Yes, if I am a member of the Transportation or Planning Committee.
- No, I oppose bike facilities on these streets and highways.
- I would like to be briefed by Bikeside on the Backbone Bikeways Network.

Question 10

10. Will you direct the LADOT General Manager and Bikeways staff to report back to City Council on a monthly basis with Bike Plan implementation status reports, including the number of miles installed, cost per mile and funding sources?

- Yes, I will direct LADOT to report back to Council on a monthly basis with Bike Implementation updates.
- Yes, if I'm a member of the Transportation Committee.
- No, I don't think that these reports are necessary or helpful.
- I would like to be briefed by Bikeside on Council and the Mayor's 5-Year Bike Plan Implementation goal.

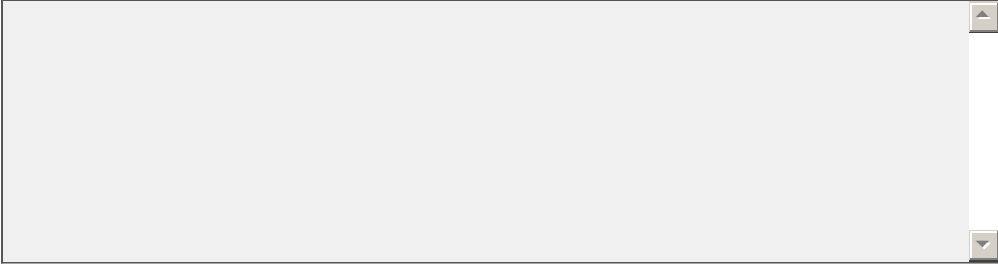
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11. Do you think that bike lanes should require environmental review?

- Yes, if a bike lane requires removal of a travel lane(s).
- Yes, if a bike lane impacts the capacity of the street to handle current traffic volumes.
- Yes, if a bike lane is opposed by residents who live within the surrounding community.
- Yes, if a bike lane is opposed by motorists who drive on the street, but reside outside of the surrounding community.
- No, bike lanes should not require environmental review.
- I would like to discuss with Bikeside issues related to environmental review and installation of bike facilities.

Question 12

12. In your view, what are the pros and cons of Caltrans' current methodology for setting speed limits?



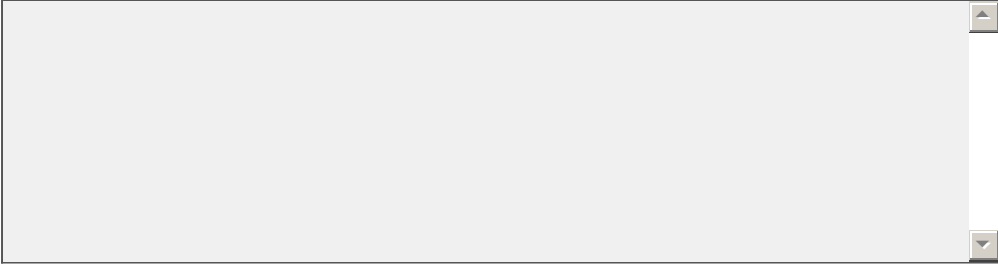
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13. LAPD staff assigned to bicycle safety and traffic enforcement are stretched very thin. Will you support allocating more resources for LAPD to improve traffic safety conditions for cyclists?

- Yes, LAPD needs additional resources to better enforce the California Vehicle Code.
- No, LAPD already enforces the California Vehicle Code adequately.
- I would like to be briefed by Bikeside on LAPD's enforcement of the California Vehicle Code as it applies to all roadway users.

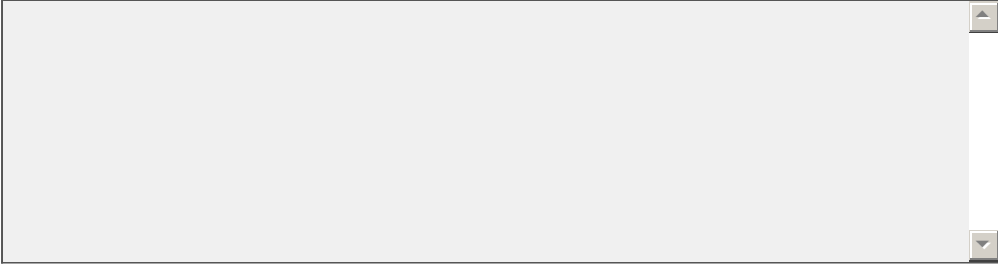
Question 14

14. What have you done or worked on in the past that shows your record of being involved in Safe Streets campaigns? Please elaborate.



Question 15

15. What do you think should be the role of Neighborhood Councils in transportation policy?



Question 16

16. Do you support expanding CicLAvia's 10.5-mile route to 15 or 20 miles?

- Yes, I support expanding CicLAvia's 10.5-mile route to 15 miles.
- Yes, I support expanding CicLAvia's 10.5-mile route to 20 miles.
- No, I don't support an expansion of CicLAvia's 10.5-mile route.
- I would like to be briefed by Bikeside on how to host CicLAvia in CD 15.

Question 17

17. Will you join Bikeside at the October 9th CicLAvia?

- Yes, I'll be there!
- Yes, where can I get a bike?
- Yes, I'd like to also participate in other events at CicLAvia.
- No.
- I will participate in the next CicLAvia.
- I would like to be briefed by Bikeside on how to bring CicLAvia to CD 15.

Question 18

18. After taking this survey, what do you think about LA and cycling? Does it seem like a more challenging question or easier? Has your perspective changed?

Question 19

19. Would you like to receive Bikeside's email newsletter?

- Yes.
- Yes, I would also like to participate in any upcoming Bikeside events and meetings.
- No.

20. If so, at what email address should we add to our email list?