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## Vehicular Cycling Association temporary name

### 1 Name

The name of this organization shall be the Vehicular Cycling Association (VCA).

### 2 Mission

The VCA's mission shall be to preserve, protect, advance, and promote the activity of bicycle riding in accordance with the rules of the road for drivers of vehicles (RRDV). VCA may operate in the following areas in the course of carrying out its mission.

#### 2.1 Training

The training of people to cycle according to the rules of the road for drivers of vehicles is paramount for building up a working population of vehicular cyclists. This does not mean attempting to train large sections of the population, such as schoolchildren, but it means searching out and recruiting those people who are most inclined to favor vehicular cycling. Trying to gain training access to any large group of people will result in both difficulties created by the organization to be used and from many of its members who are afraid of the idea. Recruitment of willing students requires that this be done by members of VCA approaching likely recruits.

The VCA shall operate a system for selecting, training, testing and certifying instructors qualified to teach cycling according to the RRDV in a variety of traffic situations.

Completion certificates shall be granted only to those cyclists who have shown, by a sufficient

test on real roads in real traffic, that they have acquired the skill of obeying the rules of the road for drivers of vehicles (RRDV).

Test records shall be kept in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the training.

#### 2.2 Legal Defense

The VCA shall endeavor to assist in the defense of cyclists who are being prosecuted for obeying the RRDV instead of some statute or ordinance that contradicts the RRDV.

The VCA may maintain a list of statutes and ordinances that contradict the RRDV.

The VCA may recruit a list of attorneys who are willing to act in such defenses, to maintain a list of them, and distribute relevant information to them.

#### 2.3 Engineering

The VCA shall publish, either directly or indirectly by reference, information showing how the RRDV reflect the human factors of drivers and how the combination of the standard designs of roadways and these human factors work toward producing a safe and reliable transportation system.

The VCA shall publish, either directly or indirectly by reference, information showing how typical bikeway designs contradict the RRDV, making cycling more dangerous and less convenient.

#### 2.4 Public Information

The VCA shall publish, either directly or indirectly, information for the general public regarding

the value of vehicular cycling and the availability of vehicular cycling resources.

## **2.5 Political**

The VCA shall endeavor to work toward repeal of those statutes and ordinances that contradict the RRDV. This may involve a wide variety of political actions, but ought to be guided by the value of vehicular cycling to the community and the harm done by prohibiting it.

The VCA shall publish, either directly or indirectly by reference, materials useful in this work.

## **3 Membership and Governance**

The VCA is organized as a membership-controlled non-profit educational organization (corporation).

### **3.1 Membership**

Membership is open to all those who support the basic mission statement, #2 above, and pay dues as established. Membership may be terminated by non-payment of dues or by acting contrary to the mission statement. Termination for acting contrary to the mission statement shall be only by procedures to be established.

### **3.2 Board of Directors**

The VCA shall be governed by a board of directors, number to be established by action of the board. Directors shall be elected by direct vote of the membership, one vote per member for each open position.

The terms of office shall be two years, arranged on overlapping basis through annual elections.

#### **3.2.1 Officers**

The Board of Directors shall select from its members the officers to serve as president, treasurer, secretary, and others as necessary.

#### **3.2.2 Duties**

The Board of Directors shall establish and arrange the organization for carrying out the mission statement, and shall direct, either directly or by delegation, the operation of the various parts of the organization.