A Quick Guide to Understanding CVC 21202
California Vehicle Code 21202

Is the bicyclist...

...riding the same speed or faster than other traffic? **YES**

...passing a slow or stopped vehicle? **YES**

...preparing to turn left? **YES**

...in a lane that is too narrow to share? **YES**

...encountering unsafe conditions on the edge? **YES**

...approaching a driveway or intersection? **YES**

If the answer to ANY question is YES:

CVC 21202 does NOT require the bicyclist to ride far right.

Passing on the left is a basic rule of movement.

It’s illegal and unsafe to turn left from the right edge.

Unsafe conditions include (but are not limited to):
- Parked cars and the door zone
- Obstructions
- Pavement defects
- Broken glass and debris
- Standing water
- Ice
- Poor sight lines

Anywhere right turns are authorized.

If the answer to ALL questions is NO:
The bicyclist must ride as far to the right as practicable.

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