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~~Councilmember David Ryu, Fourth Council District~~
Public
6501 Fountain Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028
cd4.issues@lacity.org

Re: Health and safety challenges in changing Silver Lake's Rowena Road Diet

Dear Councilmember David Ryu, Civic Planners and Other Concerned Parties,

We are writing as physicians who reside in the neighborhood of Silver Lake and as faculty members in the Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California (USC) in the specialties of Pediatric Endocrinology (Children's Hospital Los Angeles) and Pulmonology Critical Care Medicine (Keck Hospital of USC).

We understand there is consideration of a proposal to reconfigure Rowena Avenue, as outlined in the "Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study," performed by planning consultants Kimley-Horn in May of 2018. The proposal calls into question concerns about safety for pedestrians, including children who attend Ivanhoe Elementary School and Camelot Kids Preschool along Rowena Avenue. **Increasing traffic on this already busy road could reintroduce risk for fatal pedestrian accidents, which would be especially tragic should it involve a child from the neighborhood.** When children are involved in a road traffic accident, their softer heads increase susceptibility to serious head injury. A recent study found that pediatric pedestrian and bicyclist injuries are almost 10 times more likely to involve severe injuries and that traumatic brain injury (TBI) was predictive of in-patient mortality of children hit by motor vehicles (K. Wheeler-Martin, et. al. *Pediatric Emergency Department Visits for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries in the US*. Inj Epidemiol. 2017 Dec, doi: 10.1186/s40621-017-0128-5). The safety of pedestrians in the school zone is often overlooked in communities, leading to the death of children to and from school, with many of these children walking or biking between home and school.

We are concerned as the traffic study actually identified that Rowena Avenue is safer with the current road configuration. Pedestrian fatalities increase with the speed of cars, and the study itself indicates that more lanes will increase the speed at which cars travel in the school zone. **By keeping the speed of the road lower and not reintroducing more lanes on Rowena Avenue, the safety of pedestrians, specifically school-age children in Silver Lake, can be kept intact.** The third leading cause of death for children 5- to 9-years-old is getting hit by a car (K. Judy. *Unintentional Injuries in Pediatrics*. *Pediatr Rev*. 2011 Oct, doi: 10.1542/pir.32-10-431). School-age children are smaller and easily distracted, and have not developed the ability to see and avoid a looming vehicle, which involves rapid calculation of object size, distance, and velocity. In simulation of regular street crossing, the perceptual skills of children of various ages show a clear developmental pattern, as



reported in Psychological Science; although there is improvement in acuity with age, even older children do not match adults in their ability to detect a car approaching due to underdeveloped brain mechanisms for this skill (See <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/news/full-frontal-psychology/why-kids-get-hit-by-cars.html>). As well, faster moving cars were found to loom less than slow moving cars, creating an illusion that speedy cars are not approaching, leading to the scientific conclusion that children cannot reliably detect a car approaching at speeds greater than 20 miles per hour. Children require special consideration to save and protect their lives.

We advise not taking any actions to add lanes to Rowena, a street regularly traversed by children, as it would have a disparate impact on the safety of children in the community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mimi Kim", located below the "Sincerely," text on the left side.

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Fwd: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Keep Rowena Safe <keeprowenasafe@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 11:51 AM

To: John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alberto Achar <albertoachar@gmail.com>**Date:** October 23, 2018 at 11:44:30 AM PDT**To:** Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com**Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue with my family and I walk along Rowena with my children to school daily, I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena - changing the current configuration on Rowena would jeopardize my safety and that of my young children. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

More broadly, Rowena Avenue would benefit from added safety measures e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Alberto Achar



John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

Fwd: Council File 11-2130-S4 to Add Traffic Lanes to Rowena Avenue

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From: Sean Meredith <seanwademeredith@gmail.com>
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Subject: Council File 11-2130-S4 to Add Traffic Lanes to Rowena Avenue

Dear honorable council members,

For five years I walked my daughter on Rowena to Ivanhoe Elementary. When the road diet was implemented I noticed immediate improvements for walking, biking, and driving. Now my daughter uses Rowena to walk in the other direction to Marshall High. More and more children are walking these schools and Camelot preschool is growing, too. I want my city to prioritize safety over car throughput. Adding lanes on Rowena will induce demand adding additional stress to Hyperion, St. George, Fletcher, etc. Adding car lanes on Rowena will re-introduce dangerous accelerated passing on the right. Adding lanes would remove one or both bike lanes: lanes that my daughter and I use to travel through our neighborhood.

At the presentation I attended over the summer I asked one of the people from Kimley Horn which of the four options for Rowena would make it safer. He wouldn't answer my question. He just said they were options and it was up to US to decide what we wanted. I was flabbergasted by the three options that would make Rowena less safe. The road diet reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations unless it includes adding protected bike lanes. No car lanes should be added back.

The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to the cause of cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed-traffic travel lanes.

Little to nothing has been done to make Waverly and Angus safer in the past six years. The report has many excellent suggestions. I hope they get implemented.

I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented:

- Adding a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the light at W. Silver Lake and Rowena. This will give those crossing Rowena a safe head start before car traffic can enter the intersection. Adding a "No Right Turn on Red" sign between 7 am & 9 am and 2 pm & 4 pm would further make this intersection safer for the students at Ivanhoe and their parents;
- Adding a traffic signal at Waverly and Glendale to create a safe crossing for students and parents at P.L.A.Y. preschool;
- Adding a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena.
- The ends of the road diet could still be safer for bikes and pedestrians: Hyperion/Rowena & Glendale/Rowena
- The Rowena bike lanes should extend and connect to other bike lanes, paths, and Sharrows: Griffith Park Blvd, St. George, Silver Lake Blvd, and the L.A. River.

There was one other portion of the report I found substandard. The changes for St. George & Rowena are just plain bad. It's a four way stop with endless cars. Barely any cars turning right onto Rowena stop.

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Someone is going to get hurt or killed crossing the street. Instead of adding a pocket turn lane, we should mark the intersection with crosswalks and add bulbs outs to stop cars from running the stop signs at 5 to 10 mph.

Please prioritize safety over car speeds in our city.

Thank you,
Sean Meredith



John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

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Cc: keeprowenasafe@gmail.com
Subject: Council File 11-2130-S4 to Add Traffic Lanes to Rowena Avenue

To Honorable Council Members, Staff and Other Interested Parties:

I am writing to share my support of the current Road Diet on Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake. My family and I live on Rowena and my son is a new kindergartner at Ivanhoe Elementary. We walk to school every day and when he is older, we expect to bike.

While I am sympathetic to the concerns of residents on the "cut-through traffic study" streets as explained in the Rowena Waverly Angus Study, I urge stakeholders and community leaders to seek solutions to address those concerns but not at the expense of residents, businesses, and students on and near Rowena itself. I've walked my children to and from Ivanhoe both before the road diet and now; and the improvement to safety with the Road Diet is considerable.

I will be advocating within my community for further road improvements in the neighborhood such as bulb-outs and marked, signaled crosswalks while retaining all the existing elements of the road diet; rather than the regressive solutions offered in the so-called "improvement options" on page 37 which will result in a less safe situation. The options to dismantle the road diet (2, 3, and 4) will result in a rise in pedestrian injury and death and deterioration of the community along this corridor. Further, the options are completely unsupported by the data in the report.

Thank you for considering the concerns of my family.

Andrew Werner
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Fwd: Council File: 11-2130-S4

Scott Gamzon <sgamzon@me.com>
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Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 9:16 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jasmine Starr <starrjasmine@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Council File: 11-2130-S4
Date: October 16, 2018 at 10:18:41 PM PDT
To: keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

From: Jasmine Starr <starrjasmine@yahoo.com>
Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4
Date: October 16, 2018 at 10:13:49 PM PDT
To: Clerk-ENSA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org,
[David Ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>](mailto:David.Ryu@david.ryu@lacity.org), "seleta.reynolds@lacity.org" <seleta.reynolds@lacity.org>, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org

Hi, I am a resident of Silver Lake, and I understand that our Councilmember is asking the Department of Transportation to look into the feasibility of various potential changes to Rowena Avenue. Any study that is done needs to look at the SAFETY and not just the feasibility of the options. If we care about safety, I don't see how any option that adds traffic lanes to Rowena would win.

My children, my husband, and I have been walking along and crossing Rowena Avenue nearly every school day since my oldest started kindergarten at Ivanhoe Elementary in 2008 (ie before the road diet), so I can tell you first hand that it is much safer since the "road diet" was implemented. I'm concerned that all these studies are attempts to turn back the clock to when there were four lanes of cars speeding down Rowena past a nursery school and elementary school, leading to a death and countless accidents. Back then, even with a stop light, it was terrifying crossing Rowena because cars would swerve from one lane to the other, gunning it to try to make it through the light at West Silver Lake right where literally dozens of people, from toddlers to grandparents, would be bunched on the corner trying to cross on our way to Ivanhoe. For me and my kids, the only feasible option, the only safe option, is the one that keeps the road diet so we only have one lane of traffic in each direction and cars can't pull that dangerous swerve to beat the light.

In addition to the safety of the hundreds of children who cross Rowena every day, I would hope the Council is also thinking about the need to embrace and plan for the future of LA. I grew up in LA, and I remember the old days when LA thought that it could solve its problems by just building and widening roads to accommodate ever more cars. I thought we had learned better by now. More roads just beget more cars and more traffic. It never ends. And with global warming and increasing population, what we so desperately need now are safe walkable neighborhoods with pleasant and flourishing mixed commercial and residential strips so you don't have to get in your car just to get a cup of coffee. And we need transportation options to complement our beloved cars, including safe and protected bike lanes and abundant public transit. The Rowena road diet helps gives us that future. Please don't take it away!

Thanks so much for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Council File 11-2130-S4

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From: Nina Sorkin <nina.sorkin@gmail.com>
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Date: October 16, 2018 at 9:50:20 PM PDT
To: Clerk-ENSA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, David Ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org
Cc: Rachel Fox <rachel.fox@lacity.org>

Transportation Committee and my Councilmember Ryu:

I have lived on Kenilworth Avenue in Silver Lake since 1967. There have been many changes that have occurred including the Road Diet.

It is my understanding that on the 24th of October, the Transportation Committee will review the Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study.

From the beginning, I have supported the Road Diet. Safety is of paramount importance. I have advocated maintaining the Road Diet and have been met with verbal attacks by those who want the Road Diet to be gone. At one of the hearings, a child who spoke up was ridiculed by the No Road Diet Advocates. Cyclists do use the bike lane. Safety must be maintained.

There is no doubt that traffic congestion is an issue but to consider a small area is unrealistic. When the Reservoir was emptied (at least four times during the past 50 years) and Silver Lake Blvd was blocked at Rowena, many cars used Waverly and Angus. For me one major problem is that everyone is in a hurry and drive much too fast down Angus and Kenilworth. People just need to slow down and be patient. If you look at feeder streets to the area, Hyperion is congested, St. George is congested, Silver Lake Blvd and Glendale Blvd. are congested. The Flether/Glendale intersection is often blocked and further stresses a challenging situation. However, Fire Station 56 is able to travel without difficult to an emergency because of the Road Diet.

I am recommending the committee support the current configuration on Rowena and only supports Option 1 in the report which maintains the current lane configuration on Rowena while adding further safety measures.

I am currently out of town and will be out of town on October 24. Please consider what is best for the greater good and vote for safety.

Sincerely,

Adelina Ruth Sorkin (registered to vote)

AKA Nina Sorkin

2354 Kenilworth Avenue
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John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT, HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Subject:

Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Dear Council Members,

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More broadly, Rowena Avenue would benefit from added safety measures e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Nora Goudsmit



John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

Letters for file

Scott Gamzon <sgamzon@me.com>
To: John Engelke <john.engelke@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 9:15 PM

Here are the first batch

Begin forwarded message:

From: Trang Tran <tktttran@igc.org>
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Date: October 20, 2018 at 6:04:32 PM PDT
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Cc: keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I support the current lane configuration of Rowena (the "road diet") which has been shown to significantly reduce injuries from collisions. I do not want to see bike lanes or parking removed.

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus CutThrough Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations.

Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street.

Some of the improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include:

- Adding marked crosswalks and pedestrian-controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena, where a large number of pedestrians already cross daily;
- Adding more lighting where there continues to be poor visibility along Rowena – namely in front of and across the street from Edendale Grill and the Wolf Down restaurant where both valets and customers often cross and at the corner of W. Silver Lake and Rowena
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- Adding peak-hour turn restrictions onto Angus and Scotland at Griffith Park Blvd during rush hour.

I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented:

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- Adding a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena.

Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena's current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic. The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed traffic travel lanes. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe.

I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and community.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Trang Tran
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Begin forwarded message:

From: JONATHAN BAKER <jonathantwin@me.com>
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Cc: john.white@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jonathan Baker. I'm writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue with my family and I walk along Rowena with my children to school daily, Ivanhoe which is also on Rowena Ave. I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena, and changing the current configuration on our avenue would jeopardize my safety and that of my two young children. My oldest girl is 7 and my youngest is 4. They often ride their bikes with me around the neighborhood, and I'm already deathly afraid of the speed cars drive at all times of the day, especially before and after school. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

In my opinion, Rowena Avenue would actually benefit from ADDED safety measures, e.g. another crosswalk, increased lighting, or a number of other safety-related improvements. It would NOT benefit from re-configuring the traffic lanes, as it's already quite dangerous as is. If you don't believe me, try pulling out of our driveway at any time of the day.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my young family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention, and please consider our safety first.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Baker

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alexis Lantz <alexislantz@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Council File: 11-2130-S4
Date: October 22, 2018 at 9:06:40 PM PDT
To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org
Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, David.Ryu@lacity.org, Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org

Hello,

I am reaching out in regards to a motion from CM Ryu directing LADOT to review a study funded by CD 4 called "Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study." I'm a resident of Silver Lake and regularly drive, walk and bike along Rowena Ave.

I understand Council File 11-2130-S4 may come before the LA City Council Transportation Committee at some point soon so am reaching out to log my support for keeping the current configuration on Rowena Ave to ensure safety for all roadway users is maintained. Especially for our youngest road users who attend Ivanhoe Elementary and Camelot Kids preschool both of which are located on Rowena. I oppose any changes to Rowena Ave's current lane configuration, which was implemented to reduce speeding and improve safety.

Furthermore, it would be great to see a number of additional safety improvements add to Rowena Ave and adjacent streets as identified in the CD 4 traffic study such as:

- Marked crosswalks and pedestrian-controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena
- Adding more lighting where there continues to be poor visibility along Rowena
- Designating parts of Angus as a one way street with appropriate signage and barriers, which would effectively stop "cut-through" traffic without too much disruption for residents;
- Adding a physical barrier at Waverly and Rokeby, which would reduce cut-through traffic traveling to/from Rowena; and,
- Adding peak-hour turn restrictions onto Angus and Scotland at Griffith Park Blvd during rush hour.

Given the City's Vision Zero goal and the recent International Panel on Climate Change report we need the City to do even more to make the streets safer so more people feel safe walking, bicycling and taking transit. Without progressive leadership on transportation issues our children won't have a future.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Alexis Lantz
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sherin Bennett <sherinbennett@gmail.com>
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Date: October 17, 2018 at 11:03:20 AM PDT
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Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus CutThrough Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations. I am a local resident and cyclist, and I drive, walk, and bike in the area regularly.

Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street.

Some of the improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include:

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- Adding a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena.

Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena's current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would **improve** safety and cut-through traffic and follow the principles of Vision Zero. The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed traffic travel lanes. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe.

I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sherin Bennett

1558 Gordon Street, Los Angeles CA 90028 (formerly at 1741 N Kingsley Blvd, 90027)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Priyanka Sah <priyankasah@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Date: October 22, 2018 at 2:50:31 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake Los Angeles.

I live on Rowena Avenue with my family and I walk along Rowena with my daughter daily to school. I am also a patron at the local businesses along Rowena - and believe changing the current configuration on Rowena would jeopardize my safety and that of my young daughter. **I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.**

More broadly, Rowena Avenue would benefit from added safety measures e.g. another crosswalk across to Herkimer St (Ivanhoe School), increased lighting, and a number of other safety-related improvements. What we would NOT benefit from is the re-configuring of the current traffic lanes.

Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and the safety of my family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and the neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Many thanks.
Priyanka

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Morton <patricia.morton@ucr.edu>
Subject: Keep The Rowena Road Diet
Date: October 17, 2018 at 6:04:52 PM PDT
To: david.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org
Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus Cut- Through Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena.

I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations. We should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street.

Instead, a number of improvements could be made to surrounding streets, traffic lights and crosswalks.

If you pursue any changes to Rowena's current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Patricia Morton
4400 Brunswick Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andy May <andymay@yahoo.com>
Subject: Council File 11-2130-S4
Date: October 17, 2018 at 11:39:10 AM PDT
To: ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, board@silverlakenc.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com, angie.aramayo@lacity.org, nicholas.greif@lacity.org, barbara.romero@lacity.org

Dear Council members Ryu and O'Farrell,

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus CutThrough Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations. Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street. Some of the improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include: • Adding marked crosswalks and pedestrian-

controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena, where a large number of pedestrians already cross daily; • Adding more lighting where there continues to be poor visibility along Rowena – namely in front of and across the street from Edendale Grill and the Wolf Down restaurant where both valets and customers often cross and at the corner of W. Silver Lake and Rowena • Designating parts of Angus as a one way street with appropriate signage and barriers, which would effectively stop “cut-through” traffic without too much disruption for residents; • Adding a physical barrier at Waverly and Rokeby, which would reduce cut-through traffic traveling to/from Rowena; and, • Adding peak-hour turn restrictions onto Angus and Scotland at Griffith Park Blvd during rush hour. I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented: • Adding a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the light at W. Silver Lake and Rowena. This will give those crossing Rowena a safe head start before car traffic can enter the intersection. Adding a “No Right Turn on Red” sign between 7 am & 9 am and 2 pm & 4 pm would further make this intersection safer for the students at Ivanhoe and their parents; • Adding a traffic signal at Waverly and Glendale to create a safe crossing for students and parents at P.L.A.Y. preschool; • Adding a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena. Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena’s current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic. The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed traffic travel lanes. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe. I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and community. Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: michael macdonald <michael.s.macdonald@gmail.com>
Subject: Keep the Rowena Road Diet (CF # 11-2130-S4)
Date: October 19, 2018 at 3:07:07 PM PDT
To: david.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, CityClerk@lacity.org
Cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I write to express my request that the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue be maintained, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus Cut-Through Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that **I strongly oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations**, but specifically any which would increase speeding along this street and act in violation of Los Angeles' adopted Vision Zero Policy.

In April 2013, the City restriped Rowena to repurpose a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, reallocating them with a new center turn lane, a single travel lane in each direction, and new bike lanes in both directions.

As someone who travels on Rowena by car, by bike, and on foot; I have seen firsthand that the street operates better at all times of day in its current configuration from when it was 2 dangerous mixed-use travel lanes in each direction. The stretch of Rowena is far safer and smoother to drive on than the adjacent stretch of Glendale Blvd.

It is maddening that the City wasting public funds in considering making Rowena more dangerous by reversing a successful road diet that I have personally seen and experienced as effective to improve safety.

Some of the possible improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include:

- Add marked crosswalks and pedestrian-controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena, where a large number of pedestrians already cross daily;
- Add more lighting where there continues to be poor visibility along Rowena – namely in front of and across the street from Edendale Grill and the Wolf Down restaurant where both valets and customers often cross and at the corner of W. Silver Lake and Rowena
- Designate parts of Angus as a one way street with appropriate signage and barriers, which would effectively stop “cut-through” traffic without too much disruption for residents;
- Add a physical barrier at Waverly and Rokeby, which would reduce cut-through traffic traveling to/from Rowena; and,
- Add peak-hour turn restrictions onto Angus and Scotland at Griffith Park Blvd during rush hour.

I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented:

- Add a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the light at W. Silver Lake and Rowena. This will give those crossing Rowena a safe head start before car traffic can enter the intersection. Adding a “No Right Turn on Red” sign between 7 am & 9 am and 2 pm & 4 pm would further make this intersection safer for the students at Ivanhoe and their parents;
- Add a traffic signal at Waverly and Glendale to create a safe crossing for students and parents at P.L.A.Y. preschool;
- Add a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena.

Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena’s current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic in compliance with Los Angeles' Vision Zero Policy. The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed traffic travel lanes. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe.

I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and greater community.

Thank you,

Michael MacDonald
Glassell Park, 90065

Begin forwarded message:

From: Erica Culverhouse <eculverhouse@netflix.com>

Subject: Keep Our Streets Safe - Keep The Rowena Road Diet!

Date: October 18, 2018 at 1:08:37 PM PDT

To: david.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Cc: "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets. A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus Cut- Through Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations.

Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street.

Some of the improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include:

- Adding marked crosswalks and pedestrian-controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena, where a large number of pedestrians already cross daily;
- Adding more lighting where there continues to be poor visibility along Rowena – namely in front of and across the street from Edendale Grill and the Wolf Down restaurant where both valets and customers often cross and at the corner of W. Silver Lake and Rowena
- Designating parts of Angus as a one way street with appropriate signage and barriers, which would effectively stop “cut-through” traffic without too much disruption for residents;
- Adding a physical barrier at Waverly and Rokeby, which would reduce cut-through traffic traveling to/from Rowena; and,
- Adding peak-hour turn restrictions onto Angus and Scotland at Griffith Park Blvd during rush hour.

I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented:

- Adding a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the light at W. Silver Lake and Rowena. This will give those crossing Rowena a safe head start before car traffic can enter the intersection. Adding a “No Right Turn on Red” sign between 7 am & 9 am and 2 pm & 4 pm would further make this intersection safer for the students at Ivanhoe and their parents;
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- Adding a pedestrian-controlled signalized crosswalk mid-block on Rowena between W. Silver Lake and Lakewood, which would serve patrons of the restaurants and retail shops on Rowena.

Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena’s current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic. The study commissioned by Councilmember Ryu makes no assertion relating to cut-through traffic, and it also does not address the question of safety impacts along Rowena that will result by adding back mixed- traffic travel lanes. The current lane configuration has demonstrably improved safety; therefore, eliminating some or all of it would necessarily make our streets less safe.

I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and community.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Erica Culverhouse, [2860 Rowena Ave](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marc Caswell <marcacaswell@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4

Date: October 19, 2018 at 3:02:25 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, DOT Hollywood District <LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org>, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

As a resident of Silver Lake, father, and person who travels around Los Angeles in car, on transit, on foot and by bicycle -- I am dismayed and saddened by Councilmember Ryu's attempt to undermine and remove a safety project installed by his predecessor.

The FHWA and hundreds of other local agencies have demonstrated time and time again that reducing travel lanes to match AADT and adding bike lanes to create a safe, dedicated space for people on bikes is the safest, most prudent option. The Councilmember's use of his office funds to undermine and question the findings from LADOT is a bad use of public funds and disrespectful to the professional staff of the City of Los Angeles. It's time we stop playing politics with public safety and let LADOT do their jobs saving lives.

Lastly, a simple warning: Removing a proven safety measure for political means will place the City at a tremendous risk of liability. Consider the easy legal case any lawyer could make, explaining that a proven safety measure was removed for political reasons -- and now someone is injured. That would not be good stewardship of the taxpayer funds.

-Marc

Marc Caswell
415-418-0657 (cell)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jill Cordes <jillcordes@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File 11-2130-S4

Date: October 17, 2018 at 12:17:06 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, David Ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "+seleta.reynolds@lacity.org+" <seleta.reynolds@lacity.org>, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Reply-To: jillcordes@gmail.com

Please choose Option 1 from the Rowena Road Diet study. We do not want more cars and less parking on that busy street where lives have already been lost. Our kids walk to school on that street. It is not worth them getting hit by a car to accomodate drivers.

Thank you, Jill Cordes, Silver Lake Resident and Ivanhoe mom.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shanil Kaderali <skaderal@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Date: October 22, 2018 at 2:46:48 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Hello. I am a constituent and Silver Lake stakeholder who lives on Rowena Avenue. I strongly oppose any re configurations to Rowena that will serve to undo any portion of what has commonly been referred to as the "Rowena road diet."

As a father of a child who crosses Rowena daily to attend kindergarten at Ivanhoe, I know that such proposed changes would only serve to make my son, my family and my community less safe.

The stretch of Rowena in question is an entirely different experience today than it was 5 years ago when the reconfiguration was instituted, likely owing in part to the road-diet. Today it is home to many new multi-family developments (as we know, urban in-fill is critical to our housing crisis), local boutiques, restaurants,

coffee shops, yoga studios and more. It has become a quaint village like destination where we can meet with our friends and neighbors away from the hustle and bustle of Sunset Boulevard. It is where our children walk and cross streets to attend preschool and elementary school, where our middle and high schoolers ride their bikes more safely to school. Let's keep it that way.

Since the road diet was instituted in 2013, Rowena has become demonstrably safer, all while accommodating more cars today than it did pre-road diet. It is unfortunate that neighboring streets like Angus and Waverly have seen added traffic since the boom in popularity of traffic apps like Waze and Google Maps but this is entirely independent of the Rowena reconfiguration. Please remember, correlation does not equal causation.

Likewise, look at Silver Lake, Hyperion and Glendale Boulevards and the back-ups on those streets. As someone who commutes to and from Century City daily, I can assure you that our quaint stretch of Rowena isn't the reason that traffic apps re-route to neighborhood streets - it is instead the backups on those streets.

Making Rowena less safe will not make Angus or Waverly more safe. I implore you to look at the facts rather than well-intentioned but misguided opinions and instead institute recommendations that will keep and make our entire community safer. Consider adding crosswalks to Rowena and bulb outs that make such cross walks even more safe, add lighting and greenery to promote even more pedestrian and bike traffic. Likewise, implement recommendations, that independent of Rowena, will actually serve to make our neighbors on Angus and Waverly safer. But please, don't make Rowena less safe - it will not fix a thing for our neighbors - it will only make us less safe.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Shanil Kaderali

2924 Rowena Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Begin forwarded message:

From: Edwin Lewis <elewis23@gmail.com>

Subject: Keep Our Community Safe - Keep The Rowena Road Diet

Date: October 18, 2018 at 4:02:24 PM PDT

To: david.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

I want to keep the current lane configuration along Rowena Avenue, as well as implement a number of additional safety improvements to this and adjacent streets.

My children attend Ivanhoe Elementary and the change in lane creating additional traffic simply would be unsafe and we walk to and from school which is an incredible experience to share with them daily especially in the city of Los Angeles.

A recent Rowena/Waverly/Angus CutThrough Traffic Study, commissioned by Councilmember Ryu, suggests changes to Rowena, and I want to make it clear that I oppose any change to Rowena's current lane configurations.

Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street. Some of the improvements from the study that I would like to see implemented on Rowena and surrounding streets include:

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And designating parts of Angus as a one way street with appropriate signage and barriers, which would effectively stop "cut-through" traffic without too much disruption for residents;

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I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented.

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Adding a traffic signal at Waverly and Glendale to create a safe crossing for students and parents at P.L.A.Y. preschool.

Finally, should either of your offices pursue any changes to Rowena's current lane configurations, I expect you to demonstrate how this would improve safety and cut-through traffic.

I look forward to hearing about your support for the safety improvements along Waverly and Angus, and for keeping the life-saving lane configuration on Rowena. I will be staying updated on this issue and participating at every opportunity I can to ensure that your office understands and appreciates the importance I place on the safety of Rowena as it relates to my own well-being and the well-being of my family, friends, neighbors, and community.

Thank you.

Edwin Lewis
2535 Kenilworth Ave.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rogelio Pardo <rpardo617@gmail.com>

Subject: KEEP ROWENA SAFE

Date: October 18, 2018 at 5:02:05 PM PDT

To: david.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell,

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Several years ago, the City restriped Rowena to remove a mixed-traffic travel lane in each direction, replacing it with a single travel lane in each direction, a new middle turn lane, and new bike lanes in both directions. These improvements have reduced speeding and reduced injuries all while the number of motor vehicles traveling along Rowena increased. In other words, the improvements are working as intended. And we can do even more – but we should not revert any portion of Rowena to a less-safe configuration, which will endanger our children and people biking along this street.

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I additionally would like to see the following safety improvements implemented:

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Thank you.

Rogelio Pardo
1154 N. Virgil Avenue, #2
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vittoria Federico <vittoriafederico@gmail.com>

Subject: KEEP ROWENA SAFE

Date: October 18, 2018 at 12:01:18 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, David.Ryu@lacity.org, Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

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Thank you.

Best regards,
Vittoria Federico
Josh Drapiewski
Homeowners at [3201 Lowry Rd](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Campbell, Karin" <karincampbell@accellna.com>
Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4
Date: October 18, 2018 at 4:48:26 PM PDT
To: "Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org" <Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org>
Cc: "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "Paul.Koretz@lacity.org" <Paul.Koretz@lacity.org>, "David.Ryu@lacity.org" <David.Ryu@lacity.org>, "LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org" <LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org>, "Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org" <Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, "assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov" <assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov>

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Thank you.

Karin Campbell

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Betsy <e.medved@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4

Date: October 17, 2018 at 10:36:53 AM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, David.Ryu@lacity.org, Seleta.Reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org

Hi,

I am writing to express that the current configuration of Rowena is crucial to keeping me and my friends safe.

Rowena is a crucial connection for bikers and drivers, connecting NELA with Silverlake, Los Feliz and beyond. I use it both bike and drive to meetings at the SIJCC, go shopping at Trader Joe's, go to Still Yoga, when helping out with daycare for my friend's kid at the LA Family School, and to visit the Reservoir.

Both biking and driving, I am appreciative of the current design. Biking: it is much more manageable and safe to bike there with a bike lane. But even driving, I am grateful of the current design. It is a heavily walked street, with many kids, parents and other pedestrians along the way. It is stressful and scary to drive when pedestrians are trying to cross but I am in a 4-lane street and not sure if I should let them cross or if I am inviting them into trouble by stopping, and thus putting their lives in another lane driver's hands.

Keep Rowena as is and please continue the project of making LA's streets safer for everyone, bikers, pedestrians and drivers.

Thanks
Betsy

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Betsy Medvedovsky is
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Eoghan O'Donnell" <eoghan.odonnell@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Date: October 22, 2018 at 7:07:05 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear Council Members,

I'd like to express my concerns regarding proposed changes that are currently under review for Rowena Avenue in Silver Lake.

I live on Rowena Avenue and I walk along Rowena daily, I am also a patron at our local businesses along Rowena - changing the current configuration on Rowena would jeopardize my safety and that of the neighborhood children. I am a stakeholder in this discussion and my family will be significantly impacted by your ultimate decision.

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Thank you for your time.

Best,
Eoghan O'Donnell

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From: Rowena Avenue <rowenaboard@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Date: October 22, 2018 at 2:43:47 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

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Moving forward with ANY changes that would modify the current Rowena road configuration would indicate that you are willing to trade on my safety and that of my family. Please do not be swayed by a select few who are largely out of step with the vast majority of community members and neighbors in Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Nora Goudsmit

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert deF <rdeferrante@gmail.com>
Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4
Date: October 18, 2018 at 7:39:17 PM PDT
To: "Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org" <Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org>
Cc: "assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov" <assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "ladot.hollywooddistrict@lacity.org" <ladot.hollywooddistrict@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "seleta.reynolds@lacity.org" <seleta.reynolds@lacity.org>

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Best regards,
Robert deFerrante
5721 Lasaine Ave
Encino, CA 91316

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"To see what God thinks of money, just look at all the people he gave it to."

-- Dorothy Parker

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sylvie Simhon <sylviesimhon@gmail.com>

Subject: Council File: 11-2130-S4 -- Unsafe Rowena Reconfiguration

Date: October 22, 2018 at 4:20:04 PM PDT

To: Clerk-ENSLA@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, seleta.reynolds@lacity.org, LADOT.HollywoodDistrict@lacity.org, keeprowenasafe@gmail.com

Dear council members:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed changes for Rowena Avenue. My husband and I live and work on Rowena, and the proposed changes would affect our daily lives.

My husband has a private nutrition practice and he relies on the street parking for his clients. I work at Camelot Kids preschool, and I worry that the kids' safety will be jeopardized as they walk to and from school.

I urge you to please take our voices (the people who actually live on Rowena) into account when you make your decision.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community,

-Sylvie Simhon

Sent from my iPhone. Beware of typos.

2 attachments

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**MOTION to modify Councilman David Ryu's Motion Regarding
LADOT Investigation of Rowena Ave (Council File: 11-2130-S4)**

WHEREAS, Councilman Ryu wrote in his October 22, 2018, letter to Councilmember Bonin, which was posted in Council File 11-2130-S4 for the perusal of the council that any Los Angeles Department of Transportation analysis of Kimley Horn's Report, "place the safety of Silver Lake residents first and foremost." [See ATTACHMENT -1(b).]

I THEREFORE MOVE that the instant motion the subject of the same Council File be modified, to wit, to alter paragraph (5) to add the word "safety," as follows:

"I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation report to Council within 90 days on the **safety impacts and** feasibility of implementing the potential mitigations presented in Kimley-Horn's May, 2018, report entitled, 'Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study'." (Note addition of phrase "safety impacts.")

PRESENTED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

Councilmember Mike Bonin
Chair, Transportation Committee
200 North Spring Street, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 11-2130-S4

Dear Councilmember Bonin,

The Silver Lake neighborhood in Council District 4 is a beloved east-side community that is utilized by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians sharing major and local streets that connect the neighborhood to the rest of Los Angeles and beyond.

In 2013, following the tragic death of a young woman who was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross Rowena Avenue, a former four-lane portion of the road was reconfigured into two-lanes (one traffic lane in each direction) with a middle turning lane and dedicated bike lanes on both sides of the street, adjacent to on-street parking. Since the reconfiguration, concerns have been raised about cut-through traffic, north and south of Rowena Avenue, particularly on Waverly Drive and Angus Street, and the increased potential for collisions with cyclists and pedestrians, including children walking to school, parents with strollers, and joggers.

As a result, Council District 4 commissioned a study to examine existing conditions in the area, specifically along Waverly Drive and Angus Street. Multiple stakeholder meetings were conducted, the project's engineering consultants analyzed existing traffic conditions in the project area, and potential strategies were then presented to help alleviate the safety issues observed.

It is now necessary for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to evaluate the potential mitigations outlined in the report and present recommendations to the City Council that would help ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

ATTACHMENT - 1(a)



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

It is my goal, as it is the Department of Transportation's, to ensure that the analysis of Kimley Horn's report be objective, data driven, and that any and all recommendations and/or improvements place the safety of Silver Lake residents first and foremost.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this item and please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four

ATTACHMENT - 1(b)

11-2130-S4

TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

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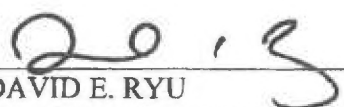
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6 I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, as necessary, report to Council with cost estimates for each of the potential improvements presented in Kimley-Horn's May, 2018 report.


PRESENTED BY:


DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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ATTACHMENT - 2

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October 23, 2018

Chair Bonin and Members of the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Via email: john.white@lacity.org

Re: CF# 11-2130-SE – Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street / CD4 / Cut-Through Traffic Mitigation

Dear Chair Bonin and Committee Members:

To build a healthier, more livable, and more connected city, Los Angeles Walks trains and mobilizes residents to advocate for safe, comfortable walking environments in neighborhoods across Los Angeles.

With that, we write today to amplify the voices of the many residents and stakeholders who recently submitted comments to the committee in support of the existing lane configuration on Rowena Avenue, and in support of pedestrian enhancements that would not only deter cut-through traffic on parallel routes but would – more importantly – increase the safety and comfort of people walking in the neighborhood.

We appreciate Councilmember Ryu's efforts to seriously address residents' concerns regarding cut-through traffic on Waverly Drive and Angus Street through a professional traffic study. We also appreciate the councilmember's interest in collecting community input on street safety and design interventions that make our neighborhoods safe for people of all ages, abilities, and travel modes.

The CD4-commissioned traffic study and ensuing community response to the report make it quite clear: residents are primarily concerned with pedestrian safety. The study outlines various design interventions that would improve the safety of people walking *and* reduce cut-through traffic on residential streets. We join residents in calling for the following improvements, as recommended in the study:

- Adding marked crosswalks and pedestrian-controlled signals at Avenal and Rowena and/or Herkimer and Rowena, where a large number of pedestrians already cross daily;



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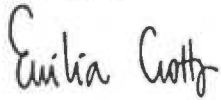
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The study also outlines unsubstantiated designs for Rowena Avenue that would actually decrease pedestrian safety and likely have little to no effect on cut-through traffic. **We join residents in requesting that – should any changes be made to the current evidence-based, life-saving lane configuration of Rowena Avenue – the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 4 must clearly demonstrate how these changes would increase the safety of people walking, biking, and driving on Rowena.**

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation has unapologetically committed to prioritizing health and safety within our transportation system. **Five years after installation, three independent studies confirm that the current Rowena roadway design has improved safety where it was implemented on the corridor.** Rowena Avenue works the way the current design was intended to work – it makes the street safer.

Many solutions exist to deter cut-through traffic, no matter the cause. We look forward to the department and Council office pursuing those solutions, and trust that the safety impacts of each recommendation will be the City’s primary consideration.

Sincerely,



Emilia Crotty, Executive Director

Cc:

General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Department of Transportation

Councilmember Mike Bonin, Committee Chair

Councilmember Paul Koretz

Councilmember Nury Martinez

Councilmember David Ryu

