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Fwd: Keep the Rowena Road Diet (CF # 11-2130-S4)

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Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 3:59 PM

Carol,

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From: **michael macdonald** <michael.s.macdonald@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 3:07 PM

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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
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