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Item 17-0728

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TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**RE: Item 17-0728**

I want to thank Councilmember Cedillo for submitting Item 17-0728, a motion to develop an updated Traffic Plan for Dodger Stadium. It has become critical that an updated Traffic Plan be adopted to conform with current traffic.

The traffic flow to, and from, Dodger Stadium must be directed to remain on the freeway or onto streets that are designated for such traffic and away from residential streets. This problem has been exacerbated by online traffic applications such as Waze and Google Maps.

I grew up in the Solano Canyon community and have been here for over 25 years. I've seen all the changes taking place, especially with the unwanted increase in traffic stemming from Dodger Stadium. Dodger attendees have been speeding up our narrow street (onto Casanova St from Broadway) and given us headaches throughout the neighborhood. Our narrow, tiny street is not designed to be an express lane for Dodger traffic, which has brought these numerous issues to our neighborhood:

1. Last September, my dad's car was hit by an ice cream truck (heading south towards Broadway) when the driver panicked after seeing over 10+ Dodger cars coming up Casanova (heading north to Park Row Dr or around the bend to Solano Ave). The ice cream truck driver had no room to yield on Casanova St since cars were parked on both sides of Casanova St and ultimately ended up clipping my dad's car in her attempt to yield to the Dodger traffic.
2. Our neighbors have complained about Dodger traffic coming up our street (in waves of 10+ cars) while we are in the midst of parallel parking. The Dodger traffic makes this already stressful task even more stressful and difficult to do when you see 10+ cars trying to impatiently pass you and your half-parked car.
3. The Dodger traffic poses a hazard to the children and elderly folks attempting to cross Casanova St towards the park entrance. These cars come up our street with unsafe speeds and show absolutely no respect for the neighborhood.
4. On popular game nights or special events, we see Dodger attendees park their giant SUVs along our residential street. This obstructs the pathway even more and puts our cars at greater risk of being sideswiped by other cars due to the already too-narrow street.
5. Casanova St technically only has three "lanes" – two for residential parking on both sides of the street and one for local traffic to go up and down. As discussed above, it's impossible for southbound and northbound cars to yield when there are cars parked on both sides of the street.

I want to thank the Transportation Committee and ask that you immediately take up this issue. I look forward to a speedy and thoughtful resolution to the problem.

Thanks,

JENNY HUYNH

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P.S. Huge thank you to Hugo for fighting for the Solano Canyon community! Our neighborhood appreciate all your efforts.