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

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Hello,

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 have definitely been impacted by the Dodger traffic on several occasions. Trying to get to Casanova and Solano after work has been a struggle as many Dodger-goers are also turning onto the same street. The reason being that Casanova is an extremely narrow and steep street. Cars on this street are required to drive at a slower pace and yield for oncoming traffic as it can only fit one car at a time. With that being said, it becomes very dangerous for outsiders to enter the unfamiliar street as they are rushing to a Dodger Game. Keep in mind that while one car turns onto the street many follow causing a line of traffic as local residents who are also trying to enter the street for parking. My parked car alone has been hit four times by cars that speed through the street or attempt to make three-point turns on the tiny driveways along the street. A perfect example would be an accident I witnessed when incoming cars pressured an ice cream truck to get through, which caused it to hit one of the parked cars on the street. Furthermore, there is only one sidewalk on this street, which makes it difficult for us to get into and out of our cars.

It has always been a confusion to me as to why there are "local traffic only" signs up and traffic officers present, yet the traffic is not directed away from the residential streets. In fact, the officers are directing the Dodger-goers onto Solano Avenue, which completely defeats the purpose of both the signs and the officers. This has become an issue as there are many frustrated fans who enter the local street and behave unacceptably. On the few nightly strolls I have gone on, I witnessed these fans badgering local residents to use their bathrooms and when rejected, they used a nearby portable potty that they happen to see on the street designated for construction workers only. I have even heard stories of these fans going to the point of breaking and entering houses just to use the bathroom. Additionally, I have seen these frustrated fans throw their garbage out the windows onto the street while waiting in line to enter onto Amador street.

I would be more understanding if Solano and Casanova were the only streets accessible to Dodger Stadium. However, that is not the case. There are other ways to access the Stadium that are specifically designated for that purpose. In fact, I have heard from other Dodger-goers that the routes and entrances designated for the stadium access are more efficient than entering on Solano and Casanova anyway. Therefore, I feel strongly about the street closure for Casanova and Solano as it would increase safety concerns, cleanliness of the neighborhood, courtesy to the local residents, and efficient traffic flow.

I want to thank the Transportation Committee in advance for consideration of this issue. I look forward to a quick and thoughtful resolution to the matter.

All my best and many thanks,

Sidney Vu from Casanova Street