

LARA WEISIGER

From: Gayle Thomas <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Gayle Thomas.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Since my daughter was nearly hit by a car while on a bike at 4th and Central only LAST WEEK, I really would appreciate a stance of safety taken for our next generation. We often only do something after a horrible event occurs. Let's do something before our next young (or older) Alamedan get hit in this area!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Gayle Thomas

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3rd & Haight

LARA WEISIGER

From: Deni Adaniya <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:34 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Deni Adaniya.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

I also want to point out how disappointed I am by the WABA stated opposition to this plan.

More people of all ages biking (or walking) is a fantastic boost to neighborhood retail because people, not cars, create vibrancy. And a vibrant Webster Street will only attract more pedestrians and shoppers!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Deni Adaniya

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High Street

LARA WEISIGER

From: Carol Gottstein <cgfflask@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:18 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Cc: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog
Subject: RE: 2/24/2016 Council Agenda Item 6-A: Making Central Avenue "Safer"

Dear City Clerk: Please include this email in the Comments for Agenda Item 6-A. Thank you.

The Alameda Community of Persons with Mobility Disabilities will never be able to send you as many letters as BikeWalkAlameda. But we will be heard!

The following Letter to the Editor was published in the 2/17/2016 online Alameda Sun

Make Central truly safer for all Wed, Feb 17

Editor:

The Complete Streets projects, done on Shore Line Drive and pending on Central Avenue, and funded by Measure BB tax dollars, have been passionately touted by proponents as "safer streets for all." But they are not safer for those drivers and passengers who need to use mobility aids once they exit their cars.

Everyone is familiar with the blue paint marking a parking space as ADA Accessible. But it isn't paint that makes a parking space accessible. It's the width. Wherever a parking space is or could be 8 foot wide, it is an accessible space. Narrow that width to 7 feet, and the space is no longer accessible. Before becoming a Complete Street, all of the Shoreline on-street parking was, and almost all of the current Central Ave parking is accessible to disabled users, whether it has blue paint or not.

Now that the entire on-street parking strip along Shoreline has been narrowed to 7 feet, none of the on-street parking is accessible. The same change from 8 to 7 feet wide is proposed for long stretches of the proposed Central Ave project. The future plans for streets at Alameda Point also show 7 foot wide on-street parking.

A recent [2014] Ninth Circuit court decision, *Fortyune v City of Lomita*, clearly gave direction that, even in the absence of standards, cities must provide on-street disabled parking.

<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2014/09/05/12-56280.pdf>

Although City of Lomita further appealed to the US Supreme Court, its Petition for Certiorari was denied in 2015:

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docketfiles/14-920.htm>

“Complete Street” designs must not exclude a significant segment of the population. Disabled drivers and passengers must have access to parking spaces which are wide enough to allow exit from a vehicle with deployment of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, et al. that permit them to safely function as pedestrians.

These accessible spaces cannot be sequestered at one end of a street and then be alleged to provide reasonable access to all facilities along the street. Certainly a city cannot be allowed to redesign a street, which had such wide-ranging accessibility before, to a new design which both eliminates this accessibility and forecloses any future possibility of accessible spaces when federal or state standards are eventually developed. Complete Streets must be safe for all users.

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/general-news/20141004/lomita-appeals-disabled...>

Carol Gottstein

LARA WEISIGER

From: Drew Mason <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 12:21 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Drew Mason.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

As an Alameda resident, cyclist, and driver living on Central Ave, I support the Central Ave bike lane improvement.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Drew Mason

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Central Ave & Chestnut Ave

LARA WEISIGER

From: Stephanie Cheng <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:37 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Stephanie Cheng.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Cheng

stephanie.s.cheng@gmail.com

Fernside

LARA WEISIGER

From: Michelle Labrador <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 8:59 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Michelle Labrador.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Michelle Labrador

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Fernside/Central

LARA WEISIGER

From: Iris Ann Fraser <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:37 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Iris Ann Fraser.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Safety on Alameda streets for bikers (I have two elementary school grand-children), walkers (my recreation) and cars is very much an important issue. Please support this Central Avenue accessibility plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Iris Ann Fraser

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Union Avenue

LARA WEISIGER

From: Andrew Gumperz <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 11:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Andrew Gumperz.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Please help make Alameda a safer place for bicyclists and pedestrians!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gumperz

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Central and 5th

LARA WEISIGER

From: Loel SOlomon <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 11:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Loel SOlomon.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

My family would appreciate you making Central Ave safer to walk and bike. Please approve these improvements! Thanks - Loel Solomon (father of 2).

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Loel SOlomon

loel.solomon@kp.org

Union and Central

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jon Spangler <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 10:04 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Jon Spangler.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

As driver, a transit user, and a year-round cyclist in Alameda since 1997 as well as a bike safety instructor, I heartily recommend this plan to the City Council:

1. I often see drivers speeding at above 30 MPH: this plan will slow traffic.
2. Pedestrian crosswalks are both too far apart and not well marked.
3. Students are at risk walking and cycling to Franklin, Maya Lin, Paden, and Encinal.
4. Cyclists have a right to be safe on the roadways: this plan makes that clear.
5. As a homeowner at 1037 San Antonio Avenue (between St. Charles and Caroline) from 1997 to 2009, I walked, drove, and bicycled on and across Central Avenue daily and saw the need for this project almost every time I was on Central.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jon Spangler

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Willow/Encinal

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jason Freeman <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Jason Freeman.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Please safe biking for me and my children. Help us bike instead of drive.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jason Freeman

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Buena Vista & Lafayette

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jasmine Stitt <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Jasmine Stitt.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

There is currently no bike lane that goes across the entire island. Connecting Park St and Webster with a continuous bike lane will make biking much more pleasant and easier to get around town. This project will also contribute to Alameda's small town feel.

I can see no down sides to this project if car travel times are the same.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Stitt

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Jasmine.stitt8@gmail.com

Otis and Grand

LARA WEISIGER

From: Tim Wear <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:48 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Tim Wear.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

As a homeowner and bike rider living on Fair Oaks Avenue I fully support the Central Avenue concept plan. The traffic speed on Central is so abused that I sometimes fear crossing at St. Charles. In addition, one has to almost pull out into traffic due to cars parked at the corners to cross. We need safer streets and this plan addresses those issues.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tim Wear

timwear55@gmail.com

Fair Oaks at St. Charles

LARA WEISIGER

From: David Harding <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:22 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from David Harding.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

I find the current 4 lane pattern nerve wracking in a car, let alone biking. The suggested changes are reasonable for auto traffic, and a vast improvement for non-auto user safety. Thanks!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

David Harding

Dharding@me.com

High/Garfield

LARA WEISIGER

From: Erik Purins <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:07 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Erik Purins.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

As someone who does not own a car, I rely on protected and unprotected bike lanes to get to work, go shopping, and enjoy the Alameda community. Our children (ages 11, 9, and 6) get to school and go with us via bike daily. Voting YES on Central ensures that riders feel safe, and that the city's driving community recognizes that Central is a bike artery.

Although I would more strongly prefer a protected bike cycle track (ala Shoreline drive) along the entire route, voting YES on Central is a reasonable compromise for a minimum cost.

Thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Erik Purins

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Calhoun and Versailles Ave.

LARA WEISIGER

From: John Corbally PhD. <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from John Corbally PhD..

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Dear Mayor et al,

I wish without reservation for Central Avenue to be approved for cyclists access. It healthy, its good for kids, it sends a message to other cities and its good for the environment. Please approve!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John Corbally PhD.

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6th/Lincoln

LARA WEISIGER

From: Kerstin Svendsen <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Kerstin Svendsen.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kerstin Svendsen

kshooshy@yahoo.com

Willow and Eagle

LARA WEISIGER

From: Kate McCaffrey <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:50 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
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Please accept the following message from Kate McCaffrey.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kate McCaffrey

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Oak Street

LARA WEISIGER

From: David Marks <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:40 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from David Marks.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Please support this safer, forward-thinking plan to improve Central Ave and continue to keep Alameda as a safe place for pedestrians and bicyclists!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

David Marks

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Clinton / Grand

LARA WEISIGER

From: Loretta Chohey <info@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@bikewalkalameda.org
Subject: Please support a safer and more accessible Central Avenue

Please accept the following message from Loretta Chohey.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want safe and accessible streets for people who walk and bike in my community. Please vote YES on the Central Avenue concept plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Loretta Chohey

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High and Encinal