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My apologies, my first email did not include all intended recipients:

Hi Daniel,

My name is Jeni Roberts, and I am a lifelong resident of this community, currently living with my family at [REDACTED] Bonita Avenue. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to convert our block of Bonita Avenue into a one-way street with diagonal parking. While I understand the need for additional Civic Center parking, this change poses serious safety risks for residents, schoolchildren, and commuters.

1. Increased Safety Concerns for My Family and Neighbors

As a parent, I am deeply concerned for the safety of my children and others who walk to school daily. The Vista/Bonita crosswalk is already unsafe, with drivers frequently running stop signs in their rush to drop off and pick up students. A one-way street could increase driver frustration, leading to even more speeding and less attention to crosswalks and pedestrians. My children and I have already experienced near misses, and I fear that this change will only make matters worse.

2. Limited Driveway Access and Increased Risk of Collisions

I already struggle to safely exit my driveway due to:

- Speeding cars on Bonita.
- Drivers parking too close to my driveway, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic.
- Illegal parking that blocks my driveway during school drop-offs and pick-ups.

If Bonita becomes one-way, I will have only one direction to exit my driveway, making it even harder to navigate. I am deeply concerned that backed-up traffic will prevent me from leaving my home altogether, or worse, that I may be at increased risk of an accident due to rushed, impatient drivers.

3. Negative Impact on Resident Parking

Bonita Avenue is a residential street, not just a parking lot for the Civic Center. My family, my neighbors, and our guests rely on street parking in front of our homes. The proposed diagonal parking may take away our residential parking spaces, prioritizing city employees and visitors

over the people who actually live here.

To protect resident parking, I urge the city to implement 24-hour residential parking permits for Bonita Avenue residents, ensuring that residents are not displaced by these proposed changes. Other neighborhoods enjoy accessible residential parking, and Bonita residents deserve the same consideration.

4. The Proposal Prioritizes City Employees Over Residents

This proposal benefits city employees and Civic Center visitors at the expense of the families, children, and long-term residents who live on Bonita Avenue. Our streets should prioritize safety and livability for residents first.

Conclusion: Prioritize Safety Over Parking Expansion

I urge the city to reconsider this proposal, as the safety risks far outweigh the benefits of adding more parking spaces. Instead of making Bonita one-way, I encourage the city to explore alternative solutions that do not compromise resident safety, driveway access, and parking availability.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I hope that the city prioritizes the safety and well-being of Bonita Avenue residents over parking expansion for Civic Center employees.

Sincerely,

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