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Dear Mayor Garcia and Member^s of the City Council,

On behalf of the students of McBride High School, Mrs. Castillo-Roberts' class would like to submit the following proposal to improve pedestrian crossing safety and decrease the likelihood of traffic collisions at the intersections of Los Coyotes Diagonal and Carson Street, Los Coyotes Diagonal and Parkcrest Street, and Parkcrest Street and Stevely Avenue. This proposal also aims to relieve the heavy traffic at school dismissal hours.

Earlier this school year, one of our fellow classmates was killed in a fatal motorcycle accident near these intersections. While only this accident resulted in death, there are frequent accidents at these intersections that result in student injuries. Cars will start to advance before their green light turns on, hitting students still crossing the street. These accidents are typically not reported because they leave only scratches and bruises. However, with the recent fatality, our class is more concerned than ever to make an improvement in the safety of our classmates and community.

Our proposal to improve school community safety and traffic involves the following:

- Paint wider yellow lines for the crosswalks at the aforementioned intersections to allow more space between vehicles and pedestrians, and add reflectors to increase visibility of the crosswalk
- Install pedestrian crossing lights that include both visual and audio timers to warn pedestrians and cyclists about how much time is left to safely cross
- Consider adjusting the timing on the traffic lights at these intersections around school entry and dismissal hours to allow for approximately 10- 12 vehicles to cross per green light, (now 5-6)
- Paint a red line and "no parking" signs on the sidewalks around the elliptical median in front of the school's west entrance
- Have no parking from the driveway to Parkcrest to allow a bigger section of two lanes.
- Add street signs reminding both drivers and pedestrians not to use cellular/mobile devices

We have used the city's Project Zero site in the past to suggest these improvements, but we are grateful for your direct outreach to us and would like to deliver these suggestions to you directly as well. We appreciate your continuous efforts to improving the city, and hope that this proposal is reviewed favorably in order to prevent future accidents, both fatal and non-fatal, at the school. We hope to hear back from you before the end of the school year so that we can run a fundraising campaign if needed. Respectfully,

The students of Mrs. Castillo-Roberts' Period 5 Spanish Class
On behalf of the students and community of McBride High School