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Attention to Combat Traffic Safety Issues

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ADDRESSED TO:

Santa Clara University Operations and other Santa Clara University Leadership



Resolution Urging Attention to Combat Traffic Safety Issues

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The Student Senate,

RECOGNIZING that traffic safety is a huge part of student safety at Santa Clara University that is often overlooked. Students who live both off-campus and on-campus are faced with dangerous situations multiple times a day just trying to get to class due to insufficient traffic control devices in the immediate area —

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that several incidents have occurred that indicate a strong need for action on this pressing issue. The intersections at Benton and Alviso and at Market and Alviso have become specifically alarming for SCU students as well as the surrounding community. There have been at least two incidents at each of these intersections in the last two years. Students have been struck by moving vehicles at dangerous speeds and faced both physical and emotional trauma as a result —

BEARING IN MIND that specific areas of concern have been voiced by students, faculty, neighbors (including the Old Quad Residents Association), SCFD, other members of the University Area Task Force, and other members of the community. These areas of concern have been prioritized in the following order:

- Alviso and Benton
- The Alameda and Market
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Alviso and Benton, as our first priority, is an intersection without traffic lights, traffic control devices, sufficient lighting, or even a marked crosswalk, but all aforementioned areas lack at least one of these critical safety features. The safety and well-being of all is an issue that unites all of these parties within our community, especially when it comes to something that can so easily be prevented —

ACKNOWLEDGING that traffic safety solutions can be costly endeavors that cannot be tackled by the city alone, and will require the support of Santa Clara University

leadership. *Our hope is that the university and city can come together to work towards a reasonable and effective solution.* All members of our community will benefit from the installation of traffic safety devices, but it will specifically have a positive impact on students and make this area a safer place for them to live and learn.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, as the Associated Student Government of Santa Clara University, invite relevant administrative stakeholders to collaborate with the Santa Clara University community, our neighbors, and the City of Santa Clara to increase awareness of the issue and push for a timely solution.

These solutions may include, but not limited to:

- New or repainted crosswalks;
- Additional street lighting;
- Any other devices that may increase visibility in the areas of concern as recommended by the City of Santa Clara Traffic Engineers.

We ask that you strive to take necessary steps to combat the issue as deemed fit by major stakeholders and that there is a commitment to continued collaboration and communication with our community.

So signed by the following individuals, representative of the collective approval of the Associated Student Government of Santa Clara University,



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