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## Capitola Intersection Redesign

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**To** City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Dear City Council Leadership Team,

I would like to add my comments ahead of this Thursday's meeting to discuss the Capitola intersection redesign. I have had an office in The Crossroads Building, on this corner for over 10 years. My office is a corner office on the second floor overlooking the intersection that you will be discussing. I have had a special interest in this topic over the years as a witness to every type of traffic event possible at this very intersection. I have seen police chases; flagrant moving vehicle violations; crashes; screaming fights; running of the stops signs, etc., on a daily basis. Myself and others here have almost been hit too many times to count. It is a treacherous journey to the Nob Hill salad bar and back. We also have another unfortunate connection to what goes on at this intersection as we were quite familiar with the grandmother of a pediatric client that we serve, who lost her life in a vehicular incident a few years ago as well. From my personal experience and observation, I can tell you that the most frequently occurring error is that drivers are unsure when it's their turn to go, and there is no uniformity or sequence when cars decide to cross the intersection. Besides drivers that do not adhere to the basic rules of waiting for someone to finish crossing, there is no structure in place to regulate this "traffic". I have often wondered why in the world a traffic light has not been erected, or even if it has ever been seriously considered. The recent redesign is a total fail causing more congestion, uncertainty and danger. Again, I wondered how that was ever thought to be a solution.

I am not available in person on Thursday, but I just wanted to give you the perspective of someone without traffic engineering expertise, but a birdseye view of the goings on at this particular intersection for quite some time.

Thanks very much and good luck for the sake of us all,  
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