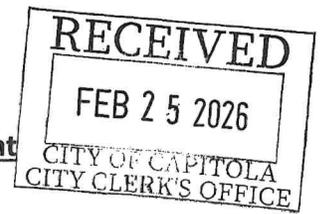


**City Council Meeting 2/26/26, Public Comment - Item 8B - No Turn on Red Light**



Dear Council Members and Jessica Kahn, Public Works Director,

Thank you for the explanation for the No Turn on Red at Clares and 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. We live in the neighborhood and use this intersection frequently to access Highway 1. The no turn on red makes sense given the collision issues; however, it is a problem intersection as a result of the vehicles turning left onto 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. from Clares from the mall side. This is a problem in the afternoons between 1pm and 6pm. When the light turns yellow, the vehicles continue to turn left into the intersection 41<sup>st</sup> Ave knowing the intersection will be blocked when the light at 41<sup>st</sup> Ave turns green causing gridlock. Frequently vehicles run the red light. When the Clares light is finally green, those waiting to turn right from Clares, are stuck for 2-4 light cycles. I have never seen any traffic citations given for running the red right at Clares or blocking the intersection. The right lane on 41<sup>st</sup> is the busiest lane and when the right turn is blocked one can try going into the straight-ahead lane to access the middle lane on 41<sup>st</sup> and then cut into the right lane further along. Then we wait for 2 or 3 light cycles to get past Gross Road (Pizza My Heart) to access the Highway 1 SB on ramp. Alternatively to avoid this gridlock frustration, we use Clares to Wharf Road to Porter for SB Highway 1 or Bay Avenue, which is very busy with drivers picking up their kids at the Soquel Capitola school. Alternatively, although longer, we drive to Capitola Road and 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Please do something about the gridlock at Clares. Many of the same drivers use this intersection daily so if they see other drivers ticketed, it should help reduce the gridlock. Please let us know what can be done.

Sincerely,

Paula Bradley

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.