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Dear Coachella City Mayor Steven Hernandez

My name is Frida Arriaga. I am a 5th grade student at Coral Mountain Academy and I was just elected as ASB Vice President last month.

I am writing this letter because we need some help at our school. We are in big need of a traffic light on Van Buren St. between Ave 51 and 52. We are almost 1000 students enrolled and traffic is very heavy when school starts at 8:00 a.m. and when school ends at 2:45 p.m. Part of the problem is because there is only one exit to get out of our school on Van Buren and even though most cars need to make a left turn to go to La Morada, Prado, Valencia, Rancho Mariposa, Placitas de La Paz, Aventine, Fiesta Homes etc, they can not make a left turn. All cars must make a right turn regardless of where they are going making a traffic jam that affects the environment and most important the safety of students.

Most parents have to wait an average of 30-40 min to pick up their kids because the lines do not move fast. All that time WE STUDENTS have to wait for our parents sometimes with high temperatures (June, August and September) when the wind blows dusty hot air carrying bacteria that we have to breath making us feel sick. Furthermore, some of us have activities like gymnastics, karate or soccer practice plus homework we have to do every day. Having a traffic light will save us valuable time so our parents do not have to be always running late.

I have seen other schools in Indio and La Quinta having almost the same problem, however, they were able to put a traffic light to make life easier for their students and parents. On behalf of our School Coral Mountain Academy, I would like to humbly and respectfully ask you, as our great Hispanic leader of our Community along with the city council members to please help us out with this problem that has been going on for 10 years.

I attached almost 800 signatures to this petition from parents, teachers, the principal of our school and even Richard Razo CVTA President. Please, make our dream of having a traffic light come true.

Thank you very much!

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