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To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Letter submitted for April 18, 2023 Los Gatos Town Council meeting

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Los Gatos Town Clerk,

Please distribute the following letter regarding the Shannon Road project for the April 18, 2023 town council meeting.

Thanks much for your help!

Regards,
Ryan Rosenberg

Dear Los Gatos Town Council Members,

I'd like to comment on the Shannon Road project.

I actually see a great deal of alignment here. The block currently has no sidewalk, no bike lane, and no speed bumps. By the time this project is over all these will be added - with the support of most of the residents. The block will certainly be safer, especially for students.

However, from what I've seen, the residents of this street, and of the surrounding blocks, are unified that the proposed implementation is undesirable.

The disagreement is with specific elements of the design. Much greenery will be torn out to be replaced by concrete and painted asphalt. This concerns me, concerns other residents, and should concern all the citizens of Los Gatos.

Los Gatos cares about our greenery. The recent "Spring Into Green" event celebrated Keep Los Gatos Beautiful Month, environmental sustainability, and Earth Day. A tree planting ceremony was held to honor Arbor Day and the Los Gatos 42nd Tree City USA award. Yet here on Shannon we are about to remove extensive trees and greenery.

The current proposal would cause a single block of Shannon to be significantly different than every other street and block around it. Why? No student commutes just in the project area and parents will consider the entire route. For example, Middle school students who come down Shannon immediately cross over to Roberts Road which is much busier during school hours and has no bike lanes at all.

The residents (and I) would like to see the project move forward but with increased efforts to minimize the impact on the street and the town. Removing some parking is fine (with me), but please limit the size of the sidewalks and bike lanes, and make the block more like the other neighborhood streets in town. Minimize or eliminate buffers. Maybe even consider a single sidewalk?

Thank you for your consideration, and each of you have my appreciation for your dedicated service to this town.

Regards,
Ryan Rosenberg