

1 CITY OF WESTLAKE

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE TO  
4 DESIGNATE AS A "VISION ZERO CITY", ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF NO  
5 SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE'S BOUNDARIES;  
6 PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF VISION ZERO AS CITY POLICY for all  
7 ROADWAYS TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITHIN  
8 THE CITY OF WESTLAKE'S BOUNDARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state for people walking,  
12 consistent ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America, with  
13 the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area consistently ranking as one of  
14 the worst metropolitan areas in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, 176 people in Palm Beach County and 3,189 people statewide die  
16 annually on roadways;

17 WHEREAS, Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to  
18 move safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers share the  
19 responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel; and

20 WHEREAS, death and serious injuries are not acceptable for citizens, commuters,  
21 guests, or others who live, work, or play in the City of Westlake (City); and

22 WHEREAS, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities  
23 as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe  
24 system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; data-driven decision making; and  
25 viewing road safety as a social equity issue; and

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27 WHEREAS, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes both travel delay and  
28 drains fiscal resources of the city, creating a threat to the success of the residential  
29 population and employment base, quality of life, and the reputation of the City to be a  
30 desirable destination for future generations; and

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Westlake City Council that:

32 Section 1. The City Commission hereby establishes the elimination of traffic fatality  
33 and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents as a goal of the City of Westlake.

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35 Section 2. The City Commission hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road  
36 and traffic safety in the City of Westlake and directs near and long- term traffic planning to  
37 be based on Vision Zero principles.  
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