

City of Merced

RQ#: 24-48

Citizen Action Request Form: Traffic Committee

Contact Person: Salina Nevarez Day Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Today's Date: 10/8/24

Location of Concern (map attachments and photographs are encouraged):

Intersection of Olive Ave and Austin St.

Describe Concerns At This Location:

I've been a resident at this location for 3 years as a renter. I'm seriously concerned about the sheer number of traffic collisions that occur at this intersections due to drivers running the red light. Within the past 30 days, I've witnessed 3 major car collisions from drivers running the red light. Just today I saw a car accident where a child was hurt. Last week, two pedestrians were almost struck from a car in the crosswalk. It has been very traumatic for myself, my family, and my neighbors in the apartment complex to continuously witness these deadly collisions.

In my rental tenure, I've noticed the significant increase in vehicle collisions at the intersection of Olive Ave and Austin St. I'm begging the City Council of Merced to address the situation of drivers running the red lights. The intersection is dangerous! I do not feel safe walking across Olive Ave at any time during the day out of fear of someone running the red light and striking myself or my family. I also no longer feel safe simply driving across the the intersection and have begun actively avoiding driving by that intersection.

Please take a moment to consider the following recommendations to address the dangers of this intersection:

Reduce the speed limit on Olive Ave from 45mph to 40mph

Install cameras on all intersection lights WITH signage alerting drivers of the cameras

Increase the time for yellow lights

Improve the visibility of the traffic signal lights. The light heading North on Olive Ave is particularly difficult to see in the afternoon when the sun light shines directly at eye level with drivers.

Install alert signs in non-English languages; especially Spanish and Arabic languages.

Install alert signs on Olive Ave at Meadows and at Loughborgh intersections

Increase the fines for running a red light in Merced by \$1,000

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Project #: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Field Inspected: _____

Field Inspection Results: _____

Date Response To Contact Person: _____

Resolution of Concern: _____

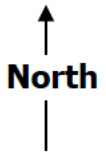
Date Completed: _____

Traffic Engineer's Signature or Designee

Date

DIAGRAMS

General Diagram



Location of Concern

