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January 29, 2004

Ivy Town Neighborhood Association, Traffic Committee
c/o Ms. Gen Sparks
1148 Auburn Drive
Davis, CA 95616

Subject: Traffic Safety Concerns, Holmes Junior High School

Dear Gen:

This is in response to your letter dated December 19, 2003 regarding traffic safety concerns around Holmes Junior High School.

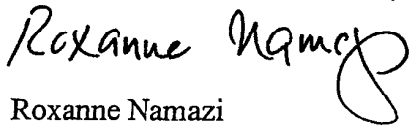
- 1) **Requested to increase on-campus parking for the faculty and staff to minimize the on-street parking:** This is a school related issue and we do not have any comments.
- 2) **Review the street for additional signage:** "Children at Play" signs are not standard sign according to the Caltrans Traffic Manual. We do not install non-standard signs in the public rights-of-way. You also inquired about school crossing signs. "School Crossing" signs are in place at the crossing on Drexel Drive and Hemlock Lane. No additional signing is warranted.
- 3) **Red curb request:** We will install additional red curb at the corner of Drexel Drive and Hemlock Lane, to improve sight distance at the corner.
- 4) **Install Stop signs at Drexel/J. Auburn/Drexel, and Hemlock/Drexel:** All-way stop is not warranted at the intersection of Drexel Drive and J Street. Stop signs, if not warranted, will be more of a safety concern as they will be ignored by the drivers. Stop signs on Auburn and Hemlock are not warranted. However, if the neighborhood feels strongly about it, we can pursue this request.
- 5) **Traffic Signal at Drexel Drive/L Street:** Traffic signals are expensive (\$140,000) and are only installed if there is enough traffic to warrant them. There is not adequate traffic on Drexel Drive to warrant installation of a traffic signal. Traffic signals generally increase safety concerns and increase speed of traffic.



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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 757-5675 or by e-mail at mamazi@cityofdavis.org.

Sincerely,



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