

December 19, 2003

David Murphy, Superintendent  
Davis Joint Unified School District  
526 B Street  
Davis, CA 95616

Jim Antonen, City Manager  
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**RE: TRAFFIC PROBLEMS/OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Recently, residents on Auburn Drive, Drexel Drive, Hemlock Lane, and Menlo Drive have formed the Ivy Town North Neighborhood Association. These four (4) streets are adjacent to Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School. One of the main goals of our Neighborhood Association is to find solutions to growing traffic problems due to our proximity to the school. We understand that school enrollment may temporarily decrease next year, due to the opening of a third junior high school. However, in the long term, traffic congestion will continue to be a problem.

On December 1, 2003, members of our Traffic Committee met with representatives from the City of Davis Parks and Community Services (Anne Brunette), City of Davis Public Works Department (Gary Francisco), Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School (David Inns), and the City of Davis Police Department (Daniel De Berry). The purpose of this meeting was to view the parking and congestion problems in and around the school, and to discuss possible solutions to relieve the traffic congestion. From that meeting, we are pursuing the following steps:

- 1.) increase parking availability on school campus for faculty parking (the number of faculty and support staff should be reflected in the number of parking spaces available on campus), so that faculty discontinue parking on residential streets, and drop-off/pick-up of students is less congested and safe;
- 2.) review the streets in and around the school for proper signage, such as 'Children at Play', 'School Crossing', and speed limits, for safety reasons;
- 3.) review the streets in and around the school for curbs to be painted red, indicating no parking, and to eliminate blind intersections for safety reasons;
- 4.) review the intersections of Drexel Drive and J Street, Auburn Drive and Drexel Drive, and Hemlock Lane and Drexel Drive for stop signs, for safety reasons; and
- 5.) review the intersection of Drexel Drive and L Street for stop light, for safety reasons.