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Dear Mr. Blorfroshan,

The Government Affairs and City Services committee of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa heard a presentation from a representative from the Playa Vista Homeowner's Association (PVPAL) regarding its request for the support of the Council of Westchester/Playa (hereinafter "the Council") in seeking the creation of a blinking crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard at Playa Vista Drive.

The Playa Vista resident who presented the request noted that there have been a number of incidents in which vehicles turning left onto westbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson and left onto eastbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson, as well as vehicles turning right onto westbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson and right onto eastbound Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson have narrowly missed pedestrians crossing from Jefferson from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson (and vice-versa) while the pedestrians were utilizing the marked pedestrian crosswalk. While such vehicles are required by law to yield to such pedestrians, vehicles are attempting such turns in front of or behind these pedestrians, which presents danger to these pedestrians. The creation of a "blinking crosswalk" would better serve to alert such operators of vehicles that there is a pedestrian crosswalk at the location in question, and to be on the alert for pedestrians making use of the crosswalk.

Following a question and answer session a motion was presented to support the creation of the blinking crosswalk, and the motion was approved unanimously by the Council. The motion requests that the Council write a letter of support to the Department of Transportation and/or any other applicable municipal agency in favor of a Blinking Crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard at Playa Vista Drive.

The Council supports the request that a blinking crosswalk for pedestrian traffic crossing at Jefferson Boulevard from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson Boulevard to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson Boulevard be constructed at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Hench
NCWP President