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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:03 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dangerous Crosswalk Modification Request
Attachments: PATTON Intersection Alteration Letter to SB County District 3.pdf

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Clerk of the Board & Joan Hartmann,

I know I have not gotten this in by 5:00 pm Monday however, I have signed up for a public comment with the same question and thought that it would be fair to email it to you still.

It is really something that I am sure that you will be glad to have been notified about since it concerns the safety of college students in your district with a valid request in consideration.

Here the proposed crosswalk safety light modification is attached.

This is just a request to fix one intersection ASAP with suggestions for future modifications of other intersections in the area, if the area becomes more dense with traffic in the future.

Thank you,

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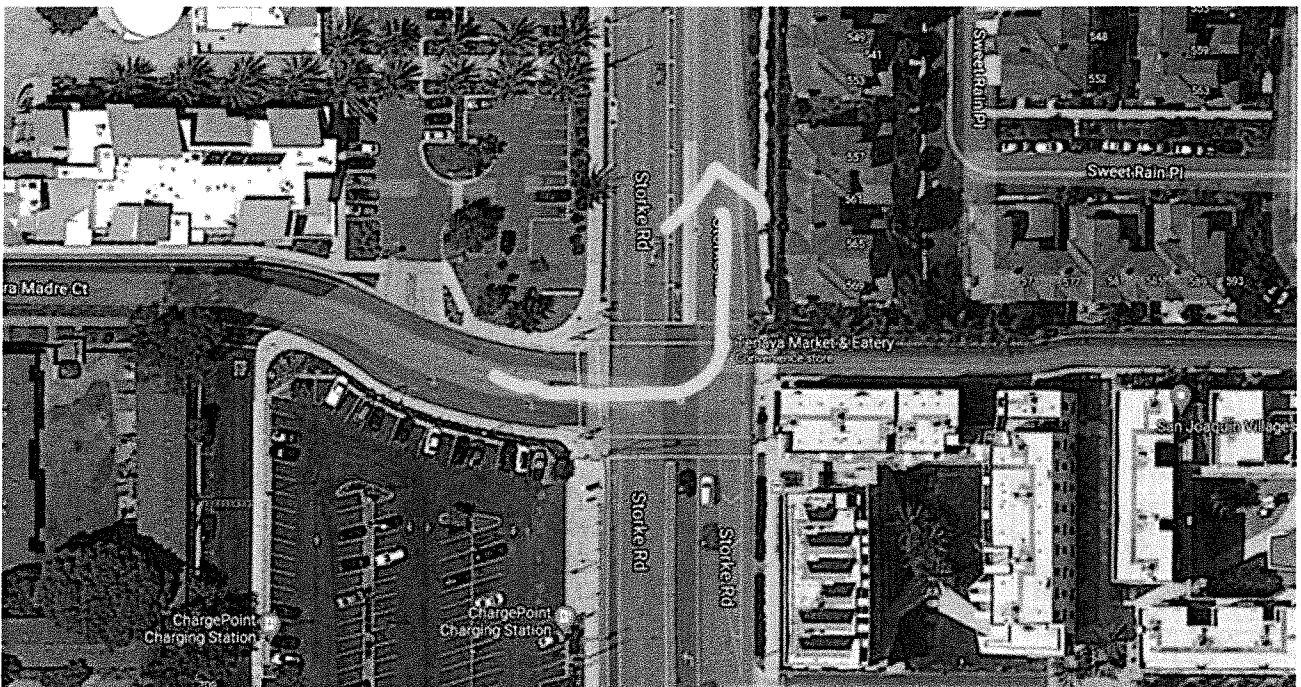
03/16/2021

ATTN: Third District - Joan Hartmann, Vice Chair

Proposal to modify traffic light at Storke Rd. and Sierra Madre Ct. 93117

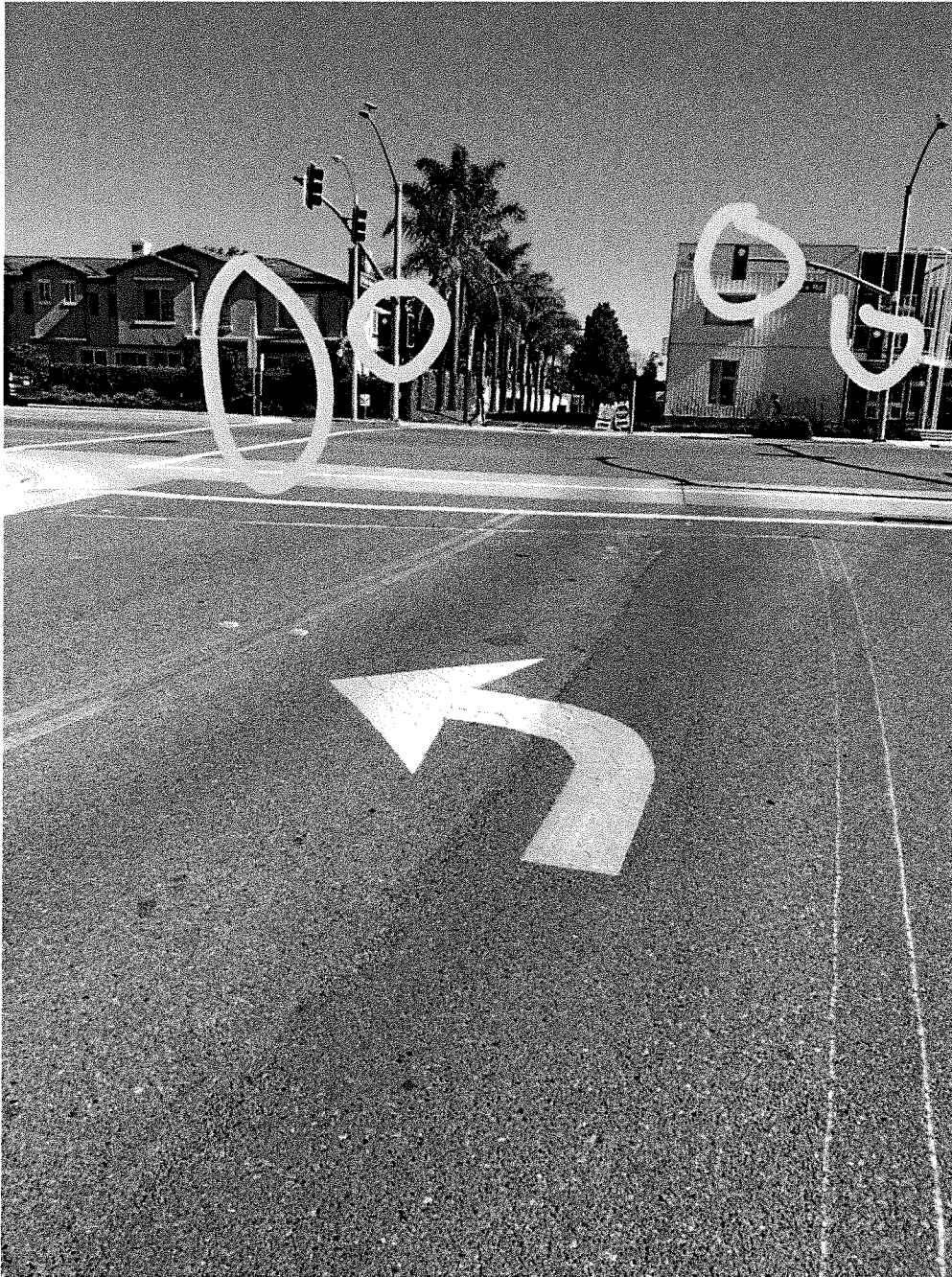
I would like to make you aware of something that I find quite dangerous here in the Santa Barbara County 3rd Supervisorial District and would like to request to have it modified. When I first arrived at the University of California Santa Barbara in September of 2019, I lived at the Sierra Madre Village located at Storke Rd. and Sierra Madre Ct. When I would leave and travel eastbound on Sierra Madre Ct. to turn left to go north on to Storke Rd., I noticed a blind spot while making the left-hand turn. I feel that the traffic light should be modified to include a red, yellow, and green arrow to better guide vehicles making a left-hand turn and prevent these vehicles who make left-hand turns at this intersection from striking pedestrians and bicyclists who are crossing at the north side of the intersection who are walking and riding east and west. This is a typical problem that I have noticed over in the Los Angeles area where when an island or median is included near to a crosswalk, this provides the ingredients for danger to pedestrians. This can be at a random location or at an intersection. In this case it is just the measurements and circumstances of the intersection combined with the fact that there is a median present.

IMAGE #1:



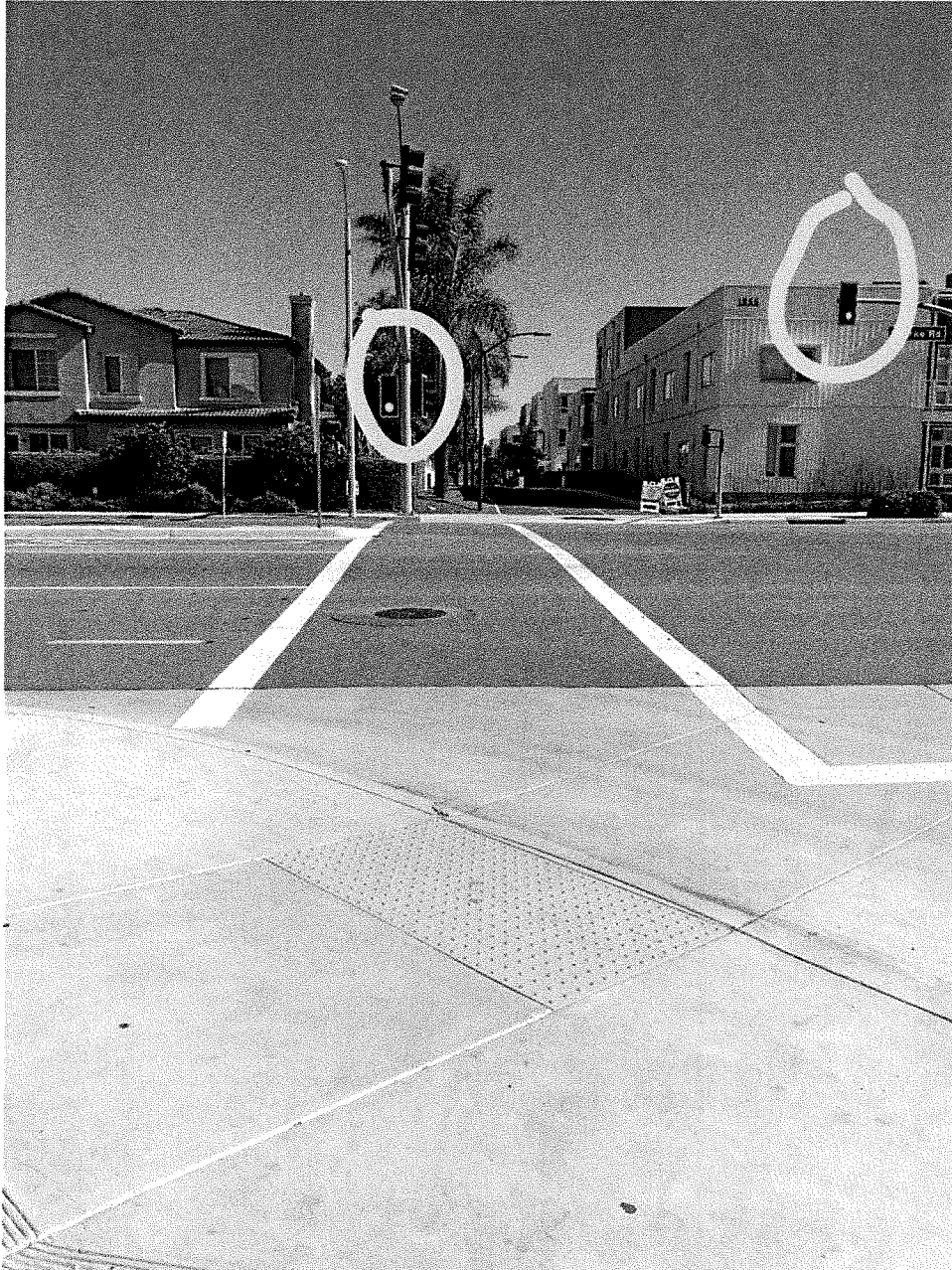
Here in image #1 the left-hand turn I have discussed is labeled.

IMAGE #2 - 02/05/2021:



Here in image #2 circled are three lights which should be modified to include a red, yellow, and green arrow to better guide vehicles making a left-hand turn and prevent these vehicles who make left-hand turns at this intersection from striking pedestrians and bicyclists who are crossing at the north side of the intersection who are walking and riding east and west. The fourth is a sign and post that appear to be in perfect condition.

IMAGE #3 - 02/05/2021:



Here in image #3 circled are two of the same three lights from image 2 which should be modified to include a red, yellow, and green arrow to better guide vehicles making a left-hand turn and prevent these vehicles who make left-hand turns at this intersection from striking pedestrians and bicyclists who are crossing at the north side of the intersection who are walking and riding east and west, the sign can also be seen in perfect condition however is not circled.

IMAGE #4 - 02/05/2021:



Here in image #4 the crosswalk on the north end of the intersection going east and west can be seen from a different angle which is our safety concern area. Take note of the condition of the sign and post in the median.

IMAGE #5 - 03/11/2021:



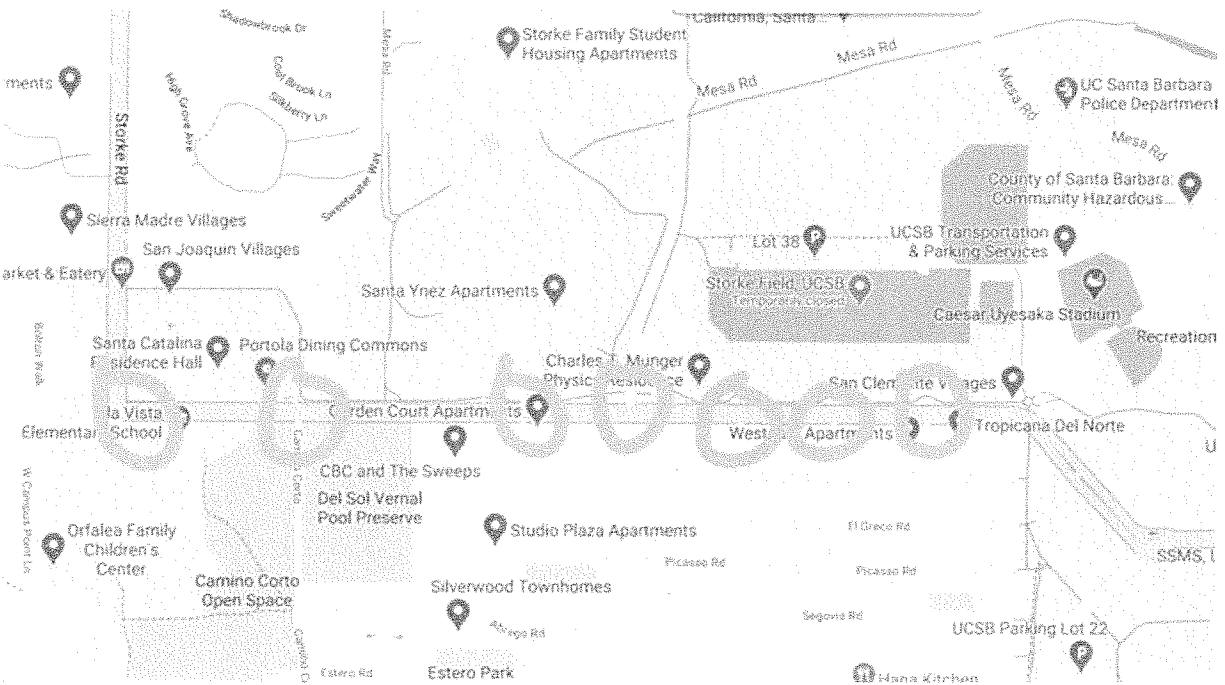
Here in image #5 which was taken exactly five weeks after images 2, 3, and 4, it appears my worries have come partially true. The exact area that I am focusing on appears to have sustained an accident which is visible by observing the sign and post from a separate angle.

As we are approaching the red level tier assignment which will be the tier that Santa Barbara County becomes classified as of tomorrow 03/17/2021, I feel that it is a good time to survey and make a few traffic improvements wherever possible. I feel that this particular modification request for this particular intersection at Storke Rd. and Sierra Madre Ct. is more of a good information notification that Santa Barbara County will be glad to receive and be more than happy to act upon. This is something that I am aware of due to experience from the density of Los Angeles County where intersections like this are usually modified after someone is either injured or even killed. I hope that this modification takes place before anyone is either injured or killed at Storke Rd. and Sierra Madre Ct.

If traffic and density increase in the area in and near to the University of California Santa Barbara in the future and/or the funds become available, I think that installing more traffic safety lights at more intersections along El Colegio Rd. would be a good idea. Here is a link to a company who is a vendor of these traffic safety lights:

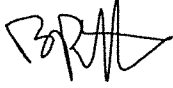
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IMAGE #6:



Locations along El Colegio Rd. in which should be considered for future traffic safety light modifications.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BPATTON' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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