

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-1407; MODIFYING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF LARO DRIVE BETWEEN KANAN ROAD AND RUSTLING OAKS DRIVE

Concerns have recently been expressed from residents and Willow Elementary staff about traffic movement and pedestrian safety along Laro Drive between Kanan Road and Rustling Oaks Drive. In particular, vehicles are parking and/or stopping on Laro Drive to pick up/drop off school children, which causes congestion as vehicles try to enter the school parking lot or continue on Laro Drive. In addition, parents and students are crossing the street in between stopped vehicles, creating a dangerous situation. On January 14, 2004, the City Council adopted a resolution which restricted parking along Laro Drive during arrival and dismissal periods on school days. The principal of Willow Elementary has made numerous attempts to remind parents of the existing parking regulations, with limited success.

During joint-field investigations by staff, Las Virgenes Unified School District and Sheriff Department, it was determined that the no parking signage is not serving its intended purpose, as people are technically not breaking traffic laws by staying in their vehicles in a no parking zone. Therefore, to alleviate this condition, it is recommended by staff (and approved by the Law Enforcement Committee) that “no stopping any time” restrictions during school hours (7am – 4pm) be posted along the north side of Laro Drive, from Kanan Road to Rustling Oaks Drive, and along the south side of Laro Drive from Rustling Oaks Drive to the Willow Elementary entrance.

The existing traffic regulations would remain in effect east of the school entrance to Kanan Road.[MSOffice1][MSOffice2] The existing, faded white curb along Rustling Oaks Drive will be repainted to accentuate the loading/unloading zone. Finally, the School District was encouraged to notify all parents of the new parking restrictions upon Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 06-1407, which will cause the implementation of the new parking restrictions around Willow Elementary School.

Attachment: Resolution No. 06-1407
Exhibit