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COMMISSION MEETING

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From: [Casey Law](#)
To: [MTIC Public Comments](#)
Subject: General comment on missing stop signs
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:53:58 AM

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Dear MTIC Commissioners,

I am a resident of South Pasadena and frequently walk my children to Arroyo Vista Elementary. I walk along Hawthorn St (adjacent to train tracks), which is a popular route to school.

At the intersections of Adelaine and Palm Ave with Hawthorn St, there no stop signs. A post with street name is installed, but no stop signs are attached to the posts. It is not clear to me if this is intentional or an act of vandalism.

On several occasions, I have noticed people driving south on Adelaine or Palm Ave onto Hawthorn without stopping. Obviously, this is very dangerous driving behavior for a walking route to an elementary school. Many children walk independently to school and may not be visible to speeding drivers in large vehicles.

I ask the city to consider (re-)installing stop signs at these intersections as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Casey Law

Taking Control of the **Dangers** in a Single Block Area of Huntington Drive

2001 to 2111 Huntington Drive :: A high-density housing area in South Pasadena viewed as a “*thoroughfare*” to non-residents

Huntington Drive Residents Involved in Improving Safety:

1. 2101 :: Erin Fleming, 2013-2023
 2. 2107B :: David Keily, 1986-2023
 3. 2045 :: Laben Spicer, 2015-2023
 4. 2095 :: Noelle Brown, 2017-2023
 5. 2101A :: Catherine Dadiomova, 2020-2023
 6. 2101A :: David Dadiomov, 2020-2023
 7. 2101B :: Savana, 2022-2023
 8. 2101B :: Tyler Letson, 2022-2023
 9. 2101A :: Landlord, David Chung, 2019-2023
 10. 2101B :: Landlord, Charles Thompson, 2010-2023
 11. 2051-2095 :: Landlord, Rob Asher
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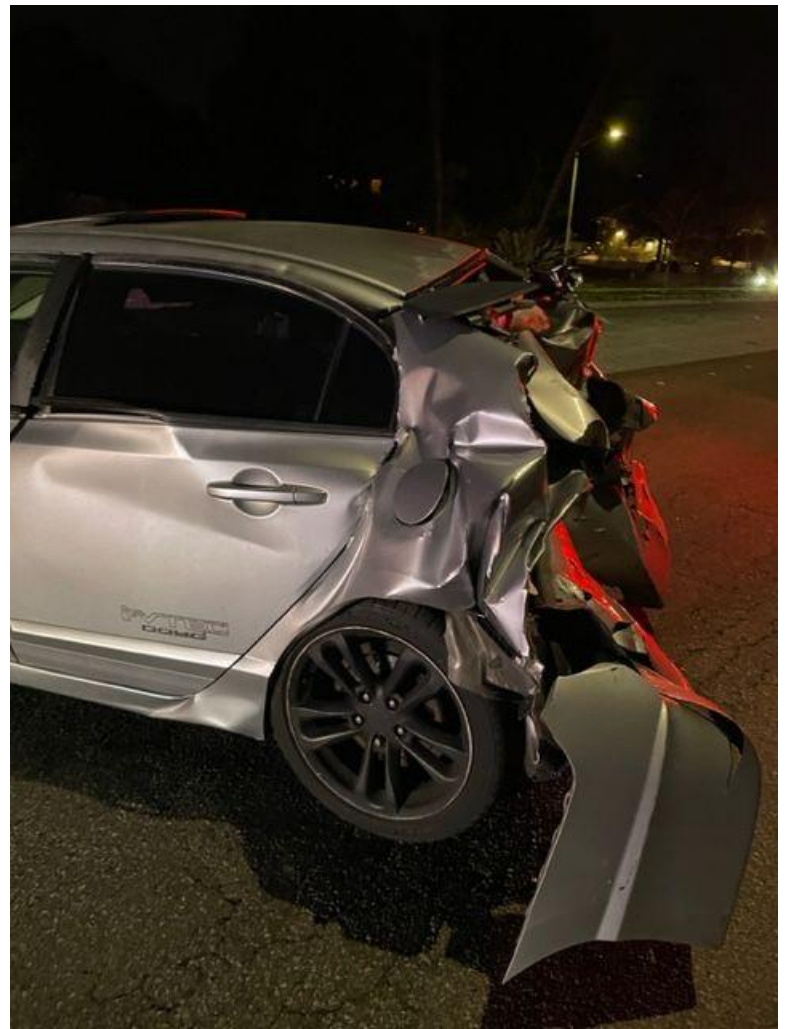
Accident History 2013 to 2023

On February 17, 2023 at 8:37pm, Street Racer Daniel Martinez lost control of his 2007 Honda Civic at 80 MPH, spun out backwards, and hit two parked cars. One car breached the sidewalk and the other was pushed forward 4' into a driveway. All cars involved were totaled.

Approximately 2021, a 1966 vintage Thunderbird was totaled and breached the curb.

Approximately 2020, drunk driver in Mini Cooper missed the parked cars, breached the curb & sidewalk, and came to a stop within 4" of a residence at 2051.

Mr. David Keily and Mr. Laben Spicer have more crash history.

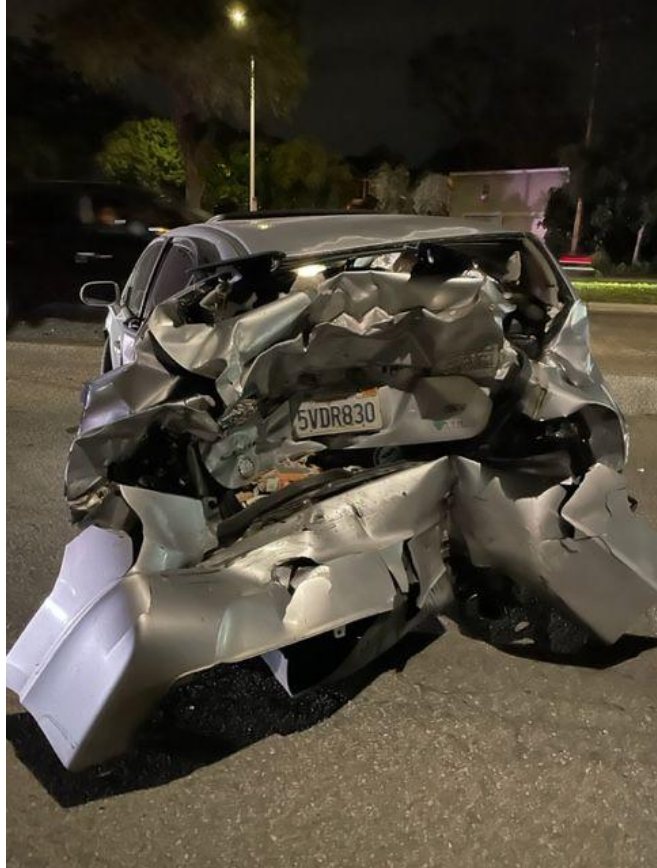


Please - we need your help to stop this reckless activity before we have a much bigger incident on our hands.

Mr. Hernandez's rate of speed was 80+ MPH... *backwards* !!

If there was a backseat passenger, this could have been a **fatal crash** – just so this 33-year old man could feel like he was playing Grand Theft Auto on Huntington Drive at 8:37pm on a Friday.

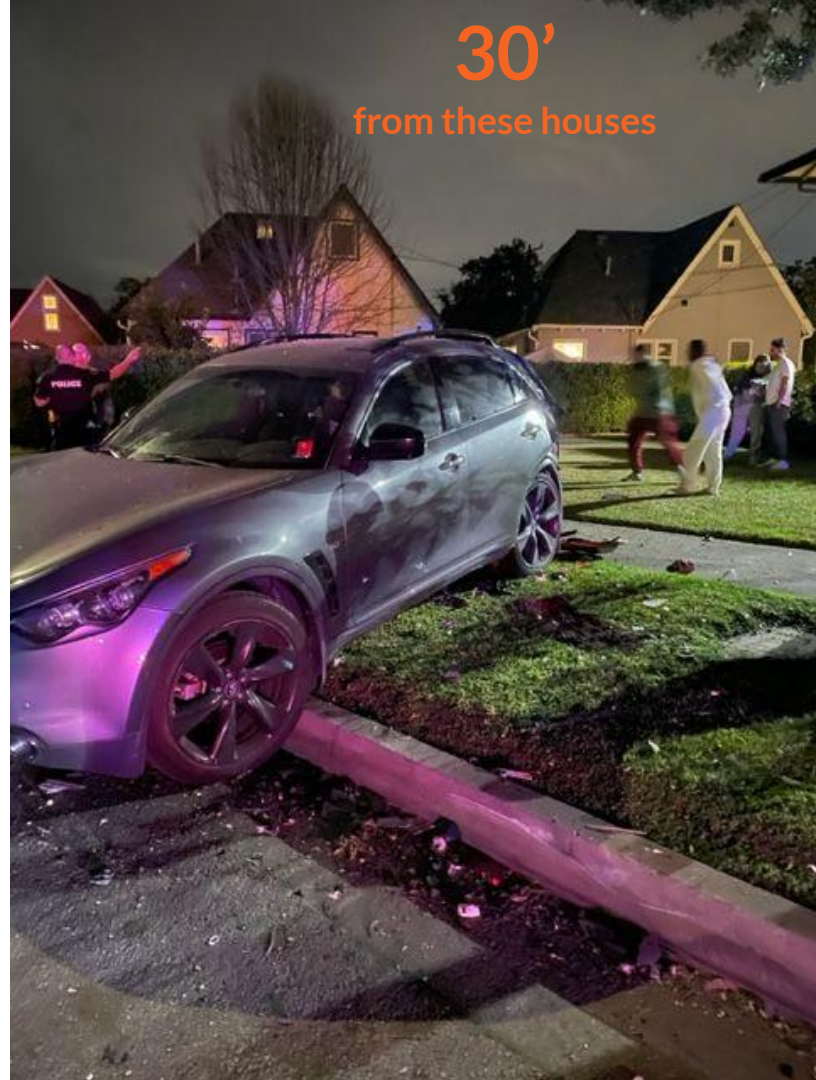
If the totaled Infiniti SUV and Toyota Solara were not parked where they were, at least one resident that night would have had Mr. Hernandez **and his car** inside their home.

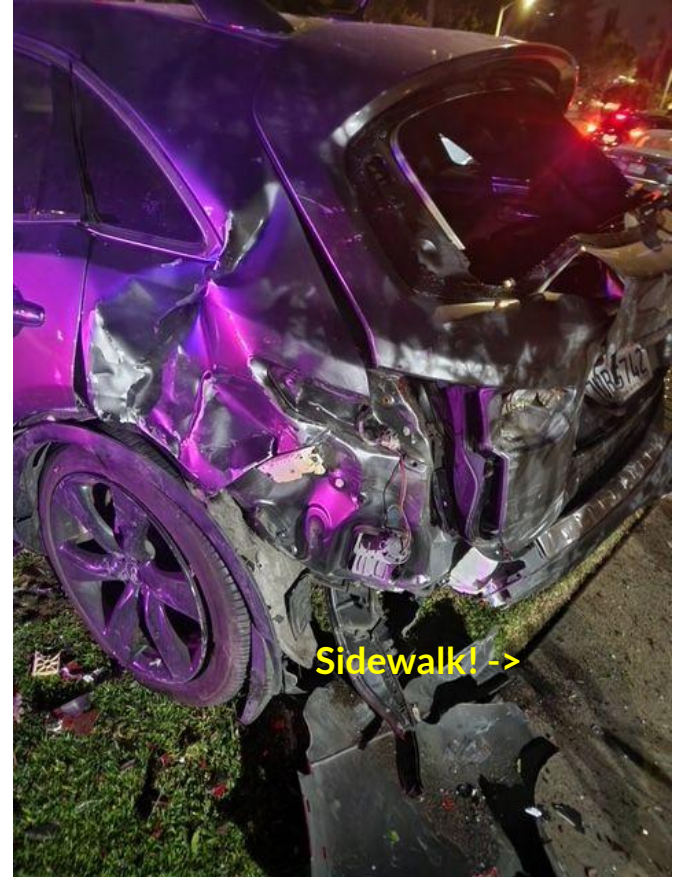


20'
from this building



30'
from these houses





Meeting on February 24, 2023

Attendees: SPPD Chief Brian Solinsky, my councilperson Janet Braun , Deputy City Manager Domenica Megerdichian

Purpose: Demonstrate how close this accident was from hitting housing and how deadly it could have been for any pedestrian due to chunks of flying windshield for 60+ feet.

*Mayor Primuth emailed me that he is following the situation and the “...commissions need to come up with safety improvements to protect our residents from this dangerous activity.”**

Result: This is a multi-level problem requiring multiple solutions.

Identifying the Problems

1. Safety of Sidewalk Pedestrians & Bus Riders
 2. Track Record of Danger to Residential Buildings
 3. Speed
 4. Significant Automobile Damages
 5. Crosswalk Pedestrian Safety - prior death in late 1980s
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Fixing this multi-layered problem requires a multi-level set of solutions:

- 1 & 2. Between 2045-2101 Huntington Drive, install a row of bollards at the curb to protect sidewalk pedestrians, waiting bus riders, and the homes that are in harm's way from cars.
 - 3 a. Sync Huntington traffic lights - Garfield Avenue to Alhambra Road - to the posted speed limit of 40MPH (and add signage) to control speed of traffic through our high density residential street.
 - 3 b. Nightly from 8pm-4am, turn every traffic light on Huntington blinking red. Saves energy, too.
 4. On Huntington Drive, from the liquor store - Pine Street to Olive Street - add audible reflective asphalt markers or paint a reflective line (2' from the parked cars) to call attention to the cars.
 5. We need a traffic light or at the least a pedestrian light requiring a mandatory stop at Huntington Drive and Court Street when red. This is where a child was killed in the late 1980s to early 1990s.
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What are Your Next Steps?

As Mayor Primuth wrote in a group email to me, SPPD Chief Brian Solinsky, Councilperson Janet Braun, City Manager Armine Chaparyan, and Bill Glazier from the South Pasadenan newspaper:

*** “Our public works and police department and commissions need to come up with safety improvements to protect our residents from this dangerous activity.”**

You are my second commission meeting and I need to know tonight, what are you going to do about it and when are you going to do it?

Letter included from neighbor Tyler Letson who is travelling

From: [Anthony Lai](#)
To: [MTIC Public Comments](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment re: Installation of ADA Curb Ramps in Monterey Hills Intersections
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:23:07 AM

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From: **Anthony Lai**
Date: Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Public Comment re: Installation of ADA Curb Ramps in Monterey Hills Intersections
To: <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>
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Dear Esteemed City Council, Public Works Commission, and Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission,

I am writing to you today to request, once again, that curb ramps be installed at several intersections in Monterey Hills to comply with applicable state and federal laws and to ensure accessibility and access to our disabled and elderly residents. It is imperative that we continue to advocate for the safety and well-being of our community.

Curb ramps are an essential component of pedestrian safety and accessibility, particularly for disabled and elderly residents. They provide a smooth transition from the sidewalk to the street, allowing individuals using mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, or scooters to cross the street safely and independently. Without curb ramps, these individuals are forced to navigate dangerous and uneven terrain, which increases the risk of injury or accidents.

In addition, curb ramps can enhance public safety by creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), pedestrian fatalities account for approximately 17% of all traffic fatalities in the United States. By installing curb ramps, we can help reduce the number of pedestrian accidents and fatalities by creating a safer and more accessible environment for everyone.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the installation of curb ramps is not only required by state and federal law but also serves as a critical aspect of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

In conclusion, I urge you to take immediate action to install curb ramps at intersections in Monterey Hills. This small improvement can have a significant impact on the safety and accessibility of our community, particularly for disabled and elderly residents.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Anthony Lai
Resident