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Hello,

My name is Janet McLaughlin and I am a local resident. This past December (2021) my 16 year old daughter was walking to a local shopping area in the early evening from our home. At the Verano Avenue/ Lomita Avenue intersection my daughter was hit by a car by a driver who claimed he didn't see her. This intersection is marked by 4 stop signs and there is one overhead street light that is not very bright by itself. My daughter had almost made it across the road (no crosswalk lines, flashing lights or signs) when she was struck landing next to the sidewalk she was crossing too. This is a familiar area for her and we are all very lucky that she only had 2 fractures in her foot along with abrasions on her head, elbow and knee.

When following up for insurance purposes I traveled over to Rohnert Park to obtain the CHP report that the Napa CHP had filed. The officer that helped me noticed the location of the accident and said to me, "That's a really bad area" which of course we know from living in the neighborhood for 15+ years. In addition, even though it's a 4 way stop cars are often flying up Lomita and cutting over to Donald to jump ahead in line on Hwy 12 and vice versa. The main intersection at Hwy 12 and Verano needs serious attention because it overflows to nearby streets such as the Verano/Lomita intersection one short block over.

My question to everyone is if we know it's a bad area and the CHP knows it a bad area what can be done to make it safer? It seems that everyone with any power in the matter wants to 'pass the buck' because it's officially in the unincorporated area or too complicated with different agencies. How do we work together to figure this out? Isn't the safety of our residents the important end game goal? Please work together to make this right.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Janet

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