

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

**FROM:** Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development  
Nhung Madrid, Management Analyst  
Erik Zandvliet, Traffic Engineer

**DATE:** June 27, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consider an Appeal to the Denial of Stop Signs on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission provide direction for the appeal for stop signs in all directions at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 28, 2013, the City received a request from Ms. Julie Brawn, a local resident, to install stop signs in all directions at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street. The Traffic Engineer reviewed the request and determined that stop signs in all directions are not justified at this time. However, the Traffic Engineer found that vehicles parked on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street just east of Larsson Street can reduce sight distance for southbound drivers on Larsson Street, and recommended 40 feet of red curb to improve sight distance. The City notified the adjacent businesses of the proposed red curb, however, Douglas and Julie Brawn filed an appeal on May 13, 2013 contesting the City's decision to deny the stop signs and to paint additional red curb. At that point, the work to paint red curb was suspended pending the outcome of the appeal. The appeal is signed by 24 residents representing 18 homes, and 21 employees or business owners representing six (6) businesses in two nearby buildings (Exhibit 1).

**DISCUSSION:**

The intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street is located in a residential area west of Sepulveda Boulevard (Exhibit 2). 6<sup>th</sup> Street is a 30-foot wide two-lane local street with a 25mph prima facie speed limit that carries approximately 300 vehicles per day. 6<sup>th</sup> Street is stopped at Sepulveda Boulevard to the east and Dianthus Street to the west. Larsson Street is a 36-foot wide local residential street with a 25mph prima facie speed limit that carries approximately 200 vehicles per day. Larsson Street is stopped at 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. There are single family homes fronting Larsson Street, with some non-fronting commercial land uses on the east side northerly of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Both streets are improved with curbs, and some sidewalks on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Curb parking is allowed on both streets, except for street sweeping restrictions. There is a vertical curve on 6<sup>th</sup> Street that crests just east of Larsson Street.

## **Field Observations**

Field observations were made on typical days during peak and non-peak periods. Field observations confirm low traffic volumes on Larsson Street and other physical characteristics at the intersection noted earlier. Proper right-of-way is assigned to the lowest volume street, Larsson Street. There is adequate sight distance for motorists stopped on Larsson Street looking eastward or westward, however, any vehicles parked on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street just east of the intersection can block the view of traffic approaching from Sepulveda Boulevard. Recurrent speeding was not observed on any of the approaching street segments because of the existing stop signs at the adjacent intersections. Curb parking in the neighborhood is light during the day and moderate at night with the exception that curb parking is heavy during the day in front of 1001 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It should be noted that there is additional parking available in the lower level parking lot on the property and across the street in a private lot.

The traffic collision history between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2011 was analyzed for both intersections. According to City records, there have been no collisions reported near the intersection during this seven (7) year period.

## **Multi-way Stop Signs**

The State of California has established guidelines for the installation of stop signs. These criteria have been widely accepted and are used by the City of Manhattan Beach. Multi-way or all-way stop controls are generally recommended when one or more of the State criteria are satisfied and indicate the existing traffic control devices are not sufficient to assign proper right-of-way or cannot be remedied through other means.

A stop sign warrant checklist was completed that indicates that multi-way stop signs are NOT warranted at this intersection (Exhibit 3). This intersection has sufficient right-of-way controls, does not meet minimum traffic volumes and has no collision history. The existing sight distance restriction can be remedied by removal of curb parking. It should be noted that the addition of stop signs would not be expected to reduce vehicle speeds along 6<sup>th</sup> Street, since prevailing speeds are below normal for residential streets.

There are several disadvantages to four-way stop signs at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street:

- Additional stop signs along 6<sup>th</sup> Street would increase delay to motorists, causing some drivers to accelerate faster between stops to make up for lost time.
- A stop sign at Larsson Street would be expected to slightly increase traffic volumes on Larsson Street because stops encourage more turning movements.
- Westbound drivers on 6<sup>th</sup> Street may not easily see a stop at Larsson Street coming over the crest of the hill from Sepulveda Boulevard, which would increase the potential for collisions, rather than reduce them.
- Local drivers become accustomed to unjustified stop signs and begin to run stop signs because they repeatedly see no reason to stop, thereby increasing the potential for collisions and disregard for justified stop signs as well.

It is the Traffic Engineer's professional opinion that a four-way stop sign at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street would not increase safety or reduce speeds; however, intersection safety would be improved by removing the sight distance restriction on the northeast corner with 40 feet of red curb. The additional red curb would remove two curb spaces, which are primarily used by customers/clients of businesses at 1001 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Some of the appellants are tenants who object to any loss of curb parking. While this is the most convenient parking for this address, there is sufficient parking in the lower level on-site parking lot as well as in the parking lot across the street and along Larsson Street. If stop signs are installed on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, less sight distance would be required for drivers, therefore, no red curb would be needed. It should be noted that 20 feet of red curb would also provide greater sight distance than the existing condition, with a loss of only one curb space.

### **Public Notice**

Residents within 500 feet of the intersection and the petitioners were notified of the proposed stop sign request and were invited to give input to the Commission (Exhibit 6).

### **CONCLUSION:**

Based on minimum State guidelines, multi-way stop signs are not justified at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street at this time. The Traffic Engineer recommends the painting of 40 feet of red curb on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street just east of Larsson Street to improve sight distance at the intersection.

- Exhibits:
1. Administrative Appeal and Petitions
  2. Site Photos
  3. Location Aerial Map
  4. Proposed Red Curb Sketch
  5. Stop Sign Warrant Checklist
  6. Mailed Public Notice

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**EXHIBIT 1**  
Appeal Packet



**PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS APPEAL APPLICATION**

City Hall 1400 Highland Avenue Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-4795  
Telephone (310) 802-5000 FAX (310) 802-5501 TDD (310) 546-3501

**ENTIRE "BLOCKED" AREA MUST BE FILLED OUT**

Resident/Applicant: DOUGLAS & JULIE BRAUN Date: MAY 13, 2013

MAILING Address: 601 LARSSON STREET Phone No. (310) 567 6607  
alt: (310) 650-0172

City: MANHATTAN BEACH State: CA ZIP Code: 90264  
Douglas.braun@colliers.com

Appeal Request:  Red Curb  Parking  Traffic Signs/Marks  Right of Way  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Intersection: 6TH STREET & LARSSON STREET

Description: STOP SIGN REQUEST (NORTH / SOUTH)

Petition: SEE ATTACHED

Signature: Julie Braun

Cashier	\$ _____	Date	_____	Initials	_____
TRAN Code	#4502	Amount Rec'd.	_____	Receipt #	_____
Fee Schedule	Permit Appeal	<del>\$500.00</del>	<b>RT</b>	<b>WAIVED FEE</b>	<b>5/14/13</b>

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

Map Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ APN \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved/Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Community Development Department



**City of Manhattan Beach  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
Petition Form**

We, the undersigned residents, do hereby petition the Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
SEE ATTACHED PETITION

We attest that each undersigned person is 18 years or older and is a responsible owner or resident affected by the petition.

The designated contact person(s) are:

CONTACT PERSON: DOUGLAS BRAUN DAYTIME PHONE NO: 310 567 6607

ALTERNATE CONTACT: JULIE BRAUN DAYTIME PHONE NO: 310 650 0172

NOTE: Only one responsible signature per residence is required.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	PRINT STREET ADDRESS	PRINT DATE
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I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Julie Braun  
Signed by Contact

Executed on May 13, 2013 in Manhattan Beach, California.  
Date



# STOP SIGN PETITION

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION IF YOU SUPPORT A STOP SIGN BEING INSTALLED FOR EAST/WEST TRAFFIC ON 6TH STREET AND LARSSON STREET IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

applicant ✓

same address ✓

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1	Julie S. Brawn	601 Larsson Street, MB	Julie Brawn
2	Jan Davidson	717 Larsson St. N.B.	Jan Davidson
3	Jack Driscoll	600 North Dianthus St MB	Jack Driscoll
4	Cheka Zielin	402 Larsson St. MB 90266	Cheka Zielin
5	Lynne Brewer	515 Larsson St MB 90266	Lynne Brewer
6	Jeanne O'Leary	605 Larsson St. MB 90266	Jeanne O'Leary
7			
8	ROBERT STEPHAN	500 515 N SEPULVEDA BLVD #A	Robert Stephan
9	Jon Haugen	500 Larsson	Jon Haugen
10	Ellen Withers	501 Larsson St.	Ellen Withers
11	JAMES WITHERS	501 LARSSON ST	James Withers
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I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the state of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.  
 Julie S Brawn Executed on May 13, 2013 in Manhattan Beach, CA



## TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH:


We are owners of the property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larrison Avenue, to wit:

1000 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

We recently received notice that the application by our neighbor to make the intersection a 4 way stop by installing stop signs on 6<sup>th</sup> Street was denied. As a result of the process wherein the application was denied, we were also advised that the red curb along 6<sup>th</sup> Street going easterly from Larrison was going to be increased some 40 feet which would eliminate 2 parking spaces. .

We are opposed to increasing the red curbing and are in favor of a 4 way stop sign. We will be happy to answer questions and we can be reached at the phone numbers beside our signatures below.

*Signed twice*

	<u>SIS N SEPULVEDA STS A</u>	<u>310 318 1592</u>
Name ROBERT STEPHENSON	Address	Phone
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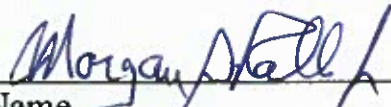


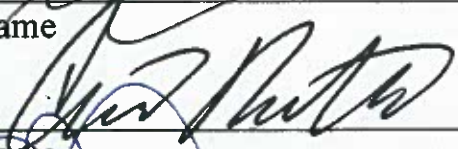
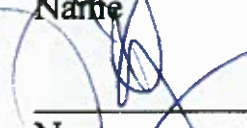
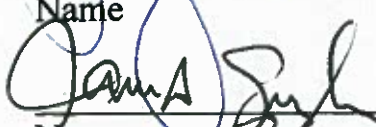
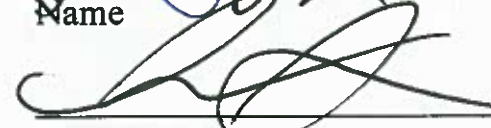
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We are owners and tenants of the property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larrison Avenue, to wit: 1001 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

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1 notice

	Thomas Corcoran	150	310-374-0116
Name		Suite Number	Phone
	Morgan Hall	150	310-318-3664
Name		Suite Number	Phone
		150	310-698-0375
Name		Suite Number	Phone
		150	310-922-9558
Name		Suite Number	Phone
		150	310-844-4867
Name		Suite Number	Phone
	Jamie Cuevas	150	310-873-3000
Name		Suite Number	Phone
	Anna Smith	150	310-374-6477
Name		Suite Number	Phone
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One Notice ✓

MARIA ISLAS 110 310-372-8433  
Name Suite Number Phone

[Signature] 110 310/372-8433  
Name Suite Number Phone

[Signature] 110 310 | 372-8433  
Name Suite Number Phone

[Signature] 110 310 / 372-4940  
Name Suite Number Phone

[Signature] 110 310-798-4940  
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	<u>515 N. Sepulveda bl</u>	<u>(310) 318-5512</u>
Name	Address Suite C M.B. CA	Phone
	<u>1001 6<sup>th</sup> St</u>	<u>310 3183664</u>
Name	Address	Phone
	<u>601 Larrison St.</u>	<u>310 567-6607</u>
Name	Address	Phone
	<u>601 Larrison St</u>	<u>310 650 0172</u>
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**EXHIBIT 2:  
SITE PHOTOS**



**6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street (North Leg) Looking East**



**6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street (North Leg) Looking West**





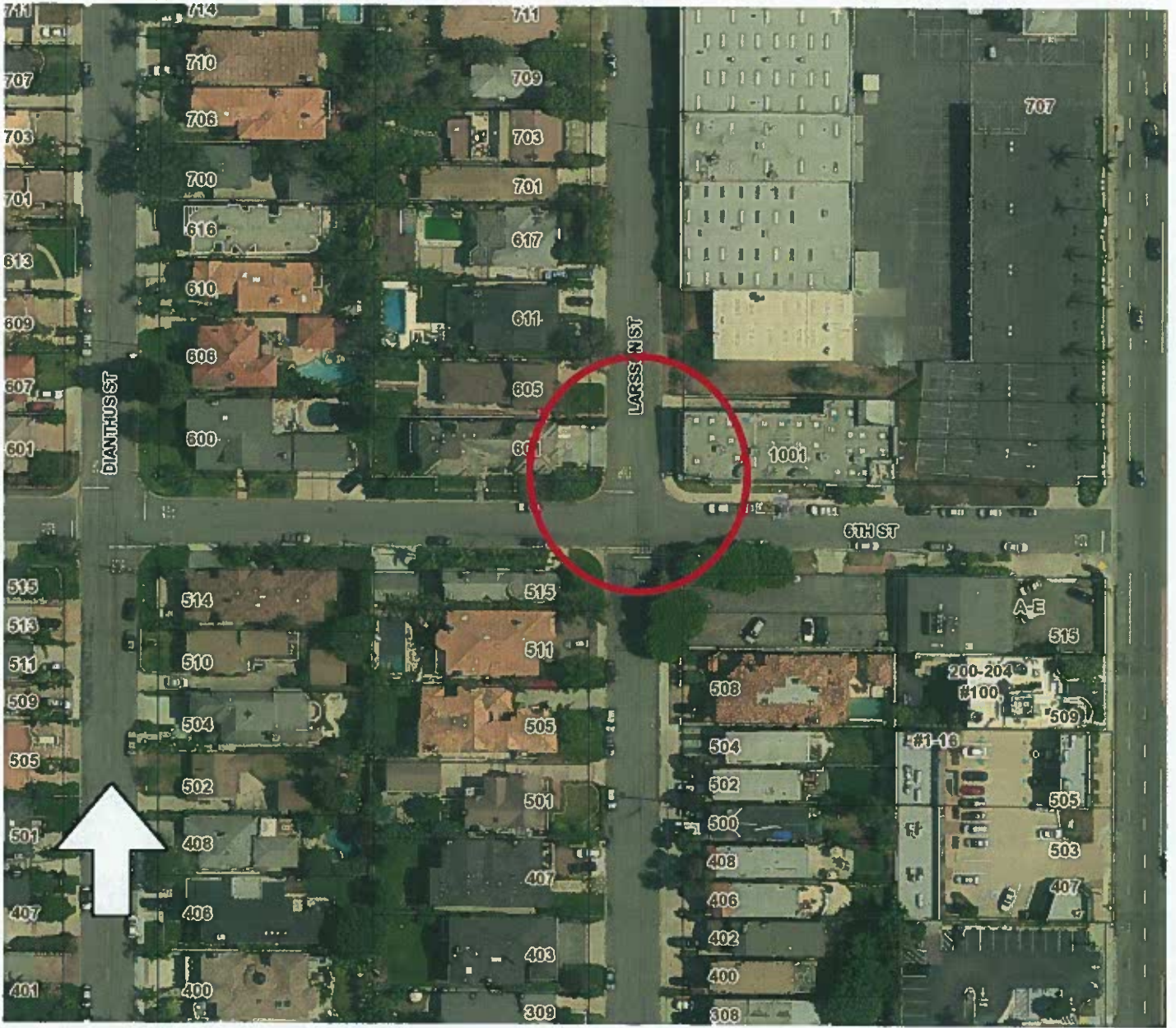
6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street (South Leg) Looking East



6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street (South Leg) Looking West



AERIAL PHOTO  
6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson Street





**EXHIBIT 3**

**STOP SIGN WARRANT CHECKLIST**

MAJOR STREET: 6<sup>th</sup> Street MINOR STREET: Larsson St.

REQUESTED BY: City of Manhattan Beach DATE: 4/10/2013

REVIEWED BY: Erik Zandvliet

**Warranted?**

**SINGLE STREET STOP SIGN WARRANTS**

- On a less important road where the normal right-of-way rules would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law.
- On a street entering a legally established through highway or street.
- At an unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
- At other intersections where high speeds, restricted view, or crash record indicates a need for control by a stop sign.

**MULTI-WAY STOP SIGN WARRANTS**

- Where traffic signals are warranted, and stop signs are used as an interim measure to control traffic while the signal is installed.
- Where a crash problem exists, as indicated by five or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign.
- Where the total vehicular volume entering from the major street approaches average at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours, and

the combined vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian volume from the minor street approaches average at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to the minor street traffic is at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the highest hour, and

if the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile approach speed of the major street traffic exceeds 40 MPH the minimum vehicular volume warrant is 70 percent of the

- Where there four or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign, and  
the average major and minor street volumes are at least 80% of the minimum values.
- Other locations where multi-way stop signs are justified based on an engineering study.

## MULTI-WAY STOP SIGN WORKSHEET

MAJOR STREET: 6<sup>th</sup> Street      85<sup>TH</sup> SPEED - < 40 MPH

MINOR STREET: Larsson Street      DATE: 4/10/2013

**TRAFFIC VOLUMES** **WARRANTED**    **YES**    **NO**

If the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of the major street exceeds 40 MPH, use 70% volume.

Street	Min Volume	70%	80%	Ave.	Hour / Volume								
					7am	8am	11am	12pm	1pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	
Major	300			<50									
Minor	200			<30									

And, does the minor street have an average delay of at least 30 seconds in the peak hour?

Peak Average Delay	< 30 sec.
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**COLLISION RECORD** **WARRANTED**    **YES**    **NO**

Are there five or more reported collisions within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign?

DATE	TIME	DIRECTION	TYPE	CAUSE
-	-	2007-2010 None	-	-

**80% COMBINATION** **WARRANTED**    **YES**    **NO**

Are there four or more reported accidents within a 12 month period of a type correctable by a multi-way stop sign, and

Average major and minor street volumes are at least 80% of the minimum values?

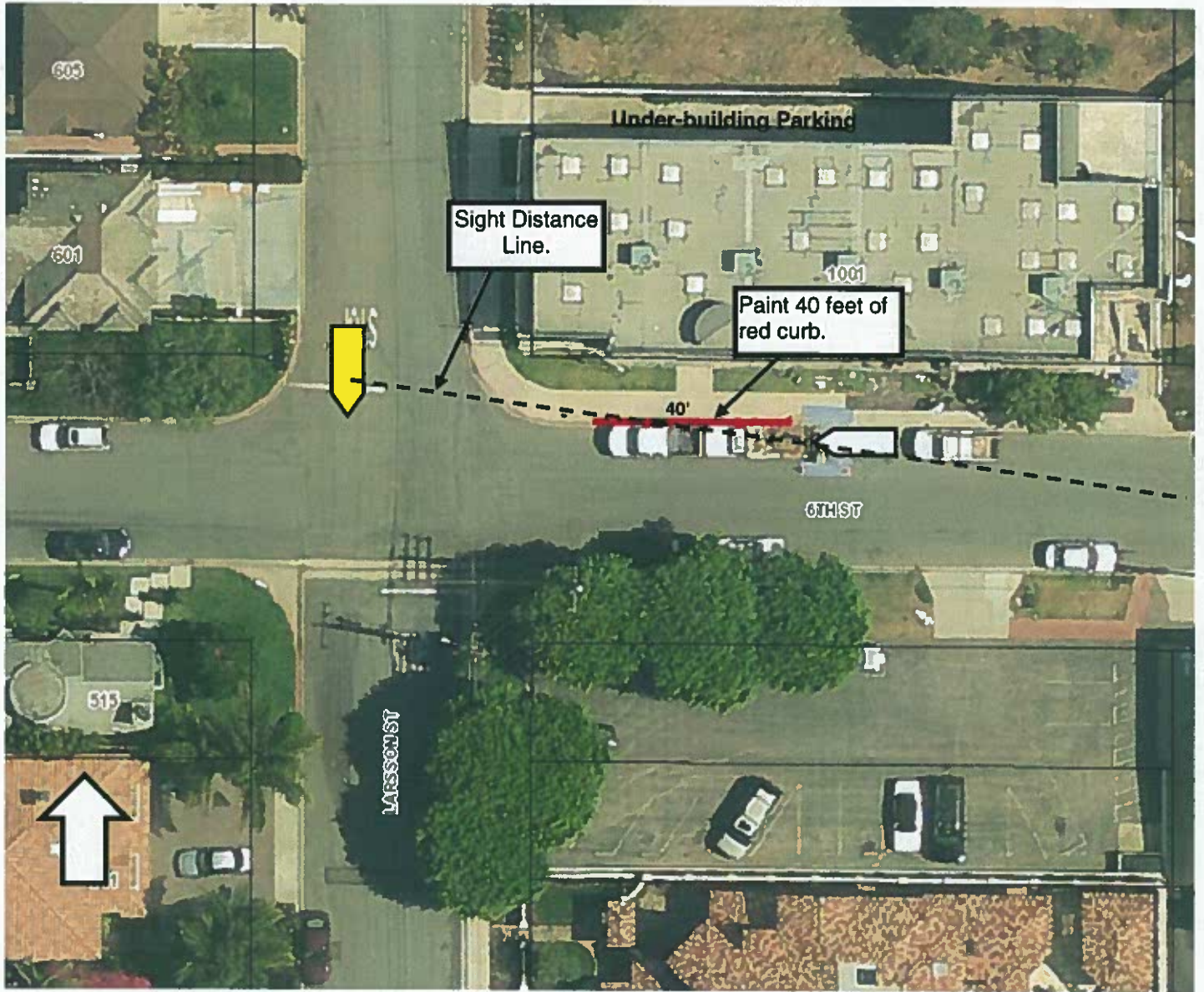
**OTHER MULTI-WAY STOP CONDITIONS** **WARRANTED**    **YES**    **NO**

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| A. Need to control left turn conflicts                                       | YES | <b>NO</b> |
| B. Need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts at high ped locations        | YES | <b>NO</b> |
| C. Visibility obstruction after stopping on minor street approach (See note) | YES | <b>NO</b> |
| D. Two similar neighborhood collector streets that would improve operation   | YES | <b>NO</b> |

Comments: Sight distance restriction on northeast corner due to parked cars.

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City of Manhattan Beach  
Department of Community Development

**EXHIBIT 4**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT LARSSON STREET**  
**Appeal of Denial of Multi-Way Stop Signs**



**EXHIBIT 5**

*Public Notice*

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **STOP SIGN APPEAL AT 6TH STREET AND LARSSON STREET**



The Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) will conduct a public meeting to consider an appeal for the denial of all way stop signs on 6th Street and Larsson Avenue.

#### **PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING**

**WHEN: June 27, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers  
1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate. The Staff Report will be available at [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info) on June 20, 2013 after 5:00 P.M. For additional information, please contact Nhung Madrid at (310) 802-5540 or email at [nmadrid@citymb.info](mailto:nmadrid@citymb.info).

**Nhung Madrid**

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**From:** James M. Hallett <jmhallettlaw@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:11 AM  
**To:** Nhung Madrid  
**Subject:** 6th St. Parking

Dear Mr. Madrid:

Thank you for your letter dated April 24, and received in my office April 29, outlining your plan to remove two vehicle parking spaces on 6<sup>th</sup> east of Larsson.

I strongly object to this plan.

My office is located in the 1001-6<sup>th</sup> building. (I am also a resident of the city for 40 years.) We have an underground parking garage for our building tenants, but our clients depend on parking in front of the building as they come and go. Your planned removal of two parking spaces will not address the problem you raise (which is really caused by cars speeding on 6<sup>th</sup> Street), will drive our client parking into neighboring residential areas, and will impair our ability to do business in a manner convenient to our clients. This is in every way a bad idea.

I am all for making 6<sup>th</sup> and Larsson a 4-way stop. Speeding vehicles are a problem here. And, by the way, our real problem is our building's eastern driveway on 6<sup>th</sup>, which most of our tenants no longer use for exiting (even though the garage is set up for that to be an exit), because the exit is dangerous. (I myself was the victim of a collision several years ago when I was hit by a speeding car as I exited, and I have heard similar reports.) A 4-way stop would alleviate the problem. You yourself acknowledge no collisions at 6<sup>th</sup> and Larsson.

I believe we have at least 7 separate businesses in this building, all of whom depend on this parking. I ask you to rescind this plan forthwith. If you will not do so, please notify me so that I can pursue my remedies.

Thank you.....Jim Hallett

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**James M. Hallett, CFLS, CCLS, (State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization)**  
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## Nhung Madrid

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**From:** Craiglaw60@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:55 AM  
**To:** Nhung Madrid  
**Subject:** 6th Street Parking

Hi. My name is Craig Weinstein and I am a tenant at 1001 6th Street. I have been a tenant for approximately 1 1/2 years and can say that I am unaware of any accidents which have occurred at the intersection of 6th Street and Larsson. I utilize the underground parking and always exit onto Larsson. When I approach the intersection with 6th Street, I have never had any difficulty seeing vehicles traveling on 6th Street.

I do notice that is not uncommon for vehicles to speed on 6th Street, especially after turning from Sepulveda. I do not know if it is because of the higher speed limit on Sepulveda or because they are commuters rushing to get home, but the vehicles typically travel on 6th Street well above the speed limit. This concerns me, not just for the safety of my clients, who park on 6th Street, but also for the residential neighbors adjacent to our building. Many residential owners walk their dogs or take their children for walks in and around 6th Street. Because there are no sidewalks on either 6th Street or Larsson, they are forced to walk in the street. I think this is a dangerous condition especially with the speeding vehicles on 6th Street.

I disagree with the plan to take away parking spaces in front of 1001 6th Street. I often have clients who come to my office and park in front of our building. If these spaces are taken away, my clients will have no choice but to park in the residential neighborhood adjacent to the building. If I were one of the residential neighbors, I would not want people parking in front of my house.

I think a better solution would be a Four-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of 6th Street and Larsson. This will solve any perceived visibility problem with this intersection. It would also force the speeders on 6th Street to slow down. Finally, it will allow clients of the 1001 Building to continue to park in front of the building and not in front of our residential neighbors.

Craig Weinstein  
LAW OFFICES OF CRAIG D. WEINSTEIN  
1001 Sixth Street, Suite 110  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
(310) 798-4940 Phone  
(310) 372-1240 Fax

## Nhung Madrid

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**From:** Nhung Madrid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 4:17 PM  
**Cc:** Andrew Harrod; Chris Vargas  
**Subject:** 6th St at Larsson St red curb/stop sign concerns

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City with your concerns. I have discussed your concerns with our Traffic Engineer and Community Development Director .

As mentioned in our notification letter, the installation of the red curb is due to the restricted sight visibility caused by vehicles parked on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Larsson Street. By installing the red curb as a safety measure, it will enhance visibility at the intersection for vehicles entering 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Larsson Street.

The Traffic Engineer reviewed the request for stop signs and the State warrants are not met to install them. The installation of stop signs are to assign right-of-way controls, and are not installed to control speed. Concerns about speeding vehicles will be forwarded to our Police Department for enforcement as they deem appropriate.

The red curb is needed to improve sight distance from the stopped approach, and that is not appealable. Street parking is not required for adjacent land uses, nor is it guaranteed, particularly if it reduces general traffic safety. However, the stop sign denial is appealable. If stop signs are installed, then the red curb would still help but is not critical. However, stop signs are not recommended to address speeding issues or to remedy a condition that can be fixed without stop signs. In this case, the restricted sight condition can be remedied by removing street parking.

I would caution that stops on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson would unnecessarily delay motorists, who then would speed up between stops and begin to ignore the stop signs, since there would be little apparent reason to stop. This will foster disregard for all stops, even those that are warranted. Stop signs also increase the potential for rear-end collisions at an intersection that has no collision history now.

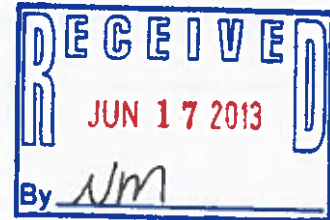
The City's policy is that once a traffic request has been reviewed by the City Traffic Engineer, his evaluation is valid for two years. Residents/interested parties who do not agree with a decision of this type may file an Appeal of an Administrative Decision. In this situation, you would be appealing the Traffic Engineer's decision to deny the installation of all way stop controls on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Larsson St. The issue would be considered by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission and ultimately by the City Council for a final decision. The deadline to appeal is May 16, 2013. To initiate the appeal process, you must submit an application, petition and pay an appeal fee of \$500 by the deadline date. If you would like to go through the appeal process, please contact me and I can provide you with more information. If an appeal is not filed by the deadline, staff will move forward with the Traffic Engineer's recommendation to install the red curb markings.

Thank you,

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### **Stop Sign Appeal at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street**

The following is a list of reasons there should be a stop sign installed at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street:

**Visibility / Right of Way Issues:** There is not satisfactory visibility of oncoming traffic from both stop signs which are currently on Larsson Street. See attached photos. The city's recommendation was to remove the on street parking. This solution will not completely address the issue due to the lack of visibility due to the hill / change in grade down to Sepulveda Blvd. The street parking also acts as a deterrent to the speed of the vehicles. Vehicles are forced to slow down due to the fact there is street parking; if the street parking was removed, vehicle would travel at faster speeds, hence giving less time for the traffic to cross 6<sup>th</sup> Street on Larsson. This issue is all about safety; 4 way stops are prevalent in Manhattan Beach, even on intersections without issues like this intersection. There have been multiple incidents at this intersection that go unrecorded. Since this process has begun, we've witnessed many close calls / potential accidents. It should be noted that removing the street parking without adding a stop sign will only exacerbate the problem.

Sincerely,

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Resident

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