

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

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

**FROM:** Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer

**DATE:** October 27, 2016

**SUBJECT: Valley Drive Neighborhood Traffic Management Study  
Initial Findings**

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 19, 2002, the City Council approved the City-Wide Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). This Program established a set of procedures to evaluate neighborhoods in an effort to improve livability of neighborhood streets. The NTMP created a consistent way for the City to evaluate traffic requests, so that a comprehensive plan can be implemented that will minimize adverse impacts both before and after implementation of traffic calming measures. Since 2003, NTMP's have been completed in the northeast, southeast and El Porto sections of the City, as well as all school area neighborhoods.

The NTMP Program has been followed in developing public outreach and process to address traffic concerns in the neighborhood bounded by Valley Drive to the east, 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the south, Crest Drive to the west, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the north. This report provides some background and summarizes the current traffic conditions within the neighborhood. The meeting is intended to be a public forum to solicit traffic related concerns and comments. No recommendations will be made at this meeting. The findings and public comments will be used to help develop potential traffic measures to be discussed at a future PPIC meeting and subsequently forwarded to the City Council for their approval.

**DISCUSSION:**

In January 2015, the City received a petition from residents along 6<sup>th</sup> Place between Crest Drive and Valley Drive to reduce traffic volumes and speeds on 6<sup>th</sup> Place. The petition is signed by 41 residents, representing 35 of the 46 properties along 6<sup>th</sup> Place. This represents 76 percent of the homes with a frontage on 6<sup>th</sup> Place. Six of the signers do not live directly adjacent to 6<sup>th</sup> Place. The residents are concerned that 6<sup>th</sup> Place carries an undue volume of traffic in comparison to other parallel streets, and vehicle speeds are too high for the alley conditions. (Attachment 2)

In March 2015, the City received a petition from residents along 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Ingleside Drive and Valley Drive to convert 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a one way eastbound street. The petition is signed by 26 residents, representing 25 of the 26 properties along 6<sup>th</sup> Place. This represents 96 percent of the homes with a frontage on 6<sup>th</sup> Place. Those residents are concerned about the narrow street and blind corners that make it difficult to drive on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. (Attachment 3)

In April 2016, the City received a second petition from residents along 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Ingleside Drive and Valley Drive to convert 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a walkstreet. The petition is signed by 22 residents, representing 22 of the 26 properties along 6<sup>th</sup> Place. This represents 84 percent of the homes with a frontage on 6<sup>th</sup> Place. The residents have the same concerns about the narrow street and blind corners that make it difficult to drive on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and feel that a walkstreet would be an appropriate solution to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, similar to nearby walkstreets. (Attachment 4)

The NTMP area is located in the northwest quadrant of the city, just south of Downtown Manhattan Beach. The boundaries for this study are Valley Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Crest Drive and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. There are 359 residential properties within this neighborhood with 367 residences. Primary access for the neighborhood is via Valley Drive, Ardmore Avenue, and 1<sup>st</sup> Street/2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Vehicle access to the east is limited to Veterans Parkway crossings at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Place. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street are walkstreets between Crest Drive and Valley Drive. 4<sup>th</sup> Street is a walkstreet between Crest Drive and Ingleside Drive. The “Place” streets are constructed as 20-foot wide alleys. Ingleside Drive is a one-way northbound street. 6<sup>th</sup> Place is stopped in the eastbound and westbound directions at Ingleside Drive. Ingleside Drive ends at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street walkstreet. Robinson Elementary School is located south of the study area on Morningside Drive.

There are approximately 251 public street parking spaces located in the study area, as follows:

- 26 spaces on Valley Drive;
- 45 spaces on Ingleside Drive;
- 21 spaces on the north half of 1<sup>st</sup> Street;
- 60 spaces on 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets;
- 79 spaces on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; and
- 20 spaces on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

A review of the collision history within the neighborhood was conducted for the period between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014. The review reveals that there are no locations with elevated collision rates or pedestrian collisions within the study area during this time period.

Traffic volume and speed counts were conducted during two separate periods: February 16-17, 20-21, 2016 and September 2016. Traffic counts were taken on typical weekdays. It should be noted that the February 2016 counts were taken when public schools were not in session, which generally represents the lowest volume period of the year. Conversely, the September counts were taken during a late summer week when school was in session, which represents one of the highest peak volumes of the year. The daily traffic counts and average speed samples are summarized in Attachments 5 and 6. In addition, turning movement counts were conducted during both periods at the intersection of Valley Drive and 6<sup>th</sup> Place to determine the distribution of traffic entering and leaving the neighborhood via 6<sup>th</sup> Place at this intersection.

A speed survey was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> Place between Crest Drive and Ingleside Drive during both study periods. The average overall speed is 14 mph, and the prevailing speed (85<sup>th</sup> percentile) is 21 mph. These are typical and expected speeds in an alley such as 6<sup>th</sup> Place. It was found that approximately four (4) percent of traffic traveled in excess of 25 mph, which is too fast for this segment.

The residences in the study area generate approximately 3,670 daily trips (10 trips per residence) pursuant to the Trip Generation Manual, published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. These trips are not distributed evenly because of the existing street network. Due to the one-way traffic restrictions on Ingleside Drive and Valley Drive as well as existing walkstreets, traffic volumes on certain streets are higher than surrounding streets. In particular, 6<sup>th</sup> Place has a higher than expected volume because it is one of the few streets that cross Veterans Parkway to Ardmore Avenue. Approximately half of the traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> Street travels to/from Ardmore Avenue. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Morningside Drive have higher volumes to serve the block of homes bounded by Crest Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ingleside Drive, and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. School and summer related traffic increases the overall daily volume in the study area by about three (3) percent.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

By way of mailed notices, the residents and affected parties within and surrounding the study area have been invited to the PPIC meeting. Public notices have been posted in three public locations and posted online on the City's website, [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Commission conduct a public hearing and discuss the existing conditions in the study area. Staff will return to the Commission at a later date with potential traffic measures for further discussion based on the comments and feedback received at this meeting.

- Exhibits:
1. Study Area Map
  2. 6<sup>th</sup> Place Traffic Petition
  3. 4<sup>th</sup> Street One-Way Petition
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Walkstreet Petition
  5. February Traffic Counts and Speeds
  6. September Traffic Counts and Speeds
  7. Public Correspondence



City of Manhattan Beach  
 Community Development  
 Traffic Engineering Division

Exhibit 1  
 Valley Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Neighborhood Study Area

Exhibit 2

TO: CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, ERIK ZANDVLIET T.E.  
FROM: MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS ADJOINING 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND SPEEDS  
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2015

This is a request to reduce traffic volumes and speeds on 6<sup>th</sup> Place.  
Request is signed by residents of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street which share 6<sup>th</sup> Place.

The traffic counter which was placed on 6<sup>th</sup> Place showed 1,305 (24hrs) vehicles, the majority of which were in the daylight hours. Of that number, 373 vehicles were speeding. That number will only increase as summer nears.

Thank You.

TO: CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, TRAFFIC ENGINEER

SUBJECT: EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC/SPEEDING ON 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
(300-400 BLOCKS)  
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Residents adjoining 6<sup>th</sup> Place would like a solution to excessive speeding and high traffic volume. We have addressed this issue before to the city and would like a resolution to this problem.

Thank you,  
The Residents of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets

Signature	Print Name	Address
1. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Jack Williams	400 7 <sup>th</sup> St, M.B.
2. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Melanie Williams	400 7 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B.
3. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	JAN SCHULTZ	409-6 <sup>TH</sup> PL MB
4. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Karen Schulte	409-6 <sup>TH</sup> PL. MB
5. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Luke Kallis	404 7 <sup>th</sup> St M.B.
6. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Brent Morgan	336 7 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B.
7. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Kristen Zukley-Morgan	336 7 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B.
8. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Andrew Judson	416 7 <sup>th</sup> St, MB
9. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	JEFF DRANDALL	416 7 <sup>th</sup> ST MB
10. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Kathleen Kleinman	412 7 <sup>th</sup> St MB
11. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	MICHAEL KLEINMAN	412 7 <sup>th</sup> St MB
12. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Sylvia Domingos	420 7 <sup>th</sup> St MB
13. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Bill Richards	214-212-4140
14. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Gene Richards	214 538-5318
15. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Deanna Loshner	786 295, 949 94
16. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Kristy Kallis	310.422.8003
17. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	DAVID LEHMAN	305.342-9527
18. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	David Schroeder	440 7 <sup>th</sup> St
19. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	MARTIN DEUK	520 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
20. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	PAN YUHA	617 N. Valley Drive
21. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	FRANK HILLEBRAND	436 7 <sup>th</sup> St
22. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Wendy Pitts	516 7 <sup>th</sup> St
23. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	JOHN CONWAY	516 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
24. <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Sherah Rusk	572 7 <sup>th</sup> St
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Signature	Print Name	Address
1.	Tristy Patterson	340 7 <sup>th</sup> St
2.	Kathryn Rowland	332 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
3.	Duncan Rowland	332 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
4.	MERLE GROSSMAN	328 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
5.	STEVEN GLASS	324 7 <sup>th</sup> St
6.	Deborah Berger	324 7 <sup>th</sup> St
7.	Chris Wagner	316 7 <sup>th</sup> St
8.	Colleen Weigert	316 7 <sup>th</sup> St
9.	Jim Kelly	304 7 <sup>th</sup> St
10.	Nathan Hardcastle	613 Crest Drive
11.	KAY VAN	617 Crest Drive
12.	BRAD DAVID	500 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
13.	Jessica Tarrango	501 7 <sup>th</sup> St
14.	Stephanie Schroeder	520 7 <sup>th</sup> St
15.	KELLY N. SWEETEN	428 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
16.	Amy Evans	432 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
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1.		GARY D. GRIMES	421 6TH ST. M.B. CA 90266
2.		JOHN P. PECTZ JR	433 6TH ST MB CA 90266
3.		JUDY PECTZ	433 6TH ST MB 90266
4.		Randall Putnam	413 6TH ST, MB 90266
5.		Teri Putnam	"
6.		YOLANDA P. LANDIS	"
7.			333 6TH MB 90266
8.	Debbie Brown	Debbie Brown	321 6th St. M.B. 90266
9.		PAUL BROWN	321 6TH ST. MB 90266
10.	Allie Brown	Allie Brown	321 6th St. MB 90266
11.		ROBERT CATES	437 6TH ST MB 90266
12.	Margie Campbell	Margie Campbell	417 6 <sup>th</sup> St. MB 90266
13.		Doug Campbell	417 6 <sup>th</sup> St. MB 90266
14.	Nick Casper	NICK CASPER	601 INGLISIDE
15.	Connie Carter	CONNIE CARTER	"
16.	Linden McPherson	Linden McPherson	SIDE OF ALLEY 329 6TH ST. MB 90266
17.		Sherri Sussman	317 6TH ST MB 90266
18.		Craig Sussman	317 6TH ST MB 90266
19.	Lisa Toy, Jared Felt	Lisa Toy, Jared Felt	#600 Ingliside Dr MB
20.	STEVE VOORHEES	St. Voorhees	511 6TH ST. MB
21.	STEVENIKKI VOORHEES	Negla Voorhees	" "
22.	DAVID LINGMAN	David Lingman	425 6 <sup>th</sup> St MB
23.	Andreae Lingman	ANDREA LINGMAN	425 6 <sup>th</sup> ST MB
24.	Sara Mello	Sara Mello	429 6TH ST MB
25.	Melvin Mello	Melvin Mello	429 6TH ST MB



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1. - <i>Carol A. Grimes</i>	Carol A. Grimes	421 6 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B
2. - <i>Dorothy Michel</i>	DOROTHY MICHEL	401 6 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B
3. - <i>R. H. Michel</i>	ROBERT H. MICHEL	401 6 <sup>th</sup> St. M.B
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Received  
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### City of Manhattan Beach General Petition Form

We, the undersigned residents, do hereby petition the City of Manhattan Beach to designate 4th St. as a one-way street with traffic flow from Valley west to Ingleside.

on the 500 block of 4th St., Manhattan Beach, CA  
(Street)

between Valley - west and Ingleside  
(Street) (Street)

**Reason:** 4th St. is a very narrow street with parking on the north side only which makes it impossible for two cars to pass. This causes a danger to the neighborhood since one car must back up or down the street to allow the other to pass. Backing ~~up~~ <sup>out</sup> causes cars to end up on Valley which is a busy street with blind spots. A one way street would alleviate this issue. Honoring this request would not change the current parking configuration.

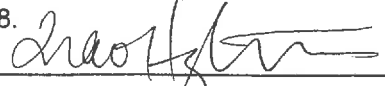



We attest that each undersigned person is 18 years or older and is a responsible owner or resident in the proposed block. The designated contact person(s) are:

CONTACT PERSON: GayLa Rabin - gaylar7@verizon.net DAYTIME PHONE NO: 310-379-9665  
ALTERNATE CONTACT: Helene Bono DAYTIME PHONE NO: 310-318-9641

NOTE: Only one responsible signature per residence is required.

SIGNATURE Or "Opposed" or "No Contact"	PRINT NAME	PRINT STREET ADDRESS	PRINT DATE
1. <i>[Signature]</i>	Gayla Rabin	520-4th St MB	2/18/2015
2. <i>[Signature]</i>	HELENE BONO	539 4th St M.B	2/18/2015
3. <i>[Signature]</i>	Holly McLaughlin	532 4th St MB	2/18/2015
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	Ann MacEderm	540 4th St MB	2/18/2015
5. <i>[Signature]</i>	Kay Yanev	541 4th St-M.B.	2/18/2015
6. <i>[Signature]</i>	Monica Conner	548 4th St, M.B.	2/18/2015
7. <i>[Signature]</i>	Marc Smoot	528 4th St	2/18/2015

Exhibit 3

8.		Traci Harrington	524 4th Street Manhattan Beach	(310) 372-4384
9.		STEVE SPEAR	500 4th STREET MB	(310) 372-4152
10.		Jennifer Caskey	511 4th St, MB	310- 200-5900
11.		Dave Caskey	573 4th St	310-200-1960

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

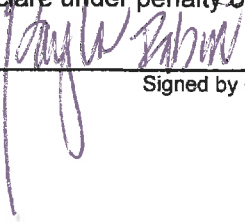
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Exhibit 3

General Petition for 4th ST - ONE WAY street request on 500 block of 4th St.  
 MANHATTAN BEACH CALIFORNIA

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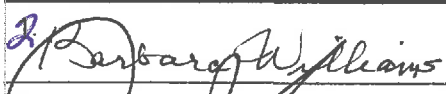

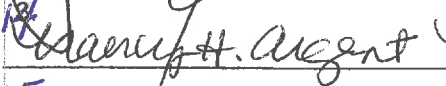
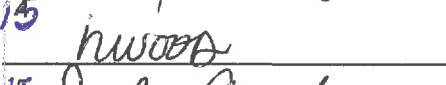

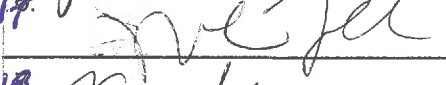




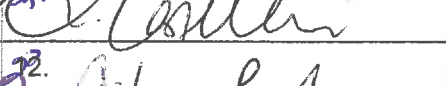



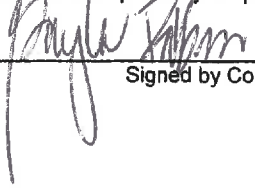
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	BARBARA WILLIAMS	FOURTH STREET	2/18/15
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	Nancy Argent	504 4th Street	2/19/15
	Nicole Wood	516 4th St	2/19/15
	Julie Cordua	544 4th St	2/19/15
	Linda McLaughlin	533 4th	2/19/15
	Jan Steinke	545 4th Street	2/19/15
	Darryl Myrose	501 4th St	2/19/15
	Jill Farring	507 4th St.	2.21.15
	Austin Bates	549 4th St.	2/21/15
	Shannon Castellan	521 4th St	2/22/15
	Aileen Peper	517 4th street	3/1/15
	Claire Worch	536 4th St.	3/1/15
	Charlene Stoen	512 4th street	3/1/15
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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.

 Executed on 3/1/2015 in Manhattan Beach, California.  
Signed by Contact Date



## City of Manhattan Beach 4th St. Walk Street Petition Form

We, the undersigned residents, do hereby petition the City of Manhattan Beach to establish a walk street on the 500 block of 4th Street between Valley Dr. and Ingleside Drive in Manhattan Beach.

We attest that each undersigned person is 18 years or older and is a responsible owner or resident in the proposed block.

The designated contact person(s) are:

CONTACT PERSON: Shannon Castellani      DAYTIME PHONE NO: 310 849 4687

ALTERNATE CONTACT: Marc Castellani      DAYTIME PHONE NO: 917 697 0783

NOTE: Only one responsible signature per residence is required.

SIGNATURE Or "Opposed" or "No Contact"	PRINT NAME	PRINT STREET ADDRESS	PRINT DATE
	Shannon Castellani	521 4th St. MB CA	4/11/16
	Nancy Argent	504 4th St. MB CA	4/11/16
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	Linda McLoughlin	533 4th St MB	4/11/16
	Traci Harrington	524 4th Street MB, CA	4/11/16
	Gayle Pabint	520 4th St MB CA	4/11/16
	BARBARA WILLIAMS	525 4th M.B.	4/12/16
	Jill Firring	507 4th St MB	4/12/16
	Nancy Lemm	508 4th St MB	4/12/16
	DIKO KASSABIAN	516 4th St MB	4/12/16

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Parking Petition on 4th St. Walk Petition

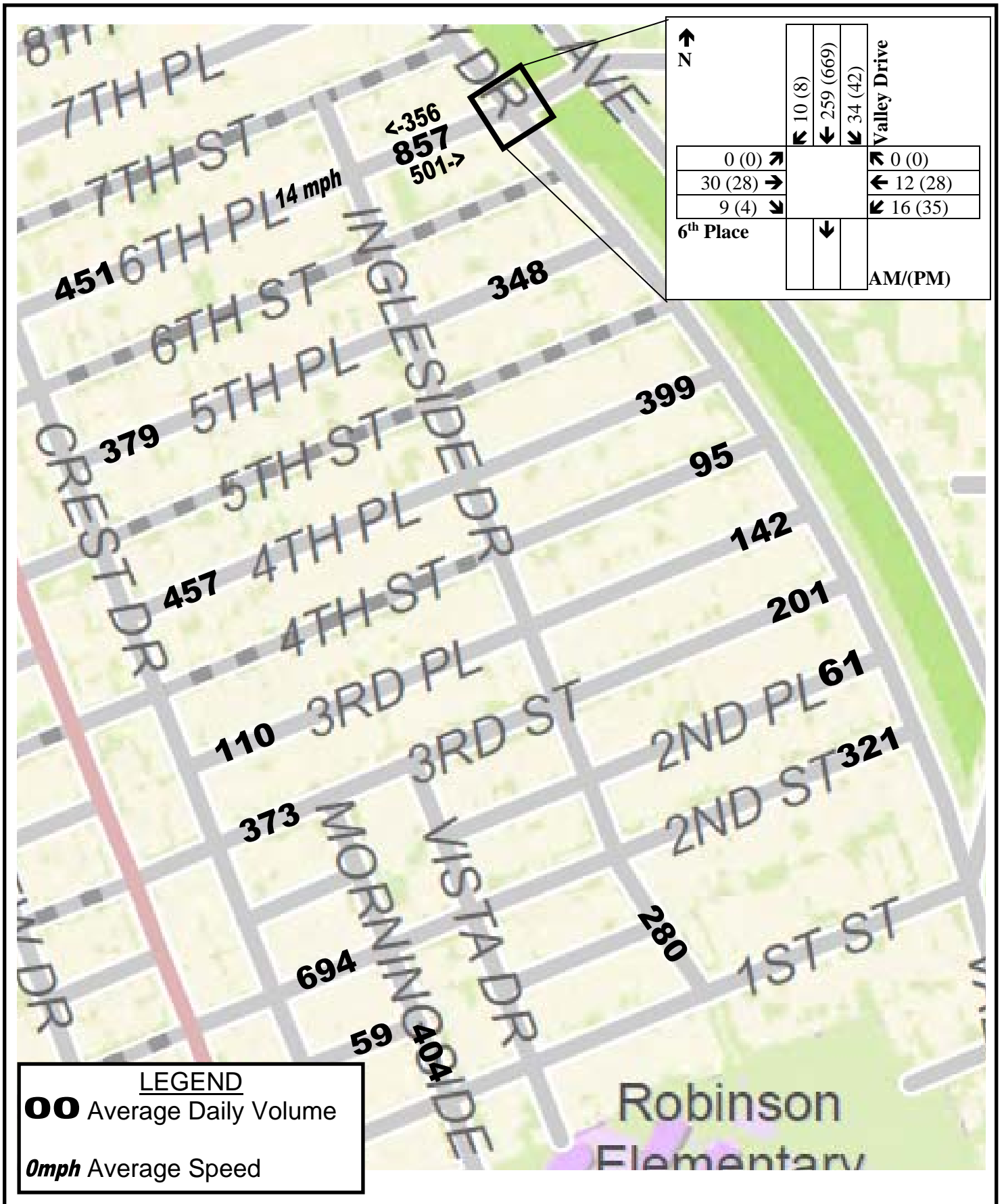
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	MARC SUROOF	528 4th St.	4/12/2016
	JOHN W. MAC EACHERN	540 4th St.	4/12/2016
	MARK LINNECKE	544 4th St	4/12/2016
	Daniel Munillo	541 4th St	4-17-2016
	PATRICK CONNOR	548 4th St	4/17/2016
	JAN STEINKE	545 4th St.	4/17/2016
	Stacy Myrcse	501 4th St.	4/17/2016
	Aileen Paper	517 4th St.	4/17/2016
	HELENE BOND	534 4th St.	4/17/2016
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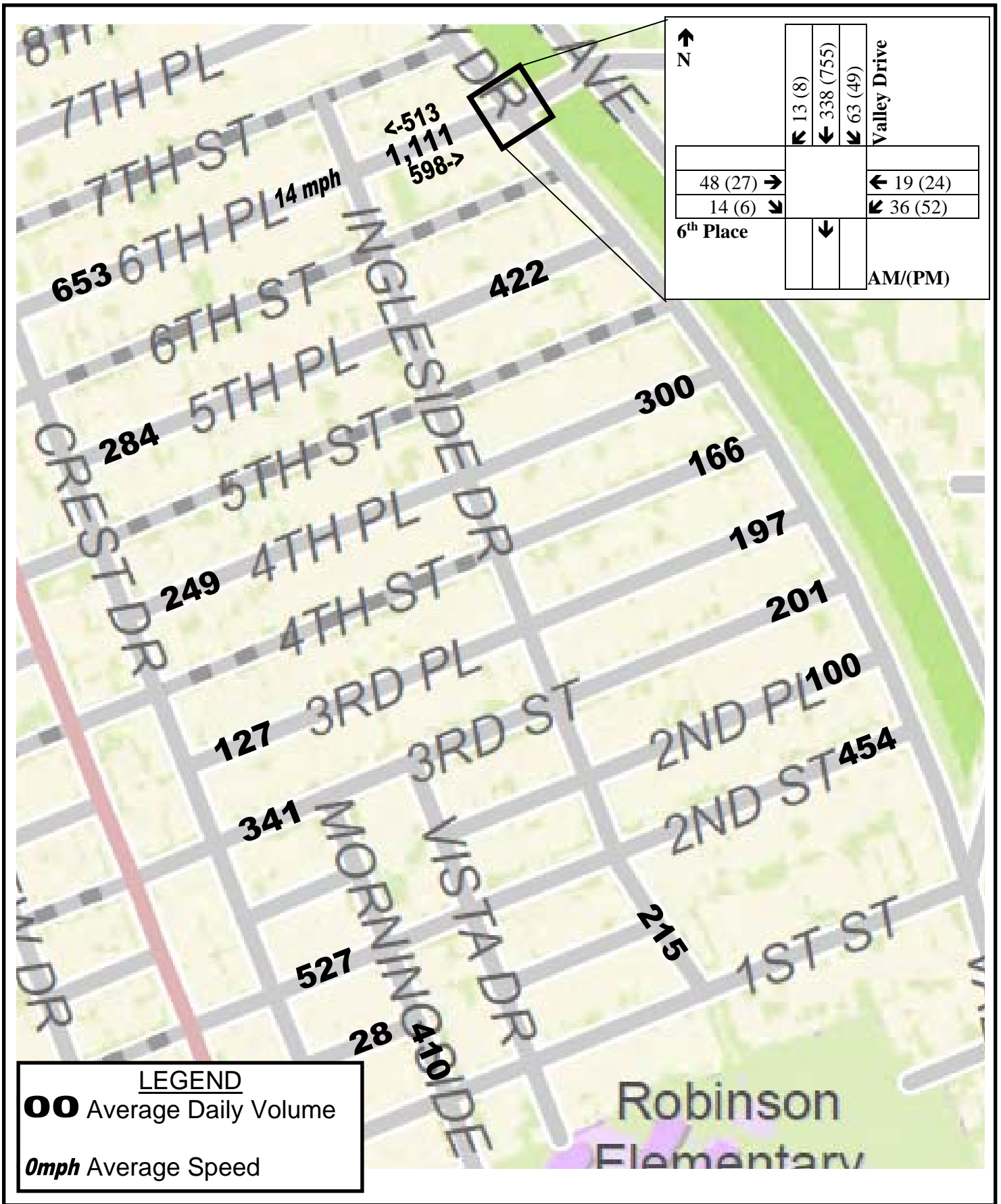
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Exhibit 5  
Valley Drive – 1st Street to 7th Street Neighborhood  
February 2016 Traffic Counts





City of Manhattan Beach  
Community Development  
Traffic Engineering Division

Exhibit 6  
Valley Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood  
September 2016 Traffic Counts

Exhibit 7

PARKING  
AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
COMMISSION

**Valley Drive  
Neighborhood Traffic Management  
Study  
Initial Findings**

Correspondence Received  
Prior to Agenda Posting

April 18, 2016

Mr. Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Distinguished Commissioners,

My husband, Patrick, and I have owned our home at 508 4<sup>th</sup> Street for nearly 12 years. We feel extremely fortunate to live in Manhattan Beach and blessed to be among our wonderful neighbors. Like much of Manhattan Beach, our street is family friendly and neighborly, with one exception – the safety risks to our children, residents and passersby presented by unsafe traffic on our narrow street.

Our portion of 4<sup>th</sup> St. (located between Ingleside and Valley) was once designed, intended and utilized as a walk street. Notably, it's very narrow and without sidewalks. Some years ago it was re-paved to accommodate traffic to a church once located on 4<sup>th</sup> St., however the church has long since been gone but unfortunately the street was never reverted back to a walk street.

Over the years we've witnessed numerous unsafe conditions created by vehicular traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> St. Delivery and other trucks frequently get stuck on 4<sup>th</sup> St. due to the inability to turn onto Ingleside (there's minimal turning clearance from 4<sup>th</sup> St. since it's so narrow), thus they're forced to back up the entire distance to Valley all the while endangering everyone in their path (including the many children on 4<sup>th</sup> St.). The street is so narrow that it's impossible for them to reverse down the street without creating significant risk of injury to pedestrians and there aren't any sidewalks on which pedestrians can seek refuge. They also create a risk of collision with cars, bicyclists and pedestrians on Valley by reversing into oncoming traffic on Valley. In addition, drivers frequently drive down 4<sup>th</sup> St. at extremely unsafe speeds. Of course, speeding drivers are everywhere, but their unsafe speed creates uniquely dangerous conditions on 4<sup>th</sup> St. given the narrowness of the street and the lack of sidewalks. There's not a week that goes by where a resident can't be heard yelling "slow down please" to a passing car/truck. My worst fear living here has always been hearing the sound of my or someone else's child being hit by a reversing or speeding car/truck.

To be clear, our request to revert 4<sup>th</sup> St. back to a walk street is not solely for the benefit of the residents on 4<sup>th</sup> St., but also for the people who walk our street every day with their dogs and kids. As it is currently, they're forced to share the narrow street with often negligent vehicular traffic.

Notably, per a report issued by the Manhattan Beach City Manager, the MB City Council supports a "greener" Manhattan Beach by ensuring that we are a pedestrian-oriented community with walk streets. Numerous publications issued by the City of Manhattan Beach stress the desire to have a "pedestrian friendly" city and environment, which includes enhancing pedestrian safety and encouraging walking. In addition, a stated goal of the Traffic Engineering Division is to enhance safety and maintain quality of life in the community. Reverting 4<sup>th</sup> St. to a walk street would accomplish exactly that.

Lastly, according to Manhattan Beach historian, Jan Dennis:

*One of the most important decisions made by the Manhattan Beach City Council during the "Decade of Progress" was the closing of the walk streets. Some 4,700 signatures had been collected in a three-week campaign to keep Manhattan Beach walk streets closed to vehicular traffic. It was the desire of the residents to maintain the unique personality of the neighborhoods. In 1962, an ordinance was endorsed by the Council...[t]he walk streets were to stay closed permanently.*

Our request is simple – that you eliminate the unreasonable and unnecessary safety risks to the residents and visitors of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and restore the street to how it was designed and intended, as a walk street. Such action would be consistent with the original intentions for 4<sup>th</sup> St., the surrounding streets and the City's stated objectives of enhancing pedestrian and resident safety and encouraging a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Lemm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Lemm

508 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

April 21, 2016

Mr. Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am writing in support of efforts to revert the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to walk Street. As someone who has lived in Manhattan Beach nearly four years, I love the sense of community and walkability that our city promotes.

Reverting the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to become a walk street aligns with the city's plan to have a more walkable and pedestrian friendly community. It adds to the character of our city and would benefit all the families, seniors and visitors who enjoy our community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Bartlett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Blair" and the last name "Bartlett" clearly distinguishable.

Blair Bartlett  
505 Manhattan Beach Blvd. #12, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

April 18, 2016

Mr. Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Distinguished Commissioners,

On behalf of other impacted families and homeowners, we are writing to you to request the extension of the walkstreet on 4th street to the area from Ingleside Drive to Valley Drive.

Street vehicle traffic does present a recurring safety issue to children, the elderly and other loved ones. As you know, this section of 4th street ends at Ingleside Drive and a closure of the street would present minimal, if any, inconvenience to drivers as they could use the adjacent streets of 3rd place and 4th place to access Ingleside. Moreover, virtually all the cars that park on the street (with the exception of the summer months when beach goers - who incidentally have the regrettable habit of stomping on the plants in many of our street-side gardens - park on the street on the weekends) belong to the homeowners of the impacted area. We will happily sacrifice that convenience for the added safety of a walk street.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Marc Castellani  
521 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach 90266

April 18, 2016

Mr. Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Zandvliet and Distinguished Commissioners,

My husband Marc and I are homeowners at 521 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan Beach. Over the past few years our family has grown and we now have small children who are nearly 2- and 4-years old. We love our neighborhood – except for the fact that speeding cars on the block create a risk for our children and the scores of children who play in the front yards in our neighborhood.

The 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street used to be a walk street many years ago and was apparently paved over because there was a church on the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street that required 2-way traffic access. Obviously there is no longer a church in our residential neighborhood but unfortunately; the street was never converted back to a walk street.

In addition to the safety concern and the fact that the 500-block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street was originally designed as a walk street, we believe reverting the block back to a walk street would further enhance the sense of community we have in the neighborhood.

In terms of timing, we would urge you to consider reverting the 500-block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street back to a walk street soon because we have been notified that our street will be under construction due to a sewage line project early this fall. Since the street will already be under repair we would urge you to consider repaving the 500-block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street back to a walk street to coincide with the street project.

Thank you,



Shannon Castellani

521 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach 90266



Parking on 3rd street  
Wednesday Oct 19, 2016  
by Shannon Murphy Castellani



August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Manhattan Beach City Council  
1400 Highland Ave  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Members of the City Council,

I'm writing to show my support for converting the 500 block of 4th Street back to a walk street. My husband and I bought our home on 4th street in 2007. Within our first year, we realized what a special place 4th street is; well known for its sense of community and a string of traditions that we were now so blessed to be a part of. From the hundreds of children who pack our street each year for Halloween, to the 4th of July bike parade, to the annual children's surf competition, to the simple hello and friendly conversations with neighbors - 4th street is a very special place that we are lucky to call home. Over the past nine years, we have added three children to our family and have come to value this sense of community even more.

There are several reasons why we advocate for returning 4th street to its original state as a walk street. It will no doubt foster an even greater sense of community on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, but most importantly it will create a much safer environment for the children and families that live here as well as anyone who visits or happens to be walking down our street. Here are a few reasons why safety is a big concern:

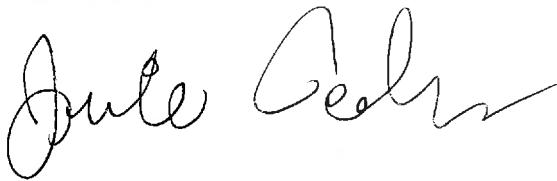
- As you know, 4<sup>th</sup> Street is barely wide enough for one car to drive down the street. A child only needs to run 1-2 feet outside of the yard to be in oncoming traffic. With no sidewalks, the distance between our front yard and traffic is very small.

- Fast cars turning off valley onto 4th street with a blind turn are dangerous. Cars exiting valley are traveling at a fast rate of speed onto a small, narrow street with no sidewalks and only room for one car. If anyone is walking within the first few feet of 4th street near valley, they are at risk of getting hit (I personally have had to jump out of the way multiple times when walking to my car that is parked on 4th near the corner of valley). The risk is greater for children.
- Also, if a car is going east on 4th and another tries to turn onto 4<sup>th</sup> from Valley, one of the cars has to back up. Usually this is the car on valley, which then creates a traffic hazard for cars traveling at high rate through valley not expecting a car to be backing down valley.
- No ability for two lanes of traffic. As mentioned above, this causes traffic hazards on Valley as cars have to slam on brakes or back up on valley.
- Finally, cars having to back-up on 4<sup>th</sup> to avoid a car coming the other way is a hazard in and of itself. Backing up down our narrow street is dangerous.

With safety a big concern and the overwhelming majority of 4<sup>th</sup> Street residents in favor of returning the 500 block to a walk street, this seems like a logical step for the community.

Kind regards,

Julie Cordua

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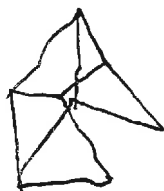
Hello, My name is Alexa LeMM,  
and I am 7 years old. I live at 509 4th  
street. I want a walk street because  
I don't want a little place to play in  
my front yard I want more space and  
no one will run into us space and  
gar. And every day I could come with a  
and practice soccer drills for out  
Also my friends and I would have soccer.  
to play. And right now cars are parked and  
when they back up they could help us  
please give us a safe place to play  
Thank you ALEXA



Hello,

My name is Trevor and I am 10 years old. I live at 508 4th Street. I want a walkstreet because then every day I can play basketball or soccer in the street. Also, if I have a walkstreet I can ripstik or skateboard down the street without a car coming right at me. It will be much safer without cars being able to hit me. With a walkstreet we can have big block parties and get to know our neighbors better. I love Manhattan Beach, and I just want somewhere to play where it is safe.

Thank You,  
From Trevor.



Dear Mr. Zandvliet

I am Braeden Lemm, an eighth grader at MBMS. I have lived at 508 4th Street since I was one year old. It has been a fun twelve years at fourth street, with neighbors moving in and out, and being able to have my friends over and hang out. But it would be so much better to have a walkstreet where I could just walk out of my yard and play around, without having to move everything when a car comes down the street. It would be amazing to not have to worry about cars coming down the street, and hurting someone. Just one driver not paying attention speeding through the street, could mean going to the hospital for a month.

With a walkstreet, we would also be able to have big parties or barbecues out on the walkstreet. It would mean a lot more room for tables, chairs, food, and games. Then we could have birthday parties, block parties, and barbecues with our friends, without having to worry about a car coming down the street and hurting someone. With the extra space, we would be able to not have cars on the street for Halloween.

It would be great to have a walkstreet for many reasons, including that we don't have to worry about cars, we have space to play around, and we have the space to have big parties without having to close off the street. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope you make the decision to make it a walkstreet.

Thank you,

Braeden Lemm



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September 4, 2016

City of Manhattan Beach

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our support for closing the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to vehicles. Over the 15 years that we have lived on this block we have strived to enjoy the neighborly bonds that a street designed to be a walk street should bring while having to deal with the issues that having it open to traffic causes. As the only vehicular block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street in this Sand Section of Manhattan Beach, we have had to routinely request closure of the street so that our children could participate in block related activities and have had to walk with them since there are no sidewalks.

Even though our son is now grown and the homeowners have changed, we still have the pleasure of having new families with younger children and the addition of grandchildren bringing laughter and energy to the street. Now more than ever, we want to see our block returned to a walk street where it is safe for the little ones to walk and play and where we can gather on special occasions with our neighbors.

While we understand the parking concerns of residents on nearby through streets, we would like to point out that we all have garages and that as far as we can tell, we and the others on our block use them for parking our cars.

Sincerely,

Paul, Jan and Thomas Steinke  
545 4<sup>th</sup> Street

August 29, 2016

Mr. Erik Zandvliet, T.E., City Traffic Engineer  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am writing in support of the recent proposal to return the 500 Block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a Walk Street. I have been at 501 4<sup>th</sup> Street for 7 years, and lived on the walkstreets in North Manhattan before we moved into our home in the South sand section.

The list of reasons to approve this proposal is very long, and a few of the lesser ones include that 4<sup>th</sup> Street is a walkstreet on every block except the 500 block, and there is no 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the Hill Section. The 500 block was once a walkstreet and the design was not modified when it was changed to a thoroughfare. Aesthetically, it would add charm to the neighborhood and logically, it makes sense.

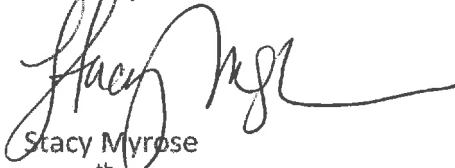
Those reasons become irrelevant where the safety of our youngest community members is concerned. Any child living on the 500 block has to cross Ingleside to get to the walkstreet, after navigating a narrow street among parked cars and two-way traffic. People rarely heed the Northbound 4<sup>th</sup> and Ingleside stop sign, and not only do they often also ignore the Westbound stop sign, they take the right turn too quickly without watching where they are going. People even go the wrong way down Ingleside and these kids are only checking for traffic coming from the South.

The only option for the kids who would rather not go to the 400 Block is to play in the alley on 4<sup>th</sup> Place. Many neighbors on the 400 block, as well as those who park on Ingleside, use 4<sup>th</sup> Place as their through street from Valley, and homeowners are often pulling in and out of garages. It is a dangerous place for our kids to play, but it is their only real option.

I strongly believe that if you consider all the benefits to the city and the community this proposal provides, you will see that approving the change is the best decision.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Stacy Myrose  
501 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
(310) 379-3579

TO: City of Manhattan Beach  
FROM: GayLa Rabin  
DATE: September 1, 2016  
SUBJECT: Walk Street - 500 Block 4th Street.

For me, reverting the 500 block of 4th street to a walk street is a project 37 years in the process. For the years that I have lived on the block, I have experienced many changes. Some changes have been positive; many extremely frustrating. The positive is of course the people on the block. They have always been encouraging, helpful and concerned about their neighbors.

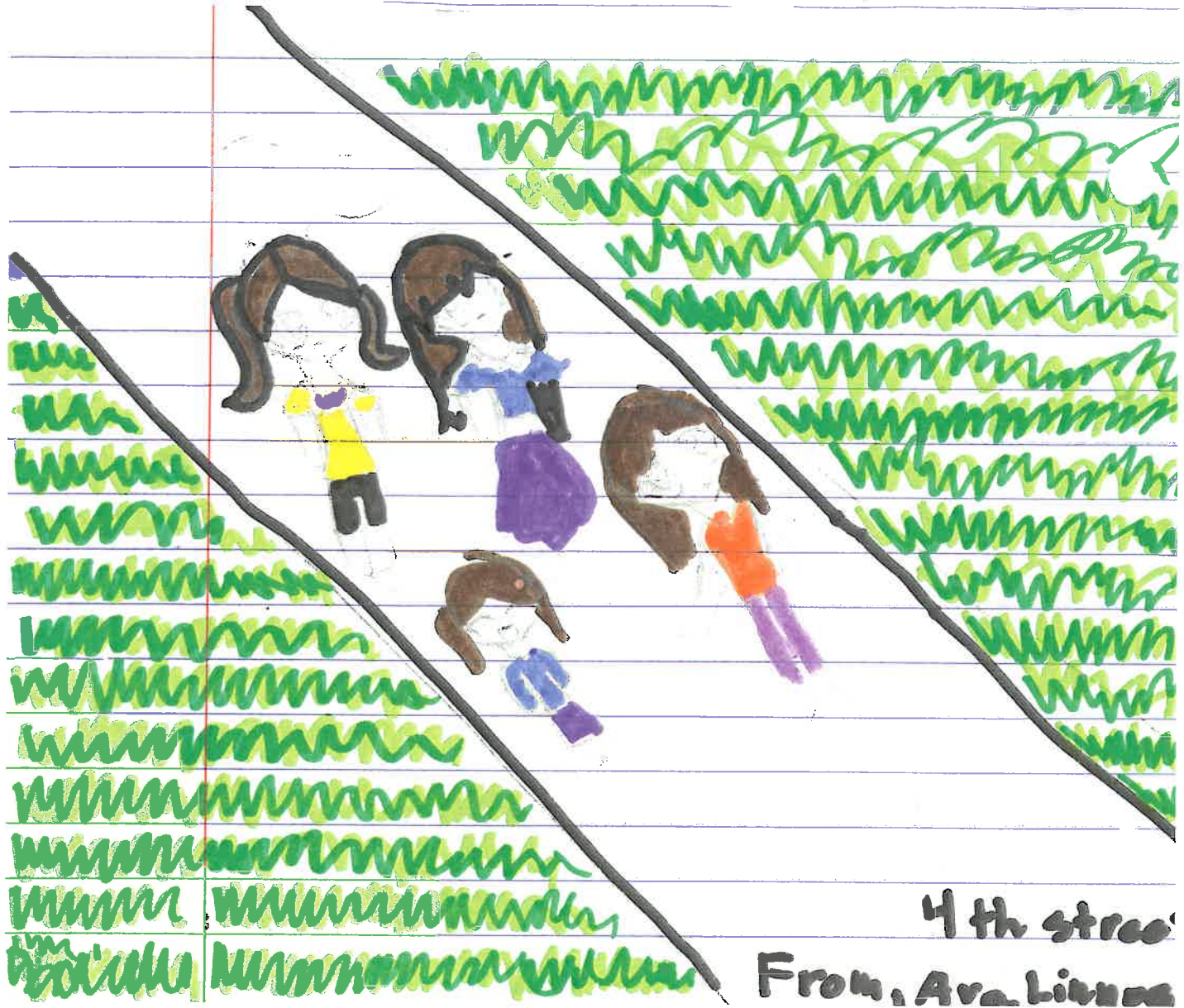
The frustrating issues are sometimes overwhelming. Consider the following:

1. A street that is as narrow as a walk street but where two-way traffic is allowed. This is a danger for animals, residents, and especially children who must walk on the street to get to and from their school. A staircase is provided for children to walk from the hill section over Valley to 4th Street but with no provisions for safety such as a cross walk.
2. A street that has parking on one side which makes it narrower than a walk street but allows for two-way traffic. It is impossible for two cars to drive on the block simultaneously. One driver must back up onto Valley traffic where visibility is very limited; or, one must back up onto Ingleside which has similar issues.
3. A street where many drivers do not stop at the Ingleside/4th St. stop sign before "cautiously driving through the intersection" as the drivers' manual states. They drive fast causing their wheels to screech when making the turn onto 4th St. or continue on Ingleside.
4. Automobile and truck drivers have difficulty turning west onto 4th St. from Ingleside as well as turning north onto Ingleside from 4th St. As a result, parked cars are hit or curbs are damaged. In any case, this intersection is not safe.

These are dangers that other streets in the area do not face. It is time for 4th Street residents to be "street" safe rather than subjected to dangers and frustrations that others may not experience. I advocate reverting back to the walk street it was meant to be for the safety of those traveling on the block.

  
GayLa Rabin  
520 4th Street  
Manhattan Beach,





4th street  
From Ave. Lincoln

To Manhattan Beach City Council

I think we should have a walk street so we do not have to worry about the cars going down the street while we are playing.

I would also like to have a walk street for the holidays and the parties we have. For example I like the 4th of July so we do not have to pay money to block off the street.

The walk street would turn me from upside down

PLEASE

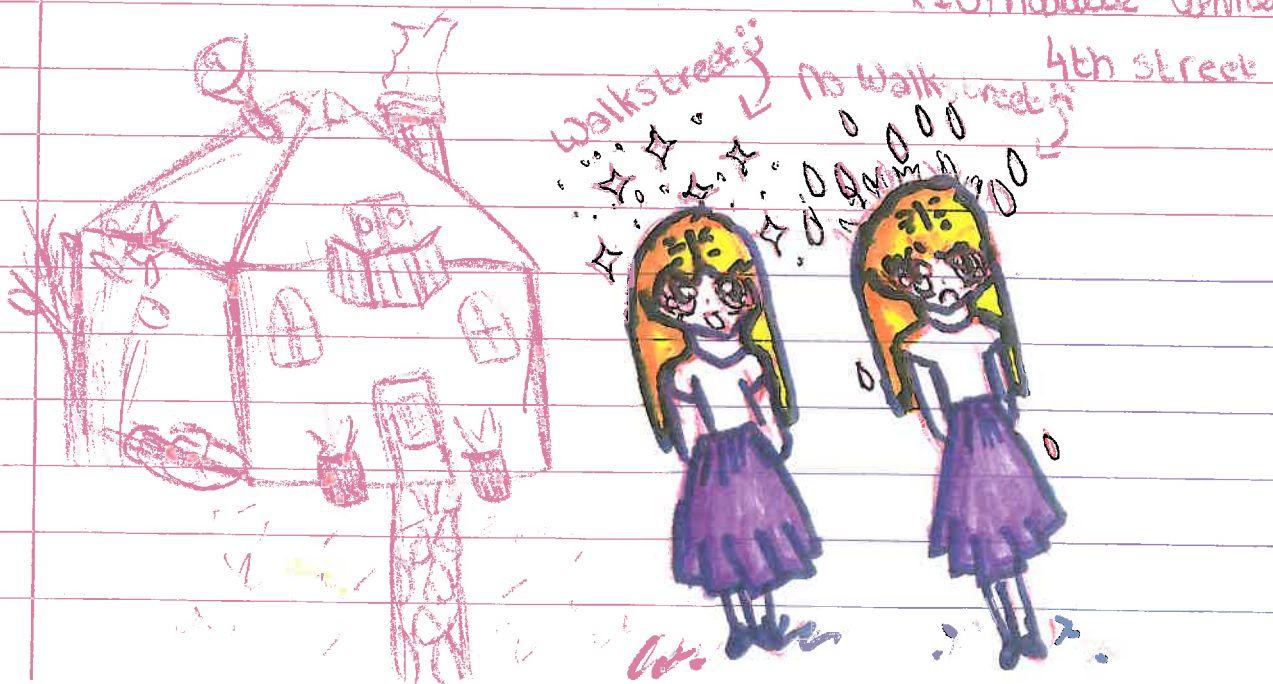
To the Manhattan Beach  
City Council,

Hi! I live on 4th street and Valley. I will explain why we need a walk street! 1st reason, it would make daily life a lot safer for us children because we can enjoy ourselves without the worry of cars coming down the street. Living near the end of a street, we cannot participate in many physical activities and we may gradually become less active.

Even though our city's parking space will decrease, it will be a lot safer and easier for our every day life.

This is why I hope you will consider making our street a walk street.

Sincerely,  
(10) Natalie Commer



Dear Manhattan Beach City  
Council,

I think that we should be able to have a walk street.

I believe we should have a walk street because of cars, safety, and it is good for holidays and occasions.

The first reason I think that we should have a walk street, is because of the cars that pass by. Lots of cars pass on our street every day. It is very dangerous for many reasons. First of all, the corner to turn on to valley has causes multiple crashes. This because cars can't see when turning on to valley. This problem can easily be solved by eliminating having it even be a smallest risk by making it a walk street.

Another reason I believe that we should have a walk street, is because for safety.

Now, this is not just concerning the kids, but also for the adults. The adults now don't have to worry about getting in a car crash, like I explained in the previous paragraph. But, it also keeps the children safe and sound when playing on the street. The parents won't have to worry about coming outside to check on their kid, to see them unconscious, lying on the ground.

The final reason I support having a walk street, is because of holidays and special occasions. For example, every year we have to pay money and get signatures to block off our street for halloween. This always works out even at the one of the busiest times of the year. Another example is the Fourth of July Bike Race. It happens every year where most of the kids on fourth street decorate their scooters, bikes,

and tricycles to ride them down the walk street. But, you know what would be even cooler, would be to extend the race. If our street was a walk street, they could make it longer and extend it on to our street. An annual block party would also be a really cool way for the people on fourth street to bond.

Cars, safety, and holidays and special occasions are just a few of the many reasons that fourth street should become a walk street.

Sincerely,

548 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Kirra  
Conner  
7<sup>th</sup> grader at  
MBMS, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Dear City of Manhattan Beach,  
My name is Charlie Myrose and I live at 501 4th street  
I would love it if the 500 block of 4th street was  
a walk street. My 4th street friends and I would like  
a safe place to play.

Thank you for your time,  
Charlie Myrose

AUGUST 26, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

MY NAME IS MIKE MAURRY & MY WIFE & THREE CHILDREN HAVE LIVED AT 500-5<sup>th</sup> STREET FOR 51 YEARS. I AM IN FAVOR OF MAKING 4<sup>th</sup> STREET, FROM INGLESIDE TO VALLEY DRIVE, A WALK STREET.

I REMEMBER WHEN INGLESIDE WAS A TWO-WAY STREET WITH PARKING ON ONE SIDE, IT NOW WORKS BETTER AS A ONE-WAY STREET.

4<sup>th</sup> STREET, BETWEEN VALLEY & INGLESIDE, IS NOT VERY EFFICIENT. WHEN USING THIS STREET, YOU MOST OFTEN HAVE TO WAIT, BACK-UP, OR USE ANOTHER STREET.

WALK STREETS ARE SAFE, FUNCTIONAL, & FAMILY FRIENDLY,

THE ONLY DRAWBACK I SEE, IS PARKING. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO PARK IN THEIR GARAGE,

Mike Maurry (310) 372-9919



To Manhattan Beach City Council

my name is Susan Young and I  
have lived at 336 4th St  
since 1975.

This walkstreet is like no  
other. Our friendships, concerns  
and relationships are like no  
other - This street is like a  
family to one another.

Lower 4th Street is 100%  
part of this. I think making  
our special street a "total"  
walkstreet is way past due.

I would be happy to talk with  
any of you if you have any  
questions -

Thank you in advance for your  
help making this happen!!

Susan Young  
310 374 7430

August 26, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Joanne Cascarelli and I live at 417 Crest Drive, Upper Fourth Street.

Since I have moved here I have wondered why Lower Fourth Street isn't a walk street like Upper Fourth St.

I walk my dog and grandchildren down Fourth Street regularly and dodge cars going east and west. The width of the street on Lower Fourth Street is the same as Upper Fourth. Why aren't they both WALK STREETS?

Councilmen, please fix this issue.

Thank you,

Joanne M Cascarelli.  
215-913-4536

8/27/16

Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members. My name is Joan Shirey. My address is 537 3rd St. Manhattan Beach. I've been made aware that the 500 Block of 4th St wants to convert their street back to its original walk street status. As an owner on 3rd St, one street over, I'm 100% in favor of them doing that. Our street is so much wider. We have sidewalks, on both sides parking on both sides and that's wonderful for us. Their street is so narrow. I'll never drive down 4th St. If a car is coming in the opposite direction I always have to back up. That street is the width of the other walk streets and should be a walk street!

Thanks so much  
Joan Shirey

537 3rd St M.B.

William and Jone Osborn  
440 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA  
90266

Re: 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach

To Whom It May Concern:

We are very familiar with the Manhattan Beach sand section area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, having resided at our current address on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for more than 40 years. Our home is located on the walk street at the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Ingleside Drive. East of Ingleside at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is currently open for vehicular traffic.

We are very much in favor of returning the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a walk street and barring vehicular traffic from that very narrow street. The 500 block section was obviously not designed for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic to use safely. It is far too narrow to permit installation of sidewalks and pedestrians are forced to use the roadway. In the past that might have been acceptable but with the current flow of traffic on that section of the street, it presents a safety issue. The safety issue is exacerbated by the lack of visibility of on-coming traffic (proceeding north on Ingleside) when vehicles are exiting the west end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street onto Ingleside.

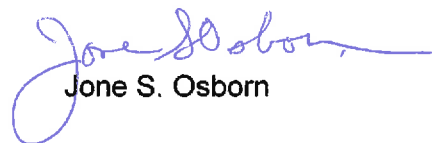
Additionally, returning that section of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a walk street would undoubtedly promote the sense of neighborhood highly appreciated in Manhattan Beach and that has made the 300/400 block of walk street such a wonderful community. The walk street configuration encourages the residents to fully utilize their front yards and enter into the neighborhood community. We would love to extend this neighborhood community into the 500 block.

We appreciate that parking is an issue in this discussion. However, when the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street has been closed for construction and repair, the elimination of some parking has not presented a problem. There is sufficient parking in the adjoining areas to permit the greater need for the return of the entire street to a walk street as it was originally intended and configured.

Very truly yours,



William J. Osborn



Jone S. Osborn

Mrs. Ronald Crawford  
424 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Manhattan Beach City Council:

As a long time resident of the walk street portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, I often wondered why when access to public parking on the north side of the block between Ingleside and Valley was no longer needed that this remaining portion was not turned into a walk street also.

I support this action for several reasons.:

1. It is a two way traffic portion which I find dangerous, not only for opposing cars, but more so for pedestrians, especially children.
2. The parked cars obscure a safe view of the homes on the north side should anyone be on the property that does not belong there.
3. Aesthetically, it would make that portion more pleasant, quiet, and reflect the beauty of this wonderful, friendly neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter

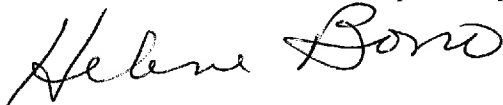
Mrs. Ron Crawford  
August 27, 2016

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To: Manhattan Beach City Counsel  
From: Helene Bono  
Re: 500 block of 4th Street as a walk street

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach and lived at 539 4th Street for the past 20 years. This narrow street with parking on one side is a danger to people walking and to traffic. If two cars going in opposite directions meet up, one car has to back up, the entire block to let the other pass. It is hazardous to children out playing and adults walking. The best resolution to this dilemma, is to make this street a walk street, as all the other streets around us are walk streets. Please take the danger to children, pedestrians and drivers into consideration and continue the walk street on the 500 block of 4th Street. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helene Bono". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Helene Bono

August 28, 2016

Attention: Manhattan Beach City Council Members

Subject: 4<sup>th</sup> Street Walk Street Project

We own and live at 405 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach since 1978. Our names are Steven & Sandi Neldner.

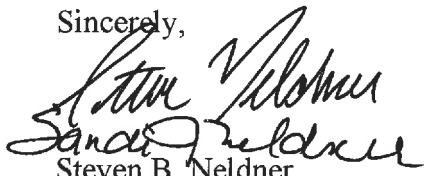
We strongly approve and agree that 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Valley Drive and Ingleside Drive should be returned to a Walk Street access ONLY. The street is way too narrow for vehicle traffic and street parking. Accessing 4<sup>th</sup> Street when two vehicles are driving in opposite directions and one is forced to back up out on to Valley or Ingleside is very scary and dangerous.

We LOVE our Walk Street. Our children and our neighbor's children feel safe playing in their yards or on Walk Street. No vehicles. We enjoy spending time with friends and neighbors on the Walk Street and would love to see other 4<sup>th</sup> Street families enjoy the same in their area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

PLEASE consider returning this end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street back to a Walk Street.

We appreciate you taking the time and hope you can help make this happen.

Sincerely,



Steven B. Neldner

Sandi J. Neldner

405 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

(310) 372-1909

September 8, 2016

Jan Kenner  
324 4th Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

City Council of Manhattan Beach

Re: 4th Street continuity

I'm writing in support of converting the 500 block of 4th Street, Manhattan Beach back into a permanent "walk street."

Growing up here, my friends and I always thought 4th Street was weird -- why would it suddenly switch from a walk street to a drive street? It didn't make any sense. I became a homeowner on 4th Street in 1978, and to this day it puzzles me why the 500 block of 4th Street is not a walk street. It's incongruous!

Even though it's open to cars, I avoid driving along that block for the following reasons:

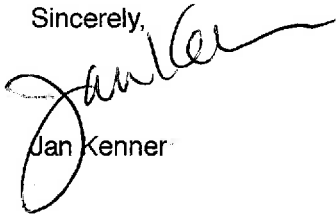
- Safety. Yards and gates open directly onto the street; there's no buffer zone for people (especially kids!) or pets.
- Pedestrian access. The space isn't wide enough for standard sidewalks, so pedestrians have to walk in the roadway.
- Practical. The street itself is so narrow that driving is awkward.
- Privacy. The street feels like it goes right through people's yards!

I believe the street was originally designated as "pedestrians only" but was converted after a church requested the change. The church has been gone for decades, but the city never returned the street to it's intended use.

The cost to convert the area would be minimal. Setting vertical poles in place at either end -- exactly like those on other walk streets -- would be the only necessity. Perhaps the homeowners on that block could pay for the installation, thereby negating any city expense.

Please return the continuity of 4th St by restoring the 500 block to it's original walk street configuration.

Sincerely,



Jan Kenner



Martin H. Compton  
328 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

September 11, 2016

To whom it may concern

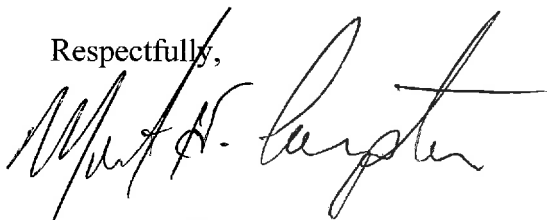
It has come to my attention that a number of residents and neighbors on 4th Street are requesting a re-definition of a one block section of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, between Ingleside Avenue and Valley Drive. The re-definition entails converting a "Drive Through Street" to a "Walk Street."

It seems that this change would be one for the better as "Walk Streets" add to the unique atmosphere of beach communities making them more desirable as well as extending the continuity of the already existing 4th street. I believe at one time all of 4<sup>th</sup> Street was indeed a "Walk Street" and was changed to a drive through street. Adjacent streets from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street are Walk Streets and the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is non conforming.

It appears the costs of conversion involved are minor, signage and a single post at each end of the block.

Considering all of the above. As a forty four year resident of 4<sup>th</sup> street, I am in favor of the change of the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> street to a walk street.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin H. Compton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Martin H. Compton

Date: September 9, 2016

To: City of Manhattan Beach

From: Michael G. & Thais Johnson  
433 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Re: Conversion of 4<sup>th</sup> St.

As residents of 4<sup>th</sup> St. for almost 34 years, we are in favor of the conversion of 4<sup>th</sup> St. between Valley and Ingleside into a walk street.



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Michael G. Johnson



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Thais Johnson

September 16, 2016

Manhattan Beach City Council  
c/o Mayor Tony D'Errico  
City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Re: Creation of Walkstreet on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Between Ingleside and Valley Drive

Dear City Council:

My wife and I are the owners of, and reside at, 316 4<sup>th</sup> Street. I am writing to express my wholehearted endorsement and support for creating a Walkstreet on "Lower 4<sup>th</sup> Street," between Ingleside and Valley Drive.

My wife and I purchased our residence in March 2015. We have three small children and always dreamed of raising them on a Walkstreet. Each member of the City Council undoubtedly knows the magic of the Manhattan Beach Walkstreets. They are a place unlike any other, and truly a unique and historical treasure of Manhattan Beach.

Since moving to our home in March 2015, the magic of the Walkstreets has exceeded our wildest expectations. I cannot imagine a better place to live. To that end, I support extending the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Walkstreet all the way to Valley Drive, as is the case currently with 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The conversion of Lower 4<sup>th</sup> Street to a Walkstreet seems like an easy decision – extend the Walkstreet to the other side of Ingleside like 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets and increase the supply of these family friendly Streets, which are in high demand.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Jason Wucetich  
310-251-3066

9/26/16

To whom it may concern

I have lived on the 500 block  
of fourth street for over fifty years  
and I fully support the walk street  
plan.

Barbara M. Williams

525 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. Manhattan Beach, Ca.

504 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
LALKidder@aol.com  
October 5, 2016

City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

RE: Parking and Public Improvement Commission -4<sup>th</sup> Street

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a homeowner and resident on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, a walk street, for the past 18 years. I have thoroughly appreciated the advantages of living in this unique no cars environment. It has afforded my two daughters safety, spontaneity, and independence when they were younger playing on the street with their neighbors. It has created a safe, close, and trustworthy community as the residents on our street often gather and talk having no prior plan to do so. Many of our families have lived through getting new puppies together and then experiencing their deaths. The support in good times and bad among our walk street families has been nothing short of incredible. I have also always appreciated the aesthetics of having no cars on our street.

It has been a gift for our family to live here and I support my neighbors on 4<sup>th</sup> Street who are trying to turn their street back into a walk street.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Kidder

10-15-16

Manhattan Beach City Council,

My wife and I would like to express our support for returning the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> St in Manhattan Beach to a walk street. We live on the 500 block of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and enjoy the benefits of walk street life such as the sense of community it brings and the feeling of security for our families, children and pets. Also worth mentioning are increased property values for the block.

Recently 4<sup>th</sup> Street needed some major work done which eliminated parking on the street for a few weeks. The residents I spoke to expressed no concerns regarding the lack of parking during that period. As it is, the street is narrow with the parking on one side, which makes it difficult for pedestrians to pass through when there is traffic present.

Respectfully,

Alan Nitzberg

Marianne Ryan

516 5<sup>th</sup> St MB

October 15, 2016

**Dear Fellow Residents and Officials of the City of Manhattan Beach:**

**RE: Proposal to convert 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from vehicle to pedestrian only (Walk Street)**

I am opposed to closing traffic and losing approximately 22 parking spaces on the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Where will these cars park once the street is converted to a Walk Street? Presently parking is at a premium with the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Valley and Ingleside Drives already filled with parked cars. Once the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is converted to a Walk Street, where will these cars park? Will they now park in the alleys, creating even greater congestion issues and safety concerns for residents in adjacent areas? Has a traffic and parking study been done by a qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> party to evaluate the risks and impacts from this proposal?

I have lived on the 400 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street since 1970 and for 46 years the 500 block was not a Walk Street. This proposal reduces parking for my parking convenience and for my guests and potentially harms my property value.

This is not the first time the City has spent precious limited resources and diverted funds from more worthy causes to benefit a small group of owners who elected to purchase their homes on a Non-Walk Street and now want the benefits of living on a Walk Street. This will set a precarious precedent. Will the owners on the 500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street request city funds to convert their street to a Walk Street and negatively impact the surrounding residents, or what about 2nd Street or 1<sup>st</sup> Street or for that matter any other street in Manhattan Beach. If asked, probably most of the residents in the city would prefer to have the benefits of a Walk Street without the premium cost associated with purchasing a Walk Street home. Parking in the city is at a premium. We must retain the precious limited spaces we have now.

The Parking and Public improvement Meeting (PPIC) regarding this issue will be held on October 27, 2016, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM at the City Hall – Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA.

***Please make your presence felt and help us to prevent this project from being approved!***

Don McCarty  
428 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

310-379-5751

## Erik Zandvliet

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**From:** David Lesser  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 3:20 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Cc:** kate\_bergin@me.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Object to 4th St. Becoming a Walk Street Between Valley and Ingleside

Erik,

Please add the attached e-mail message from residents Kate and Tim Bergin to public comments regarding the proposal to convert Fourth St. to a Walk Street between Valley Dr. and Ingleside Dr.

My understanding is the proposal is scheduled to be discussed at the Thursday 10/27/2016 meeting of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission.

Thank you.


- David

**David Lesser**  
**Mayor Pro Tem**

P: (310) 937-1515

E: [dlesser@citymb.info](mailto:dlesser@citymb.info)



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**From:** Catherine Bergin <[kate\\_bergin@me.com](mailto:kate_bergin@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 1:02 PM  
**To:** David Lesser; David Lesser  
**Subject:** Object to 4th St. Becoming a Walk Street Between Valley and Ingleside

Dear David

We live at 520 3rd St. and have a concern.

We understand there is discussion about making 4th St. between Valley and Ingleside a walk street and we are against this idea. We can understand the residents of 4th St being in favor of this, but while they enjoy their open street, 3rd St. residents will face increased congestion and have fewer spaces on 3rd St. to park. Both 4th and 3rd St parking spaces are always filled. If 4th St becomes a walk street, the cars that have been parked on 4th street will come to 3rd St.



Additionally, for some reason 3rd St. between Valley and Ingleside does not have mandatory street cleaning so cars can park for extended periods of time without having to move. So in addition to daily parking congestion, we will become the easy long-term parking lot for 4th St's extra cars.

Unfortunately people have too many cars, (3+), and they don't use their garages. It is very frustrating but a reality. We need to reduce the parking pressure not add to it.

Please don't add to the parking pressures in the Sand Section on 3rd St. Please don't approve 4th St, between Valley and Ingleside, becoming a walk street.

Best,  
Kate and Tim Bergin

Kate Bergin  
310-658-3191

## Erik Zandvliet

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**From:** nisens@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 8:11 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Petition to convert 500 block of 4th Street into a walk street

Dear Mr. Zandvliet

We would like to submit our written opposition to this petition. This same proposal was attempted about 15 years ago and thanks to the huge turnout by 2nd and 3rd Street residents in the area, it was overwhelmingly defeated. We are planning for the same outcome and would like some guidance as to how to approach this meeting. We will be happy to provide a signed petition against this proposal from the 400/500 block of 3rd and 2nd Streets if you think that is necessary for this "initial public meeting". There will be many of us in attendance, so it will be obvious that there is formidable opposition.

A little history, if you are somewhat new to the town we've called home for 61 years. We have lived on the 500 block of 3rd Street since 1978 and we purchased our house here because we specifically did not want to live on a walk street. Back in those days, prices were about the same for all little beach houses east of Highland Ave. We all know there are several areas of our beach city that have walk streets....the 500 block of 4th Street has never, ever been one, and those who purchased there obviously knew that.

As everybody knows in the Sand Section, parking is a major issue on our beach streets, and making the 500 block of 4th Street a walk street would negatively impact all of us in a huge way!!

Please reject this petition!

Thank you for your time,

Peggy & Steve Nisen  
504 3rd Street  
Manhattan Beach

## Erik Zandvliet

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**From:** Kahn, Vera <Vera.Kahn@tcw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 7:31 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Opposition to the 4th Street Proposal

**Importance:** High

Mr. Zandvliet,

I am homeowner residing at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan Beach. I will be unable to attend the meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> as I will be traveling for work.

I wanted to express my opposition to the proposal to make 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Valley and Ingleside a walk street for the following reasons:

1. **Safety concerns:** The alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and 4<sup>th</sup> Street is already very congested with existing cars parking on both sides of the alley. I am concerned that adding more parked cars in the alley will make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through if such a situation should arise. In addition, the potential closing of 4<sup>th</sup> Street just makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place alley even more of a normal thoroughfare for cars, which is not its intended purpose. Third Place should not become a replacement street for 4<sup>th</sup> Street in terms of traffic flow. In addition, children play in the alley and the prospect of more cars racing down the alley makes it a safety hazard for our kids.
2. **Construction vehicles:** In the past two-three years there have been two homes built on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ingleside. During this process, construction and worker vehicles would take up 5-6 parking spots in our neighborhood. Recently, construction has begun on the lot on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Ingleside. This will again take away our parking spots for the next year or so, and this would be exacerbated if this proposal were to pass. Given the transitional nature of the community, I would expect this constant construction/congestion dynamic to continue.
3. **Beach parking congestion:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is the first southbound street after the walk streets that goes straight through to Highland. As such, it becomes very congested in the summer as many visitors use it to park all day when coming to the beach.
4. **Residents from nearby streets already using 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to park vehicles for extended periods while on vacation.** The street is already congested and lacks parking as many residents, 4<sup>th</sup> Street included, park their vehicles on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street while they are away on vacation, taking up valuable spots for extended periods of time. The passage of this proposal would heighten the scarcity of the parking.
5. **Setting a bad precedent:** I also don't believe this proposal should be passed because it sets a bad precedent for future issues. Just because a small group of people want to get together and change the rules to their benefit, to the detriment of the community at large, sends the wrong message. If 4<sup>th</sup> Street is allowed to become a walk street then I want to preserve 3<sup>rd</sup> Street's right to make it into a walk-street.

In conclusion, I strongly believe this proposal should be denied as it further strains an already congested parking/traffic situation, with no benefits for the broader community. The elimination of 4<sup>th</sup> Street parking will put an additional ~40 cars onto nearby streets that already don't have room for them.

Thank you for your consideration and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Vera Kahn  
505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Photos Submitted by Vera Kahn



Picture 6716: Picture of a huge dump truck in the alley on 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. This would block any emergency/fire rescue from getting through.



Picture: 6717: This photo is of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street looking east to Valley. Every single parking spot was taken. This was further exacerbated by the fact that on Wednesday and Thursday there is street cleaning that eliminates parking on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street west of Ingleside and on Ingleside, and on Thursday on the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, west of Ingleside.



Picture 6718: Picture of the parking congestion on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.



Picture 6719: Picture of the lack of parking on the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.



Picture 6720: Picture of the parking taken away by street cleaning on Wednesdays (looking at the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, west of Ingleside).



Picture 6721: Picture of the lack of parking on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, west of Ingleside



Picture 6722: Picture of 4<sup>th</sup> Street looking East to Valley. There is already zero parking.



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

1400 HIGHLAND AVE

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266

ATTN: PARKING & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMM.

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF 4<sup>TH</sup> ST - VALLEY TO  
INGLESIDE - HEARING OCT 27-2016

DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

I OWN AND RESIDE AT 216 MORNINGSIDE DR.

I OBJECT TO SAID CLOSING AS IT ADVERSALLY  
IMPACTS TRAFFIC AND ESPECIALLY PARKING ON  
MY STREET.

I'M SURE THIS CLOSING WOULD INCREASE THE  
PROPERTY VALUES ON 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BUT IT  
COULD DECREASE MINE. PERHAPS THESE OWNERS  
SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT ON A WALK STREET!?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY - SALLY Z. HARTMAN

216 MORNINGSIDE DR *Sally Z. Hartman*

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266

OCT 16, 2016

## Erik Zandvliet

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**From:** Dory <dannr13@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 6:05 PM  
**To:** List - PPIC  
**Subject:** October 27 Parking & Public Improvements Commission Meeting

We have received your meeting notice on October 27th to discuss the conversion of 4th Street between Valley and Ingleside Drives to a "walk street". Unfortunately we are travelling at that time and unable to attend. However, we wanted to clearly express our concerns and comments regarding this potential change.

Parking in our area is heavily congested with resident, guest, construction, airport, service, and tourist vehicles (especially in the evenings and summer months). 3rd Place is the only ingress/egress route for the garages of the homes on the north side of 3rd Street and the south side of 4th Street and is already so filled with parked cars, that at most times it is very difficult to get into or out of our garages. Per the existing street signs, parking is already allowed on the 4th street side of 3rd Place. Furthermore, 4th Street is always filled to capacity with 20 parked cars. The only place for these cars to go is to the already congested 3rd, 2nd, and Valley Streets.

From the perspective of the community and the area's residents, it is difficult to define any advantages that would result in this "conversion" except to markedly increase the real estate value of the homes on 4th Street. In consideration of the heavily increased parking and street congestion that would result, we request that this proposal not be approved.

Kenneth & Dory Rohr  
541 3rd Street