

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

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

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

**DATE:** March 23, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Consider an Adult Crossing Guard at Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission pass a motion to recommend that the City Council authorize a crossing guard at Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City currently provides 20 adult crossing guards at 19 locations throughout the City. Each crossing guard costs around \$12,000 per year.

On June 1, 2016, the City received a request from the Pennekamp PTA Board and Principal Dr. Toni Brown, for a crossing guard at the intersection of Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue adjacent to Pennekamp Elementary School. The request was subsequently supported by approximately 23 emails from residents and parents for a crossing guard and other measures near the school. (Exhibit 1)

**DISCUSSION:**

The intersection of Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue is located in a residential area west of Pennekamp Elementary School. Gates Avenue terminates at the intersection, which is stopped in all directions. The Pennekamp parking lot driveway forms the east leg of the intersection. Both streets are two-lane Local roadways with 25 MPH speed limits. There are sidewalks on the west side of Rowell Avenue and both sides of Gates Avenue. There are marked crosswalks on the south and west legs of the intersection. Curb parking is allowed on both streets, except for street sweeping restrictions. (Exhibit 2)

The traffic collision history between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2015 was analyzed for the subject intersection. According to City records, there were no pedestrian collisions at the intersection of Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue during this period. However, there was a collision on June 15, 2016, in which a southbound driver collided with another vehicle and overturned near this intersection.

**Pedestrian Counts**

Pedestrian volume counts were taken in September 2016 and March 2017 on normal school days with good weather. Traffic volumes were collected from the City's latest records. A summary and pedestrian and traffic counts are provided below:

### Intersection Pedestrian and Traffic Volume Counts

PEDESTRIANS/VEHICLES	Rowell Avenue at Gates Avenue		
	Students	Other Peds	Total
TIME			
AM Pedestrian Volume (Arrival)	46	52	98
PM Pedestrian Volume (Dismissal)	61	53	104
<b>TWO HOUR STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>AM Traffic Volume (All Directions)</b>			<b>120</b>
<b>PM Traffic Volume (All Directions)</b>			<b>105</b>
<b>TWO HOUR TRAFFIC TOTAL</b>			<b>225</b>
<b>AM Cross-Product (Students x Volume)</b>			<b>5,520</b>
<b>PM Cross-Product (Students x Volume)</b>			<b>6,405</b>
<b>Cross-Product (Students x Volume)</b>			<b>11,925</b>

The cross-product is an indication of the relative exposure of pedestrians to vehicle traffic, and is comprised of the student pedestrian volume multiplied by the conflicting traffic volume for the AM and PM peak hours. A comparison of this location to other intersections with crossing guards is attached as Exhibit 3.

It should be noted that the west and south legs of Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue are on the Suggested Routes to Pennekamp Elementary School map. (Exhibit 4) In addition, the City was awarded a State Safe Routes to School Grant in 2011, to install flashing stop beacons at the intersection, which will be constructed in the summer.

#### **Field Observations**

Field observations were made at Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue on typical school days. These observations confirm the traffic count data and high pedestrian activity. A large number of students use the crosswalks on the south and west legs of the intersection. The south leg directly connects with the school entrance walkway. While there are no crosswalks on the east and north legs, although a few pedestrians were observed crossing the street near these two legs when walking to/from parked vehicles in the vicinity. These pedestrians were included in the overall pedestrian counts. A majority of pedestrians were observed walking to or from vehicles parked on the surrounding streets.

The intersection has adequate sight distance for motorists stopped at the stop signs. Proper right-of-way rules are currently established by the existing all-way stop controls. Heavy curb parking demand occurs during school dismissal. However, any vehicles parked or waiting close to the intersections may partially block the view of approaching traffic and pedestrians waiting to cross the street. Therefore, the Traffic Engineer has issued work orders to paint red curbs on all corners to clarify the prohibited parking areas, and to improve visibility of pedestrians trying to cross at several intersections along Rowell Avenue.

## **Adult Crossing Guards**

The State of California guidelines for the installation of adult crossing guards were reviewed at this intersection. These guidelines state that adult crossing guards are desirable at stop-controlled crossings on a four-lane street where the traffic volume exceeds 500 vehicles during each of any two hours in which 40 school pedestrians cross in each of any two hours during the day. However, adult crossing guards may also be considered if special problems exist which make it necessary to assist elementary school pedestrians in crossing the street, such as at an unusually complicated intersection with frequent turning movements and high vehicular speeds. The specific guidelines are in the California Manual on Traffic Control Devices Section 7D.02, as described below:

Adult crossing guards may be used to provide gaps in traffic at school crossings where an engineering study has shown that adequate gaps need to be created (see Section 7A.03), and where authorized by law. Adult Crossing Guards may be assigned at designated school crossings to assist school pedestrians at specified hours when going to or from school. The following suggested policy for their assignment applies only to crossings.

### Guidance:

An Adult Crossing Guard should be considered when:

- A. Special situations make it necessary to assist elementary school pedestrians in crossing the street.
- B. A change in the school crossing location is being made, but prevailing conditions require school crossing supervision until the change is constructed and it is not reasonable to install another form of traffic control or technique for this period.

### Criteria for Adult Crossing Guards:

#### Support:

Adult Crossing Guards normally are assigned where official supervision of school pedestrians is desirable while they cross a public highway, and at least 40 school pedestrians for each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) daily use the crossing while going to or from school.

#### Option:

Adult crossing guards may be used under the following conditions:

1. At uncontrolled crossings where there is no alternate controlled crossing within 600 feet; and
  - a. In urban areas where the vehicular traffic volume exceeds 350 during each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) in which 40 or more school pedestrians cross daily while going to or from school; or
  - b. In rural areas where the vehicular traffic volume exceeds 300 during each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) in which 30 or more school pedestrians cross daily while going to or from school.Whenever the critical (85th percentile) approach speed exceeds 40 mph, the guidelines for rural areas should be applied.
2. At stop sign-controlled crossing:  
Where the vehicular traffic volumes on undivided highways of four or more lanes exceeds 500 per hour during any period when the school pedestrians are going to or from school.
3. At traffic signal-controlled crossings:
  - a. Where the number of vehicular turning movements through the school crosswalk exceeds 300 per hour while school pedestrians are going to or from school; or
  - b. Where justified through analysis of the operations of the intersection.

As shown on the attached Adult Crossing Guard Evaluation Form (Exhibit 5), the intersection meets the minimum pedestrian warrant but does not meet the traffic volume warrant or minimum number of lanes. While this intersection does not meet all of the suggested State guidelines for adult school crossing guards, it should be noted that several existing crossing guards are located at stop signs that would otherwise not meet current warrants. The City may choose to provide crossing guards at locations that meet the general guidance advice on the basis of an engineering study or policy. There are 10 locations with existing crossing guards that do not meet State guidelines. Alternately, the City can choose to relocate an existing crossing guard from another location that has a lower pedestrian-vehicle exposure than the proposed location. In such cases,

the City has utilized a ranking method to identify the locations with the highest vehicle-pedestrian conflicts, and prioritized them when funds for additional guards are limited.

The Traffic Engineer believes that the high number of school age pedestrians can justify the assignment of a crossing guard at this location. Also, this location is the main crosswalk to the front of the school and serves all students that live to the west. There are existing crossing guards at locations with fewer student pedestrians that can be considered for potential relocation, such as Manhattan Beach Boulevard at Peck Avenue, which has a traffic signal to assist pedestrian crossings.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Based on minimum State guidelines, an adult school crossing guard is not justified at the intersection of Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue at this time. However, due to the high school pedestrian crossing volume and proximity to the front school entrance, staff recommends the assignment of an adult crossing guard at this location, either by relocating an existing guard or funding a new guard.

- Exhibits:
1. Crossing Guard Request for Rowell Avenue and Gates Avenue
  2. Location Map and Aerial Photo
  3. Crossing Guard Location Comparison Table
  4. Suggested Routes to Pennekamp Elementary School
  5. Adult School Crossing Guard Worksheets

EHZ

T:\PPIC\1 PPIC PACKAGES\PPIC 2017\PPIC 3-23-2017\PPIC-xing guard rowell gates 3-23-2017.doc

# EXHIBIT 1

## Erik Zandvliet

---

**From:** Gita O'Neill <gita15@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:05 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Cc:** Toni Brown; Pennie Stepczyk; Bonnie Darrow  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

The PTA is very excited about the grant that will make the crosswalks around the school more safe. In addition to the safety measures already planned, many of the parents we spoke with also expressed concerns about traffic safety on the Rowell side of the school. You and I (Gita O'Neill- PTA Board Member) spoke a few months ago about traffic safety measure possibilities around the school. Our principal, Dr. Toni Brown, also spoke with you.

The Pennekamp PTA Board and Dr. Brown would really like to improve the pedestrian safety on the Rowell Avenue side of the school.

To that end, we are requesting the following:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. We would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street we understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. We are requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. We understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

## EXHIBIT 1

Please let me know what other information you need. Many parents would also like to send in an email or letter in support. Should they send those letters to you or the City Council. I am sure they would also testify before the City Council if that is helpful.

We really appreciate all of the time and effort you have spent on this issue. Please let us know what else we can do to make the pedestrians safer on the Rowell side of campus.

Thank you so much,  
Pennekamp PTA Board and Pennekamp Principal, Dr. Toni Brown

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** TheBorg7@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent with 6 kids all Pennekamp Elementary School bound, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda & Paul Chance

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Courtney Scuderi <courtscud@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 8:00 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pennekamp

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.





Sincerely,

Courtney Scuderi

Sent from my iPhone

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Carol Reach <reachc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing

## EXHIBIT 1

guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Carol Reach, Pennekamp Parent and mother of 3*

# EXHIBIT 1

## Erik Zandvliet

---

**From:** Chris Locke <chrisbutanyway@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Cc:** Lisa Locke  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

Hi, my name is Chris Locke and my wife is Lisa (copied). We are parents at of two students at Pennekamp Elementary School, Hayden and Isabelle Locke, 4th an 2nd grade, respectively, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous. There is truly very little space between cars and children and it has made me nervous every time I've walked my children to school.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher and Lisa Locke  
1314 5th St. MB, CA 90266

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Audra Williams <audraw@skechers.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:38 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pennekamp Safety

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Audra Williams

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Lori LaBrie <lori.labrie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:48 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Rowell Street near Pennekamp

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School who lives on 1st Street and Rowell and very close to Pennekamp school. I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell but I would also encourage a cross walk on the SOUTHWEST corner of Rowell Street and 1st Street. Currently, many parents and children currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than

## EXHIBIT 1

one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp). They could go farther South to the cross walk where a newly posted crossing guard can assist them crossing the street - but currently don't. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Lori LaBrie  
1351 1st Street

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Michele Willberg <mwillberg@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:48 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Rowell Avenue

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and was at the accident scene yesterday. I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.



## EXHIBIT 1

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Michele Willberg

# EXHIBIT 1

Erik Zandvliet

---

**From:** SHANNON IBARA <shannonibara@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:37 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pedestrian safety at Pennekamp Elementary

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School and live at the corner of Rowell and 2nd St. I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none. I walk my 8-year old to school every day on the Rowell side of campus as many other parents do.

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Gillian Reese <gillianreese@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:21 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where there have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
*Gillian & Carter Reese*

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Wendy Stillman <wendystillman@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 10:45 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Cc:** Toni Brown  
**Subject:** Accident today/pedestrian safety

| Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

Today we had a horrific accident on Rowell (between 1st St. and Gates) in front of school and in front of my house. Just as school was getting out today, a car came speeding down Rowell from 2nd street and barreled into 3 other cars, before flipping onto its side. There were tons of kids around and this could have been catastrophic for our community. Kids were traumatized and parents were horrified at the scene and proximity to their path. We had Pennekamp teachers, parents and principal all bravely handling the situation. This photo is taken from my front door on Rowell - looking at the Pennekamp parking lot. There needs to be at least two speed bumps on Rowell, between 2nd street and Gates - and the crosswalk needs a guard. We have no pedestrian support for safety on this side of the school. Unfortunately I see people speeding on this stretch of Rowell every single day. There is a cross walk and stop sign on the corner of Gates and Rowell, however no one even stops properly at that stop sign. I have never seen any sort of police enforcement on this stretch of road and it's a huge problem. Not to mention its a school zone. Something needs to be done to protect our children and our community. Please help by taking action before it's too late.

Thank you,  
Wendy Stillman

## EXHIBIT 1



Below are the existing proposals from our Pennekamp community that i believe you have already revived. I hope you will carefully review all that we ask.

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they

## EXHIBIT 1

currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy Stillman  
Resident at 1356 1st street, corner of Rowell and 1st Street.

Sent from my iPhone

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Cat Stone <stonemanagement@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pennekamp safety request

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cat & Adam Stone  
Pardon any auto-correct sent from my iPhone

Cat Stone

STONE MANAGEMENT, INC  
[9903 Santa Monica Boulevard](#)  
[Suite 1109](#)  
[Beverly Hills, CA 90212](#)

[\(310\) 937-6400 W](#)  
[\(310\) 230-5754 F](#)  
[\(310\) 890-6511 M](#)

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Marian Guirguis <marianguirguis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Cc:** Emad Georgy  
**Subject:** Pennekamp pedestrian safety

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street(where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Marian Guirguis



# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Stephanie McKeever <stephmckeeper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pennekamp Safety

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie McKeever

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Julie Iko <jiko1331@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:42 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Julie Iko  
1331 1st Street  
MB

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Susan Goodell Goldman <susan.ggo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 12:58 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Susan Goldman

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Lindsey Fox <lindseywfox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 8:43 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pedestrian safety at Pennekamp

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Lindsey Fox

Sent from my iPhone

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Pennie Stepczyk <pennie017@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 8:37 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Pennie Stepczyk

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Kavita Patel <kjainpatel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 8:31 PM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety around Pennekamp Elementary School

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Kavita & Ajay Patel

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Cyndi Thomas <cyndi@cyndithomas.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:40 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pennekamp Pedestrian Safety

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Cyndi Thomas

If you are not the intended recipient of this message, please promptly notify the sender of the transmission error, delete this message and do not disclose or make improper use of it. Electronic messages are not necessarily secure or error-free and can contain viruses, and the sender is not liable for any of these occurrences.

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Dessa Meyer <meyerdessa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:32 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Rowell Ave:

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at [1st street](#) (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dessa & Karl Meyer  
1607 Ruhland Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Sent from my iPhonev



# EXHIBIT 1

## Erik Zandvliet

---

**From:** Sharon Lewis <sharonroselewis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 7:04 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pedestrian Safety Near Pennekamp Elementary

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Lewis

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Adam O'Neill <adamoneill@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:50 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pedestrian Safety Pennekamp

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent of three children at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.
2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Adam O'Neill

# EXHIBIT 1

**Erik Zandvliet**

---

**From:** Julie Colletti <juliercolletti@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:24 AM  
**To:** Erik Zandvliet  
**Subject:** Pedestrian Safety at Pennekamp

Dear Mr. Zandvliet,

I am a parent at Pennekamp Elementary School, and I support the following changes around the school to increase Pedestrian safety:

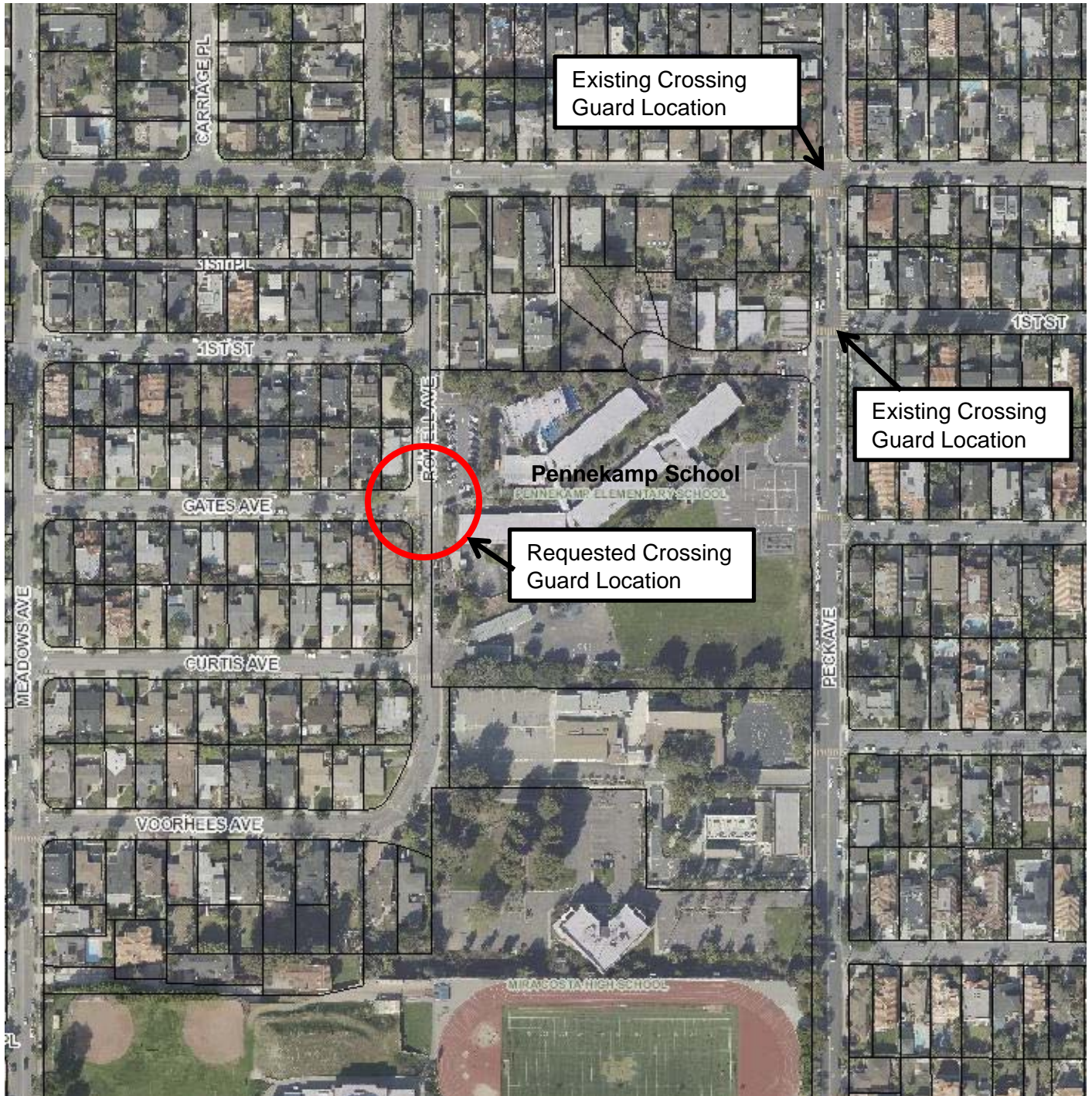
1. The City construct a sidewalk on the Eastside of North Rowell Avenue running from the location where the sidewalk currently ends at the Northern end of the elementary school property line all the way to the Southern property line of the school. I would like the sidewalk to replace the existing planter area adjacent to our Kindergarten playground area as well. Due to the slope of the street I understand that a retaining wall will also need to be constructed to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. Currently there is no sidewalk, just landscaping with plants. Parents coming South on Rowell on the Eastside of the street walk their children down the vehicle ramp to the school because the sidewalk ends at the vehicle exit to the Pennekamp parking lot. There is no way to stay on the East side of Rowell and continue to the pedestrian entrance to the school. In addition, there is no pedestrian access on the Eastside of Rowell when coming North on Rowell. The Kindergarten vehicle ramp is also often used as a sidewalk which is, of course, quite dangerous.

2. I am requesting a crossing guard on Rowell at the cross walk at Gates. I understand that the City does not want to put too many crosswalks across Rowell. Therefore, the addition of a crossing guard will encourage all pedestrians to walk past where they currently cross at 1st street (where there is no cross walk and where they have been more than one near misses with cars almost hitting pedestrians and walk down the vehicle ramp) go farther South to the cross walk where the crossing guard can assist them crossing the street. The crossing guard would really assist in making the pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer over all on Rowell. Currently there are three crossing guards on the Peck side of Pennekamp. The Rowell entrance has none.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

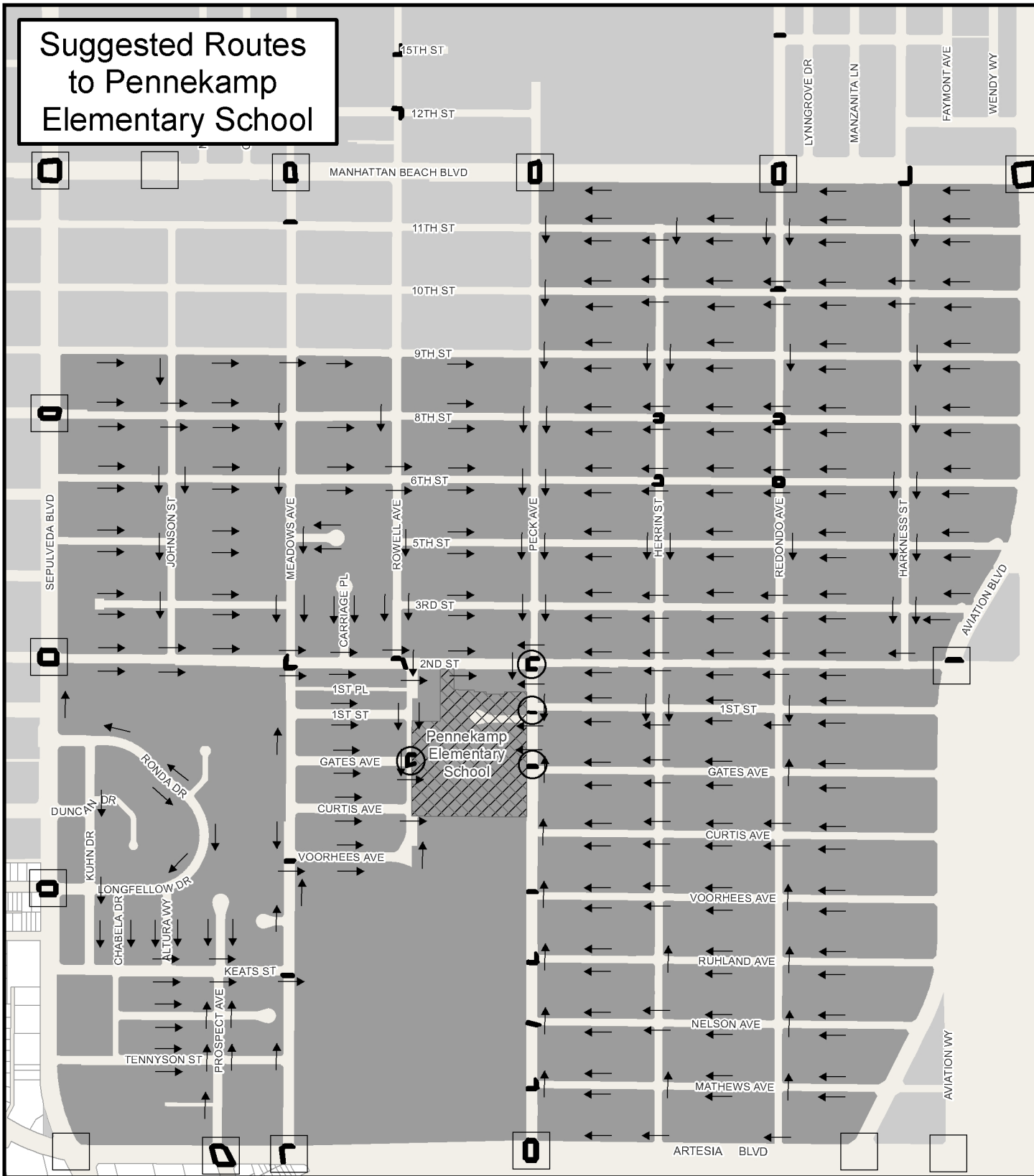
Sincerely,  
Julie Mainzer

Exhibit 2  
Location Map and Aerial Photo








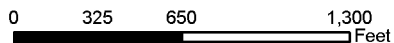


**Suggested Routes to Pennekamp Elementary School**



**Legend**

-  Robinson School
-  Traffic Signals
-  Crossing Guard
-  Crosswalks
-  Suggested Route



**EXHIBIT 5  
ADULT CROSSING GUARD LOCATION  
EVALUATION FORM**

Street/Intersection: Rowell Avenue / Gates Avenue

Evaluation Date: 3/16/2017

Crosswalk Location: South and East Legs

Evaluated By: EHZ

Criteria Guideline	Minimum	Actual	Meets Criteria?	
<b>Uncontrolled Crossing: North and South Legs</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Nearest Alternate Crossing	> 600'			
Crossing Traffic Volume	> 350/hr Urban (> 300/hr Rural*)	AM		
		PM		
School Pedestrian Volume	40+ Urban (30+ Rural*)	AM		
		PM		
Meets all above criteria?				
<b>Stop-Controlled Crossing: East and South Legs</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Undivided Highway	Undivided**	<b>Yes</b>	<b>X</b>	
Number of Through Traffic Lanes	4 or More	<b>2</b>		<b>X</b>
Crossing Traffic Volume	> 500/hr	AM <b>120</b>		<b>X</b>
		PM <b>105</b>		<b>X</b>
School Pedestrian Volume	40+ per hour	AM <b>46</b>	<b>X</b>	
		PM <b>61</b>	<b>X</b>	
Meets all above criteria?				<b>X</b>
<b>Traffic Signal-Controlled Crossings</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Turning Volume Through Crosswalk	> 300/hr	AM		
		PM		
School Pedestrian Volume	40+ per hour	AM		
		PM		
Meets all above criteria?				
OR Justified through analysis of the intersection operations (i.e. no LT phasing, RTOR conflicts)				

\* Whenever the critical (85th Percentile) speed exceeds 40 mph, the guidelines for rural areas should be applied.

\*\* Undivided means does not have a raised or painted median (double double yellow line). A two-way left turn lane does not make a divided highway.

Comments: West Leg = School Driveway, No Crosswalk on North Leg