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TO: City of Sunnyvale – Planning Dept.

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RE: "Peery Park" public notice comments

Development which has already been approved and constructed in this area has caused sometimes severe traffic congestion. Many neighbors and I are extremely alarmed by the additional development which has been proposed.

The last time the intersection of Mathilda and Ross was modified, I asked the City to consider a couple of minor changes which would have provided major benefits to our traffic problems. I asked for a "right turn only" lane on northbound Mathilda, for turns onto Ross. I also asked that the "arrows" for westbound Ross onto Mathilda to be changed; left lane left turn only, middle lane to be left turn OR straight thru OR right turn; and right lane to be right turn only. This is what many drivers do anyway, but making it legal would facilitate traffic to quickly move out of this subdivision during the VERY short light cycles in the morning.

Right turns on northbound Mathilda onto Ross are a much bigger problem. Particularly during the afternoon commute, northbound traffic on Mathilda crossing 101 joins traffic exiting northbound 101 onto northbound Mathilda. Many drivers in BOTH streams line up in the right lane. Some will turn onto the ramp to northbound 237, and some turn right on Ross. Over the past decade there has been a dramatic rise in the number of drivers going to their homes and apartments between Mathilda and Fair Oaks via this route. Now when 237 becomes backed up, there is ALSO a steady stream of drivers trying to avoid that congestion, by turning onto Ross and immediately onto Persian. They drive on Persian all the way across Lawrence, then turn left onto the Lawrence frontage road and take it all the way to Great America. If drivers waiting at the light at Ross to enter 237 stay to the left, drivers turning right onto Ross can "lane split". This has a big effect keeping traffic moving. However most of the time, drivers waiting at the light to enter 237 DON'T stop to the left. Many times those drivers "protect" their positions intentionally by stopping further to the right, blocking drivers waiting to turn onto Ross. For

long stretches of the afternoon commute this causes right-lane traffic to stop all the way onto the bridge over 101, also blocking traffic exiting 101.

It would be a BIG HELP if that intersection would be changed. The curb needs to be moved to the right, and the pavement striped for a RIGHT TURN ONLY lane from northbound Mathilda onto Ross. I have lived on Colton since 1978. I have personally witnessed hundreds of occasions when unobstructed right-turns-on red from northbound Mathilda onto Ross have prevented traffic being blocked for cars exiting 101 onto northbound Mathilda.