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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Kelly Kriebs](#); [Robert Parkhurst](#)
Subject: January 23rd Agenda - Discussion Item #2
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Good evening, Mayor Kriebs, Mayor Pro Tem Parkhurst and City Council members,

While flashing lights at pedestrian crosswalks improve public safety, as a 22+ year resident of East Laurel, I want to offer two other suggestions to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety at and around the intersection of Baldwin and Laurel Avenues. For cars turning left from East Laurel onto Baldwin and pedestrians crossing from Gooden School towards the west side of Baldwin, this is blind corner because cars are often parked less than 15 feet from the SE corner, especially during school days. This could be addressed very simply by extending the red curb zone farther down Baldwin. It is presently only 15 feet below the crosswalk but should be 40 to 45 feet as cars typically are accelerating up Baldwin from Highland. This will eliminate two park spaces, but frankly, it is Gooden School staff that park there and they have access to a parking lot on East Laurel across from the Edwards Building that is never fully occupied, even on school days. I hope that you will consider extension of the red "no parking" zone as fairly simple traffic safety measure that would also provide space for emergency vehicles in the event of call to either Gooden School or Church of the Ascension when street parking is limited.

And in the hopes that it didn't take 3 minutes to read this email, I would also request that you direct staff to implement no parking on one side of Merrill Avenue (a narrow, one block street between East Laurel and Highland Avenues - east of Baldwin). When cars are parked on both sides of the street, it is too narrow for emergency vehicles or trash trucks to get through. In addition, there are no sidewalks on this narrow street and Gooden parents use this street during drop-off and pickup times creating extraordinary traffic for such a narrow street. The Merrill Avenue residents completed a survey years ago supporting this parking restriction and, again, you have the opportunity for a simple solution to local problem.

Thank you for your service and serious consideration,

Robert Stockly
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