

April 30, 2024

Hon. Congressman Adam Schiff 2309 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schiff,

I urge you to dedicate federal funding for the Hyperion Street Safety Action Plan – a **grassroots-driven project** in Los Feliz and Silver Lake which will have a transformative impact on the safety, connectivity, and overall resilience for a streetscape that connects to Atwater Village, Griffith Park, Elysian Park, Echo Park, Glendale, and Hollywood. For 6 years, we have grown interest beyond one Neighborhood Council Committee into a Coalition that has the **support of over 500 individuals, along with schools, businesses, and community organizations** with the common **mission of combating traffic violence**, expanding access to open spaces, and connecting neighborhoods.

Hyperion Avenue and Fountain Avenue span 1 ½ miles on a swift moving arterial street, driven well over the speed limit, has transitioned over the years from an auto-centric roadway to one with **lively restaurants, retail, preschools,** and **creative office spaces**. And yet, despite all this, cars continue to speed without the normal pulsing from traffic signals and pedestrian crossings to slow them down. We are located on a designated Arterial II roadway that feels like a highway. Our community can share too many stories to count of **overturned cars, pedestrian lights demolished, bus benches uprooted, storefronts crashed into, not to mention the more grave pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicular collisions and even worse... deaths of innocent humans. We do not want to wait for another death to make the necessary infrastructure changes happen**. We have the collision data and we have the community support to do something today. Please help us fund the Avenue Plan which includes the request for traffic signals and high visibility crosswalks.

The safer our streets are, the more pocket parks our neighbors have access to, and the easier it is to get out and be actively mobile, **the more resilient we are as a community**. Connecting communities, reducing reliance on carbon emitting vehicles, improving mental and physical health, and reducing obesity rates hits every sustainable goal you're interested in.

On behalf of our Steering Committee and Coalition of Supporters, I ask you to prioritize public investment in the Hyperion Street Safety Action Plan!

In solidarity,

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Siobhán Burke Chair, Hyperion Street Safety Coalition

cc Members of the Hyperion Street Safety Steering Committee: Amanda Begley, LFNC Transportation & Mobility Committee, Co-Chair Joshua Cohen, Cohen Law Partners, Attorney at Law Kari Druyen, Pinwheels Preschool, Owner Tyler Simmons, Reunion Wine, Owner

Endorsements of The Action Plan to Date

Schools

Marshall High School, Principal Lyric Preschool Pinwheels Preschool Thomas Starr King Middle School Silverlake Independent Jewish Community Center (SIJCC)

Businesses

5 Speed Motors Auto Repair American Eagle Auto Body & Paint **Bestor Architecture** Body Builders Gym **Bogie's Liquor** Bravo Bistro at the Lyric Hyperion Theatre **Brock Real Estate Ceviche Project Chaparral Incorporated Cohen Law Partners Community Arts Resources Connected Ventures LLC** Deborah Murphy Urban Design + Planning Electric Ave Silverlake Elite Auto Body **Gil Rodriguez** Golden Saddle Cyclery Grace Market Research, Inc. **Griffith Park Cleaners & Alterations** Hi Tech Automotive Hype Silverlake Hyperion Auto Repair Hyperion Chiropractic Hyperion Collision Center K-9 Tubs



Community Organizations & Non-Profits

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Dare to Bless the Love Franklin Hills Residents Association Los Angeles Walks Los Feliz Improvement Association Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Sunset4All

LACA Dermatology Lehrer Architects LA, Inc Lyric Design & Planning Magpies Mi Corazon Ô Banh Mi Oyler Wu Collaborative Paul Redmond, Realtor PostalWorks Quadrant, Inc Redcar Properties, Ltd. Reunion Rick's Auto Body & Paint Ringkeed, Inc Rodeo Athletic Club **Roschen Van Cleve Architects** Silver Lake Yoga Southpaw Speranza Sublime Silverlake The Collective Realty The Fix Burger Warren Techentin Architecture Wayfarer Veterinary Hospital Will Baum, LCSW Psychotherapy