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To: City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabch.org>; City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>

Subject: Crossing at intersection of Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue

Dear Clerk and Council Members,

It has been brought to my attention that at the council meeting scheduled for October 10, 2017 there is an agenda item regarding plans for the downtown area. Unfortunately I will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting but I would like to encourage the council members to review the crosswalks at Hermosa Avenue and Pier Avenue. As you are aware there are diagonal crosswalks at this T intersection. I think these are unnecessary and actually result in a more dangerous situation for pedestrians. The crossing area (heading north and south) on the west side of the intersection does not require a green light since no motor vehicle traffic can pass in that direction. I think this makes the diagonal crossing unnecessary and adds to driver frustration and backup of traffic. I am sure you would agree that a frustrated driver in a hurry to make it through the intersection makes it more dangerous for pedestrians. I am rarely a driver at that intersection but I frequently walk to that area and I have never use the diagonal crosswalks. I hope you can restudy this situation and make it a more driver-friendly situation. I think reduction in automobile congestion in that area will profit everyone.

Thank you for your attention and I hope to attend future meetings if this will be discussed.

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