

April 25, 2025

City of Santa Clara
City Council
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Subject: Letter of Support for Reducing Speed Limits Around Schools

Dear Honorable Members of the Santa Clara City Council,

Santa Clara Unified School District strongly supports the City of Santa Clara's initiative to reduce speed limits around schools from 25 mph to 15 mph when children are present. We understand the City's Department of Public Works plans to propose this initiative to the City Council on June 24, 2025, and we are writing to express our enthusiastic endorsement.

The safety of our students is our utmost priority. Lowering speed limits in school zones is a proven method to significantly reduce the risk and severity of traffic collisions, protecting our children as they travel to and from school. We believe this measure aligns with the City's and District's goal of creating safer streets and routes to school for children and will contribute to a more secure environment for our entire community.

We understand that the City's proposal includes reducing speed limits on specific streets adjacent to schools, as outlined in the City's documentation. We acknowledge that other roadways with the existing 25 mph speed limit when children are present will remain as is. We also understand that the City will allow for the reduction of school zone speed limits to 15 mph for both existing and future schools, which demonstrates a commitment to long-term safety.

We commend the City's proactive approach to addressing this critical safety issue. We urge the City Council to approve the Resolution on June 24, 2025, as proposed, to enable the installation of new signage before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your ongoing commitment to the safety of our children.

Sincerely,



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