

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, 9:49:47 PM PDT, kathleen watanabe > wrote:

Good evening, City Manager and City Attorney,

I am writing to request an item be put on the April 9, 2019 City Council agenda related to illegal street racing/sideshows in North Santa Clara.

I have become aware of this problem in the last year. A lot of the racing occurs on Lafayette Street and Tasman Drive. I have been contacted by residents in the Fairway Glen neighborhoods and read and responded to postings on NextDoor about this issue. I have talked to the Chief of Police about the issue and read up on how surrounding cities have addressed the problem. I also sent the information I found to the Chief.

I understand that drivers participating in the illegal sideshows have scanners and can hear when police have been notified and responding to complaints thereby allowing the drivers to scatter before police arrive. However, I want to bring to your attention a City Code that was passed in 2004 regarding illegal street racing and sideshows and action that was put in place to stop this illegal driving.

<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/SantaClara/html/SantaClara10/SantaClara1007.html>

Many of the designated streets to be shutdown are the very same streets that are having problems in the Northside today.

I am asking that this item be agendized for April 9 in order to bring the City Code up for discussion and addressed. because after repeated requests for action and, more importantly, enforcement of the law, nothing has changed. I will also add that on occasion I hear the car racing and sideshows during the night. I can only imagine what it sounds like right by the residents on Lafayette Street. The road racing seems to be happening almost on a weekly basis and starts on a Thursday and goes through Saturday.

The residents deserve to know that they are being heard by the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Police Department.

Thank you in advance,

Kathy Watanabe
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