

Dear Councilmember Traci Park,

Traci, we need your help -- Sawtelle Blvd near Windward School has become a danger zone, and the community is counting on you to make it safer.

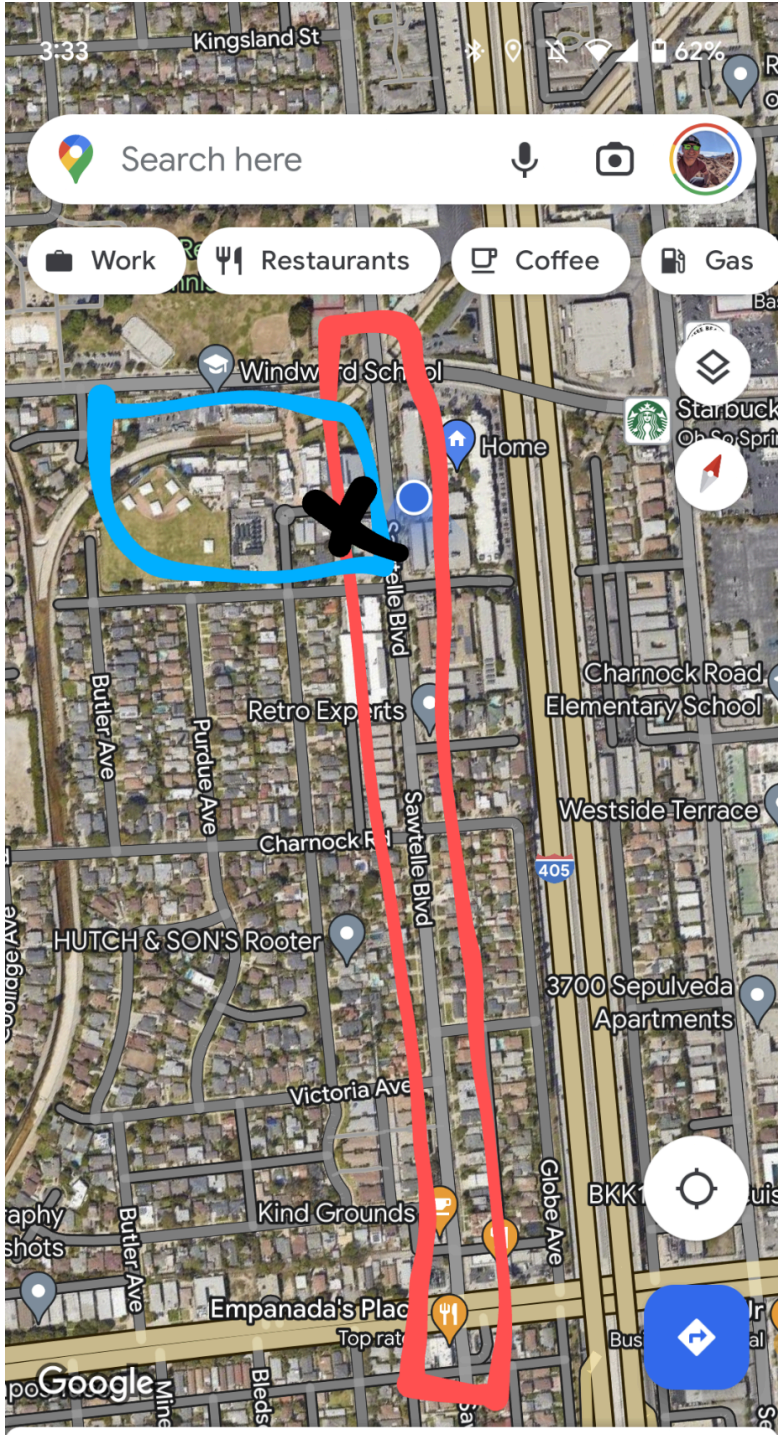
I am writing to request the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Sawtelle Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Los Angeles, zip code 90066. This intersection presents significant safety concerns due to a combination of factors that I believe warrant immediate attention.

Below are the key reasons for this request:

1. **Lack of Traffic Control Between Palms Avenue and Venice Boulevard:** Between Palms Avenue and Venice Boulevard, a stretch of nearly a mile, there is not a single traffic control system, such as a stop sign or formal pedestrian crosswalk, to manage traffic flow or ensure pedestrian safety. This absence creates an unsafe environment for drivers and pedestrians alike.
2. **Heavy Traffic Flow on Sawtelle Boulevard:** Sawtelle Boulevard experiences consistent and high vehicle traffic, making it difficult for residents to turn onto or off of Westminster Avenue, especially during peak hours.
3. **Frequent Speeding, Including Late-Night Street Racing:** Drivers often speed through this area during the day, and late at night, street racers frequently use Sawtelle Boulevard due to its long, uninterrupted stretch. This not only poses serious safety risks for residents but also disrupts the community's peace and creates hazardous conditions.
4. **Proximity to Windward School:** The intersection is near Windward School, which adds significant traffic and pedestrian activity during school drop-off and pick-up times, further exacerbating the safety risks.
5. **Unsafe Pedestrian Crossing:** Many residents park on the opposite side of Sawtelle Boulevard and must cross the street. Without a marked crosswalk, pedestrians, including families and children, are exposed to speeding traffic, leading to unsafe conditions.
6. **Accident History:** There have been multiple accidents and near-miss incidents at this intersection, which underscores the need for effective traffic calming measures.
7. **Unregulated Left Turns:** Drivers attempting left turns from both Westminster Avenue and the adjacent cul-de-sac onto Sawtelle Boulevard face challenges due to the lack of traffic control, contributing to congestion and unsafe maneuvering.

To address these concerns, I propose the installation of a stop sign at this intersection, as well as a clearly marked pedestrian crosswalk across Sawtelle Boulevard to enhance visibility and safety. These measures would not only improve traffic flow but also significantly reduce speeding, deter late-night street racing, and create a safer environment for both residents and school families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am happy to provide any additional information or documentation to support this request.



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