

Westside Waves Soccer Team  
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, Ca 94102-4689

Re: Pedestrian Safety Improvements to John Muir Drive at Lake Merced

Dear Supervisors,

As you know, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, our friend and soccer teammate Madlen Koteva and her mother were struck by a car while in the crosswalk on John Muir Drive near the Lakewood Apartments. Madlen died on March 25<sup>th</sup> of her injuries, she was 14 years old. Our team is made up of students from A.P.Giannini and Presidio Middle Schools. Madlen was struck only days before most of us found out which high schools we will be attending next year. Now, Madlen will not be moving on with us in this next chapter of our lives. We miss her so much.

We implore you to press the SFMTA to begin safety improvements to the area of Madlen's collision immediately, and we want to know why nothing has been completed already. Painting a larger stretch of the curbs red leading up to the crosswalk to aid visibility for and of pedestrians could be done in a matter of hours and at little cost. Radar speed signs and flashing pedestrian crossing signs could be also completed in the short term, and the speed limit could be lowered to 25mph. These are all obvious and easily achieved improvements to us middle schoolers.

As we struggle to accept the mystery of why a truly wonderful person like Madlen has died like this, we ask that you help us make sure that John Muir Drive and the Lake Merced area become a safer place for all San Franciscans to go for a walk.

Sincerely,

The Westside Waves Soccer Team

  
Alice Adams

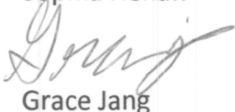
  
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Cc: The Honorable London Breed, Mayor; Mr. Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation