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Dear Sir or Madam

This letter is to inform you of a hazardous situation that is occurring on the streets outside Lemoore High School I am writing this letter as a concerned parent and a citizen of Lemoore. I've had the opportunity and privilege to drive my son to his first year of high school this year. I'm extremely concerned about the safety situation outside the school on the streets in the morning hours and in the afternoon hours when kids come and go from there classes.

The traffic in the morning and afternoon is extremely congested to the point where it poses a safety hazard not only for the high school kids but also for vehicles themselves. I have encountered on a daily basis just how bad it is, there are vehicles stuck in the street because they have nowhere to go and kids crossing the crosswalk even with the vehicles impeding on their space. This situation is not caused by the driver but by the conditions that exist there. The gridlock is so bad that vehicles bringing their children to school get stuck in the impeding traffic as trying to maneuver around this gridlock.

This is a situation that exists:

- Due to lack of space on Bush after Lemoore there is basically room for three or four cars depending upon their size after the crosswalk on Bush Street. This factor immediately causes a gridlock at the intersection that all corners of Bush and Lemoore.
- Vehicles dropping their kids off don't have the opportunity to make a good judgment call due to this overcrowding of the streets, and in turn many vehicles get stuck in the intersection on a daily basis.
- That situation does not make it safe for the vehicles that are stuck there not by their choice but by the gridlock that exist.
- High school kids trying to cross the street get caught up between the cars and the crosswalks making it extremely difficult and unsafe for those kids, if something happened in that intersection or for other vehicles to exit that intersection that they are impeding traffic not by their choice.
- Writing traffic citations for the individuals that are caught up in this mess is not a solution to the problem. The vehicles themselves are not the problem. One can make the best judgment call on trying to clear that intersection but it is not guaranteed at that particular time that you will.

These are some ways that you can possibly rectify or change that situation which inevitably has to be done.

- You can have the school closed the drop off point at that particular time of day and it would keep traffic moving in a safe manner. This can be done by that yellow chain that exists on the poles. This would prevent from vehicles stopping after they make the left-hand turn due to that backup that exist in that driveway.
- You can assign an officer or possibly someone from the school to keep traffic flowing in an orderly manner to prevent the intersection from getting blocked. A good example is when West Hills College starts there classes that intersection by the freeway gets impacted the same way the school does on a daily basis and officers are assigned to clear the intersection and keep traffic flowing which seems to work extremely well.
- Another choice is to remove all the parking spaces in front of the admin building for drop-off points and have another Lane for traffic to move continuously.

I truly understand it may be difficult to rectify this situation but this situation has to change only because sooner or later someone has a possibility of getting injured from this gridlock traffic in the morning.

See attached photographs

Yours Faithfully,

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