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Hello,

I live in Arcata with my family, and often spend time in McKinleyville on central avenue. I was at the rally in June 2020 when a car accelerated through a red light and crosswalk, nearly hitting pedestrians and horses crossing the street with the right-of-way. As we look for a place to purchase a house in Humboldt County, there are a lot of reasons to consider McKinleyville. Yet it has been traumatic and terrifying to see pedestrians and cyclists killed and injured by cars all over Humboldt County in the time I have lived here, to the point that I question whether this is actually a safe place to raise a family. The pedestrian killed recently in Arcata walking her dog down the sidewalk was especially tragic, and was completely avoidable if there had been proper pedestrian infrastructure.

These injuries, deaths, and near-misses can not be accepted as just the "cost of doing business", or "normal / acceptable levels of risk".

I want to see a central avenue that prioritizes pedestrian safety. I want to feel comfortable for my son to ride a bike down the street, or walk down the sidewalk, without thinking he might be killed by a car. I am horrified and ashamed that our local governments have not done more to make that a priority.

I want to see fewer lanes on central avenue, and physical barriers separating the sidewalk and bike lane. With these changes, McKinleyville would be a much nicer place to ride a bike, or walk down the street. It is OK if cars are slightly delayed or inconvenienced.

Thank you for the consideration of this important issue,

Kris Skotheim