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Item 11, Communication No. 1

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Subject: Intersections at Evergreen/Miller and Montford-LaGoma/Miller

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Mill Valley City Clerk:

One of the Mill Valley council members suggested the concerned citizens on this issue forward you an email with our concerns for review in the Mon, Sept 16 City Council meeting. Would it be possible for you to forward this letter to the right people?

I would like to request that the council add another item to the list of implementing actions under "General Plan Mobility Element, Program M.11 Improved Pedestrian and Bicycle Network": Re-evaluate a signalized crossing on Miller Ave in the area of Evergreen and La Goma/Montford Ave.", so that adults and children have a safe crossing in this highly traveled area of Miller Ave.

Thanks in advance,
Holly Brousseau

Dear Mill Valley City Council Members:

As a homeowner at Ethel/Montford, I am very concerned about community safety at the nearby intersections at Evergreen/Miller and Montford-LaGoma/Miller. My husband and I selected this neighborhood and community specifically for the ability to live in a beautiful, family-friendly community with walking access to stores, restaurants, transit and the downtown area. However, these intersections are very dangerous and need to be evaluated as part of the General Plan.

Many motorists do not obey the speed limit on Miller and do not slow down and look for pedestrians at the Evergreen/Miller intersection. There is median parking providing access to Whole Foods and the other shops in the area, but one must risk life and limb to cross over to their destination. I have heard that this intersection will be addressed in the new street-scaping as part of the Miller Ave improvement, yet depending on the timeline for this, other more immediate measures might need to be put in place to ensure safety.

Also, the intersection at Montford-LaGoma/Miller is quite dangerous. In my observations, people are driving over the speed limit, not coming to a complete stop, not seeing or not yielding to pedestrians - and in general, the vibe at this intersection is how quickly can I get through it - even if it is not my turn to go. As a driver who is aware of the intricacies of this intersection, I too have been surprised by a bicyclist moving quickly through a crosswalk as I am in the middle of an intersection or a pedestrian who steps out from nowhere. There is a lot going on in this intersection and a 4-way stop does not provide adequate safety or information for motorists or pedestrians. I am fearful to cross at this intersection and would certainly not let children do so without adult supervision. However, this should not be the case if Mill Valley really wants to be a family-friendly, pedestrian-friendly city. I advocate that this intersection needs a traffic light and cross-walk signals to protect pedestrians and motorists. I know many in the community feel strongly in the other direction, but once the light is in place,

it will provide safety and clarity on the intersection and people will see the value. Meanwhile, more police presence and ticketing violators, signage, etc should be put in place to address these safety concerns.

Thank you for your time in reading this and addressing this community issue.

Sincerely,
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