

Upper East Association

*Dedicated to the preservation, protection and safety
of the people who live in the area*



October 19, 2009

Mr. James L. Armstrong
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City of Santa Barbara
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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Upper East Association (UEA) recently polled neighborhood residents to learn about the issues they believe are the most important to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. The most frequent response was a concern about traffic safety.

Specific traffic issues named included:

- Speeding – particularly on Anacapa and Santa Barbara Streets. Many motorists view those streets to be wide-open throughways rather than residential streets.
- Motorists failing to come to a full stop when crossing major arterial streets of the downtown grid.
- Of particular concern is the corner of Anacapa Street and Los Olivos Street where mostly tourists fail to recognize that this is not a four-stop intersection and traffic travels both directions on Anacapa Street. This has been the site of many accidents and many “frights” for local motorists driving on Anacapa Street.
- Entering Constance Street from either Anacapa Street or Santa Barbara Street is very dangerous since the entry is blind to traffic coming toward State Street on Constance. This is particularly an issue because Constance/Garden Street appears to be a “flyway” and many drivers speed along this portion of road.

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We look forward to initiating a dialog on traffic issues in our neighborhood with your professional staff to ascertain what short and long-term solutions might be available to address our concerns. Please contact me at 687-0927 in order to identify a possible date to meet on this subject.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Kennedy
President

CC: Ms. Marty Blum, Mayor
Mr. Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Mr. Cam Sanchez, Chief of Police