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**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Friday, January 14 school safety hearing  
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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Safai, and Supervisor Melgar,

I live in the Sunset district and have two children at Jefferson Elementary on 18th Ave. and Irving.

We have ridden our bikes or walked our kids to school every day since our older daughter began kindergarten, she's now in 4th grade. Our bike ride has become so much safer and more comfortable since Kirkham was made a slow street. Before, when biking on and then having to turn off of Kirkham (at 18th Ave) there was a lot of traffic and it was often challenging to make the turn. The reduced traffic from the slow street has made it much easier and safer!

Please make safety for pedestrians and cyclists around schools a priority, it is essential that kids and families have safe ways to get to school.

Thank you,  
Jill Thompson

**From:** [Lara DeCaro](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Support of File No 21131 [Urging SFMTA to Prioritize and Expedite Vision Zero Improvements Around Playgrounds, School Zones, and Senior Zones]  
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Dear Committee Clerk Major and Supervisors Melgar, Stefani, Mar, Chan, and Walton:

I am writing in strong support of File No 21131 [Urging SFMTA to Prioritize and Expedite Vision Zero Improvements Around Playgrounds, School Zones, and Senior Zones]. We MUST make the safety of our children in and around schools a top priority and I thank each of you who has co-sponsored this and other action to that effect.

I have previously and repeatedly advocated for a safe corridor along Franklin Street--from Broadway to Lombard--where the Sherman Elementary school community, residents, pedestrians, vehicles, neighboring small business owners and their patrons, and all visitors are safe. But the rest of the City and County must also be addressed. By its terms, this Resolution is one step toward urging SFMTA to protect our children by expediting quick-builds, reducing speeds to 20MPH in all 35 initial locations eligible for speed limit reductions through AB 43, implementing engineering solutions around school zones, playgrounds, and senior zones, while advancing programs like Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS), Crossing Guard Programs, and Muni Routes Serving City Schools.

I am a resident of D3, my children attend schools in D2, and I am an owner of a business located in D6. We regularly prefer to walk but, despite taking every move to be as careful as possible, we repeatedly experience near misses by vehicles speeding along SF streets. Adding insult to injury, these drivers seem to feel entitled to speed down the hill and around corners and usually look at the pedestrian as if, somehow, they should not be there. That is in part because the traffic light pattern has created a culture, an expectation, that drivers can and should be able to move so quickly along that corridor without "impediment." We must fix that misconception.

Residents have been requesting measures in support of traffic calming in and around this area for many years now. It is imperative the Board advance policies, pass action, and provide funding to prevent another tragic loss of life like that which occurred on November 10, 2021, when pedestrian and our beloved Sherman Elementary educator Andrew Ziemann, aged only 30 years, was killed in front of Sherman during a preventable traffic accident. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Lara L. DeCaro