



SCHOOL SAFETY - A RIGHT NOT PRIVILEGE

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SOUL STREET LAW CLASS

- The School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) is a charter school in Fresno, located at the corner of Calaveras and N streets.
- SOUL's street law class teaches students how to advocate for positive change in their community.
- As a class, we have decided to advocate for the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Calaveras and N streets.
- Currently, the intersection is only a two-way stop.
- The four-way stop sign is necessary to make sure cars that currently speed through the intersection stop for students and other pedestrians.
- A four-way stop will make our school and the surrounding community much safer.

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON PEDESTRIAN-RELATED CAR ACCIDENTS

- In 2013, 4,735 pedestrians were killed in traffic collisions in the United States.
- This averages to one crash-related pedestrian death every 2 hours.
- Additionally, in 2013, more than 150,000 pedestrians were treated in emergency rooms for non-fatal crash-related injuries.
- Pedestrians are 1.5 times more likely than vehicle passengers to be killed in a car crash.

CALIFORNIA STATISTICS



Pedestrian Fatalities

2012	2013	2014
653	734	697

- In California, 23% of all motor vehicle fatalities were pedestrians -- well above the national average (LA times 4-27-15).
- Per capita pedestrian fatality rate in California was 1.83 deaths per 100,000 people.

FRESNO STATISTICS

- But when it comes to pedestrians killed as percentage of total vehicle fatalities in the city, it tied San Francisco for second place at 48%
- It was only topped by Denver at 50%

Persons Killed, Pedestrians Killed, Population, and Fatality Rates in Cities With a Population of 500,000 or Greater, 2012

City	Fatalities			Population	Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population	
	Total Killed	Pedestrians Killed			Total	Pedestrian
		Number	Percent of Total Killed			
New York, NY	268	127	47%	8,336,697	3.21	1.52
Los Angeles, CA	242	99	41%	3,857,799	6.27	2.57
Chicago, IL	145	47	32%	2,714,856	5.34	1.73
Houston, TX	196	46	23%	2,160,821	9.07	2.13
Philadelphia, PA	107	31	29%	1,547,607	6.91	2.00
Phoenix, AZ	151	39	26%	1,488,750	10.14	2.62
San Antonio, TX	132	37	28%	1,382,951	9.54	2.68
San Diego, CA	70	22	31%	1,338,348	5.23	1.64
Dallas, TX	136	40	29%	1,241,162	10.96	3.22
San Jose, CA	42	12	29%	982,765	4.27	1.22
Austin, TX	76	25	33%	842,592	9.02	2.97
Jacksonville, FL	113	27	24%	836,507	13.51	3.23
Indianapolis, IN	77	15	19%	834,852	9.22	1.80
San Francisco, CA	29	14	48%	825,863	3.51	1.70
Columbus, OH	58	8	14%	809,798	7.16	0.99
Fort Worth, TX	59	20	34%	777,992	7.58	2.57
Charlotte, NC	61	22	36%	775,202	7.87	2.84
Detroit, MI	102	28	27%	701,475	14.54	3.99
El Paso, TX	54	21	39%	672,538	8.03	3.12
Memphis, TN	78	11	14%	655,155	11.91	1.68
Boston, MA	23	5	22%	636,479	3.61	0.79
Seattle, WA	27	9	33%	634,535	4.26	1.42
Denver, CO	36	18	50%	634,265	5.68	2.84
Washington, DC	15	7	47%	632,323	2.37	1.11
Nashville-Davidson, TN	56	14	25%	624,496	8.97	2.24
Baltimore city, MD	27	6	22%	621,342	4.35	0.97
Louisville/Jefferson, KY	59	6	10%	605,110	9.75	0.99
Portland, OR	32	14	44%	603,106	5.31	2.32
Oklahoma City, OK	83	20	24%	599,199	13.85	3.34
Milwaukee, WI	42	11	26%	598,916	7.01	1.84
Las Vegas, NV	59	15	25%	596,424	9.89	2.51
Albuquerque, NM	50	18	36%	555,417	9.00	3.24
Tucson, AZ	55	11	20%	524,295	10.49	2.10
Fresno, CA	29	14	48%	505,882	5.73	2.77

SCHOOL SURVEY

- A survey conducted as part of this project demonstrates the need for a four-way stop from those most impacted, SOUL students:
 - 96% of students think a stop sign is NEEDED
 - 67% of students have had an incident crossing the street with any car
 - 87% of students say they are concern for students using this intersection

SUMMARY

- Statistics make clear that pedestrian traffic accidents are a real danger in our city.
- The four-way stop sign will provide for the safety of students and the community.
- There are ways to reduce costs.
- Based on a recent city staff review and personal experience of students, the four-way stop is needed irrespective of the amount of traffic flowing through the intersection.
- Students and their allies think we need it.
- The stop sign will have benefits beyond school safety.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR ?

- To convert the two-way stop located at Calaveras and N streets into a four-way stop.
- Want to make clear that we want to help, we want to work with you to make this a reality.