



# 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.