

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

February 23, 2022

Greetings,

The situation with Jackson is horrific. I'd like you to know that since Mary Lou Smith's fall on Park Sorrento, the Savvy Seniors and I have been in direct contact with the city staff, reporting pedestrian safety concerns. I've reported about 25 and they have been promptly addressed. Some are delayed waiting for funding to replace panels (full sidewalk squares), but raised sidewalk ridges that can be shaved have been promptly addressed. Two weeks ago, I walked from Gelsons along Liberty Bell, past Chaparral ES. I found many raised ridges that I reported. However, what was most disturbing were the 3 crosswalks that our children, parents and grandparents must cross to get to school and back home. These intersections have crumbling asphalt, deep cracks, and faded chipped yellow zebra strips. Using the "Report A Problem" link (that I asked to be improved) on the city's website, the crosswalk observations received a response within 24 hours that indicated this was referred to the city engineer. In light of what happened yesterday and your agenda for tonight's city council meeting, I urge you to fund the sidewalk safety program I am cheerleading. Please **bundle** the additional necessary funds needed to make Chaparral a "safe walk to school" experience with the **crucial** Mulholland/Eddingham traffic safety improvements.

As you may know, Chaparral does not have an internal loop like Bay Laurel and Lupin Hill so many parents/grandparents choose to walk or drop their children off on adjacent side streets and then walk to school. The condition of the sidewalks and the crosswalks need to be promptly addressed. Please do not delay this with a traffic study.

Many folks regard the Civic Center as the Crown Jewel of Calabasas. They are wrong. Our schools and our children are the Crown Jewels.

Thank you,

Charlotte Meyer