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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the need to establish a right of way control (preferably a 4-way stop) at the intersection of 32nd Avenue West and West Raye Street in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle. I understand that this has been considered in the past but believe it is worth reevaluating because of the kind of use this intersection gets.

32nd Avenue is a major thoroughfare through Magnolia. This particular intersection is at the entrance/exit to a parking lot which serves Pop Mounger pool (one of the busiest pool in Seattle during the summer) and also Catharine Blaine K-8. It is also used to access several very busy sports fields that are adjacent to the school and nearby community center. The area becomes extremely congested during school drop off and pick up as the parking lot drop off loop gets backed up and drivers are lined up to enter the parking lot. I have seen many drivers make unsafely aggressive turns (turning left from 32nd ave) when they become tired of waiting for a break in traffic. Often drivers also treat the intersection as a 4-way-stop during these very busy school drop-off and pick-up times, which presents another risk because the result is that some drivers follow the signs as marked and some adopt 4-way-stop protocol so it is difficult as a pedestrian to predict what cars are going to do. Visibility for pedestrians is poor because of parked cars, including school buses (there is a stop adjacent to the intersection) and Albertsons delivery trucks. This is a family neighborhood and many children walk to school without their parents. I have spoken with many other parents who share my concerns and I have worried for the safety of my own three children when they had to cross at that intersection. It is an accident waiting to happen and it is only a matter of time before tragedy strikes. Please consider adding a right of way control to this dangerous intersection before that happens.

I appreciate your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,



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