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To Whom It May Concern:

The Magnolia Soccer Club wishes to express its support and endorsement for the efforts of Safe in Magnolia - www.SafeinMagnolia.org - to establish right of way control, commonly known as a 4-way stop, at the intersection of 32nd Avenue West and West Raye Street in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle.

This intersection is immediately east of Catherine Blaine Elementary School and the public Pop Mounger swimming pool and is also adjacent to the entrances of the Magnolia North and South play fields which run along 32nd Avenue West. Adding to the traffic in the area, just 60 feet to the south is the entrance / exit to the parking lot of the neighborhood's Albertson's grocery store. Throughout the year this intersection is extremely busy and used primarily by children.

Kids use the intersection to cross 32nd Avenue West to attend school at Blaine and nearby Fatima School, to visit the pool and to utilize the playfields, which are Magnolia's primary fields for youth soccer, little league baseball, as well as other sports.

Although a primary link between the residential neighborhood to the east and the schools, pool and playfields to the west, the intersection is uniquely busy given parked cars along 32nd Avenue West, delivery trucks coming and going from Albertson's, as well as school buses that stage for drop off and pick up along 32nd Avenue West. Visibility at the intersection is difficult for both drivers and pedestrians. The intersection becomes very congested in mornings and afternoons when school begins and ends, and more so during spring and summer months while the pool is open, and during afternoons and weekends throughout the year when children use the adjacent playfields.

It is our hope that you will join the Magnolia Soccer Club in supporting Safe in Magnolia and its efforts to secure control of the right of way (four way stop) and to improve the safety of this intersection for all.

Additional information is available at www.SafeinMagnolia.com.

Sincerely,

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