

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**MARCH 22, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 330  
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California**



**Agenda Item 8: TAM Crossing Guard Program Location Recertification  
(Action)**

**Public Comment from Students at Rancho Elementary School in Novato**

1430 Johnson St.

Novato, CA. 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I'm writing to you to tell you I am concerned about you removing the crossing guards near Rancho.

Would you feel safe crossing the busy streets close to Rancho?

If your kids went to a school with a busy street would you rather have a guard or not?

We should not remove the guard because they keep people who are walking and driving safe.

Could you vote on keeping the guards at our school?

Sincerely,

S. , a student

1430 Johnson Street

Novato, CA 94947

March 22 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to you to express  
my feelings about removing the  
crossing guards. Would you feel safe  
if your children cross the street  
without anyone to help them? We  
should protect and fund there  
important jobs. The guards help us  
cross the road and help traffic at  
the same time. Could you please vote  
to funding there important jobs?

Sincerely,

S a Rancho student

1430 Johnson St.

Novato, CA. 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of  
Marin

Miss or Mr I have something to  
say to you Lets start.

1. Would You like to have near  
crash? So please show your  
fact and opinion.

2. We should protect people from  
getting hurt. And my bad  
concern is, my Grandma can  
get hurt!

3. Could you just please keep  
the crossing guards?

Sincerely,

B

4

Marino

Student



1430 Johnson St

Navato, ca. 94942

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin

I am writing to you on this very day to tell you we need to have a crossing guards. Would you feel safe crossing our busy streets. On Monday I saw a kid get hit by a car and if we have no crossing it might happen again and luckily the kid was not hurt but it could be worse. could you please vote to protect the funding for these important jobs.

Sincerely

↓ a rancho student

1430 Johnson st.

Novato, CA 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to you to express my concern about removing crossing guards near my school.

Would you feel safe crossing our busy intersection with no guard? What about your own children?

We should protect and fund these important jobs. Not only do guards keep me safe, but they help traffic, too.

Could you please vote to protect the funding for these important jobs?

Sincerely,

S

I'm a Student

1430 Johnson

Novato, CA 94947

March 22, 2018

## Transportation Authority of Marin

I'm writing to you to express my feelings about moving the crosswalks near my school.

Would you feel safe letting little kids cross the street without a parent, what if they get hurt? What if that was your child.

We should protect people of Marin so please don't take the crossing guards away.

Could you please vote to protect the city of Marin are just Rancho.

M.

A Rancho student.

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato, CA 94947

March 22 ~~1997~~

Mr Transportation Authority of Marin

I am writing because the safety  
of people lives are becoming  
unsafe because you are ~~not~~  
removing crosswalks. Would  
you feel safe if your kids went  
into the street without a  
cross guard. We should protect ~~the~~ ~~an~~  
fund these jobs that keep me  
safe and traffic destruction.  
Could you please vote to  
protect the funding for these  
jobs?

Sincerely,

Linda A. Bracho

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato CA. 94947  
March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I'm writing to you to express  
my feeling about removing  
crossing guards near my school.  
Would you feel safe crossing  
a busy street with no crossing  
guard or your children?  
We should protect and fund these  
important people. Not only do  
guards keep me safe in  
a crosswalk, but they help traffic  
too. Could you please vote to  
protect the funding for these  
important people.

Sincerely,  
★ Rancho student

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato CA. 94947  
March, 22, 2018

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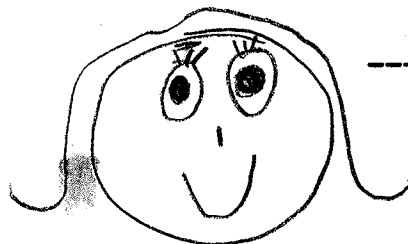
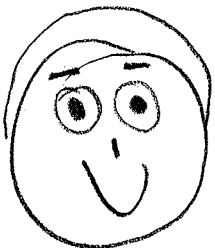
I am writing to you to express  
my feelings about removing the crossing  
guards near my school. would you  
feel safe letting you or  
your child/children cross the  
crosswalk with out a  
crossing guard?

we should protect and fund  
these important jobs. Not only  
do guards keep me safe in a  
crosswalk but they help traffic too.  
Could you please give the  
crossing guards there jobs back?

Sincerely,

S

AARancho Student



1430 Johnson St.  
Novato, Ca. 94947  
March, 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,  
I am writing to you to express  
my feelings about removing crossing  
guards near my school.

Would you think

Would you think it is safe  
for children to cross the street  
and get hit by a car,

We should keep the crosswalk  
near schools so the children don't  
get hit and be safe.

Could you please keep the cross  
guard their god would love them,

Sincerely

R

Rancho student

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato, CA - 94947  
March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin

I am writing to you to express my feelings about removing crossing guards near my school.

Parents would you feel safe letting your kids or kid walk with no crossing guards?

We should protect and fund these important jobs. Not only do guards keep me safe in a crosswalk, but they help you not get hurt.

Could you please vote to protect the funding for the important jobs?

Sincerely,

D. y a Racho  
Student



1130 Johnson St.

Novato Ca 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin

I am writing to you to express my  
feeling about you removing crossing guards near  
my school.

Would you feel safe crossing our busy and  
traffic street and someone can get hurt  
so that is why we need

Crossing guards for safety so someone  
can't get hit by a car  
trying to cross. So we can  
protect people so people don't  
go to the Dr.

Sincerely,

C

A Rancho Student

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato CA 94947  
March, 22, 2018

dear  
Transportation Authority of Marin,  
I am writing to you to express my  
(Feel) concern about removing crossing guards near  
my school.

Would you feel safe crossing  
the street with all the busy cars?  
~~What about your children?~~ We  
crosswalks, but the old traffic lights.  
We should protect and fund these  
important jobs. Not only do they  
keep us safe in crosswalks,  
but they help traffic too.

Could you please vote to protect  
funding for these important jobs?

From Bai  
Lancho Student

Turn over

1430 Johnson St.

Novato, CA 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin

I am writing to you to express my concern about cutting the funds to the crossing guards near my school.

Would you feel safe crossing our busy intersection with no guard? What about your own child or children?

We should protect and fund these important jobs. Not only do guards keep me (and lots of others) safe in a crosswalk, but they help traffic, too. Could you please vote to protect the funding for these important jobs? And think about how the crossing guards will feel if you stop paying them.

Sincerely,

A

Rancho Student

1430 Johnson St.

Novato Ca. 94947

March 22, 2018

transportation authority of marin

I am writing to you to express my (feeling) concern about removing crossing guards near my school.

Would you want the students to walk through the streets while the cars can't see us? We should keep these jobs because ~~with~~ the crossing guards help us stay safe, could you help us stay safe by keeping these jobs.

thanks, sincerely

M,

a Rancho student

1430 Johnson street  
Novato, ca, 94947  
March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to express my concern about removing crossing guards near my school.

Would you risk the lives of your children for a crossing guard?

I really think you ~~are~~ choose correctly because if there is no crossing guard your children might not feel safe. If you do not see a crossing guard, feel free to tell anybody that you would like for there to be a crossing guard.

Sincerely,

A. a Rancho student

1430 Johnson St.

Novato, CA 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to you to express my concern about removing crossing guards near my school. We should protect and fund these important jobs. Not only do guards keep me safe in a crosswalk, but they help traffic, too.

Sincerely,

J

a Rancho Student

1430 Johnson St.  
Novato, CA 94947  
March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to you to express my feeling or concern about remaining crossing guards near my school. Would you feel safe crossing the streets near a school with no crossing guard? We should keep our crossing guards because they are an important person to our community. Guards do not only help people go from one side to the other with help they also help with traffic. We all should appreciate the crossing guards and keep them for our safety in the community. They help everybody by standing on the street all day. Could you please help in funding these important jobs?

sincerely,

S , a Rancho  
Student

1430 Johnson St.

Novato, CA. 94947

March 22, 2018

Transportation Authority of Marin,

I am writing to you to express  
my feeling and concern about removing  
crossing guards near my school.

Would you feel safe crossing our streets  
with no crossing guard?

We should keep our crossing guards,  
they help us with traffic & not getting  
hurt.

Could you please vote to keep our  
crossing guards?

Sincerely,

P. A. Rancho Student



Dear,

Mr. Hlogaboom, I think you should not eliminate the crossing guards. They keep cars moving and keep us safe. There is a busy street my friend and I cross half to cross to get home and the cars don't stop. The crossing guard helps the cars see us and stop. Also, the crossing guards help keep cars moving at the intersection and stop them when students and parents need to cross. This is why I think you shouldn't get rid of crossing guards. They are really helpful.

Sincerely,  
C

3/21/18

Dear Mr. Hogeboom, I heard that that A.V.S.D. is going to get rid of the crossing-guards and I don't think that's a great idea. Crossing-Guards help keep us safe. Everyday I see so many kids walking to School and walking home. If there is no crossing-guard how can we be safe? Parents who usually don't pick up their kids will pick up their kids because parents want their kids to be safe. That adds more cars to the pick-up line which can lead to more traffic.

Sincerely,

C

Rancho School

4<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Megoldrick

March 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Hogeboom,

I heard that the School District was going to get rid of crossing guards and I strongly disagree with that decision because crossing guards help keep everybody safe for example, Parents, grandparents, and especially kids. If you get rid of crossing guards it wouldn't be a good decision at all because crossing guards help us cross the roads safely especially in the mornings and after school in the afternoon. So I hope what you read hear today can let you change your mind about getting rid of crossing guards. I think that there is a big help in the community.

Sincerely,

M

Rancho School  
grade: 4





Dear FAM,

Crassing guards are important  
to keep pepot safe because if we  
do not have a Crassing guards and  
the stop since pepot could hurt and  
that's ye we ned a Crassing  
guards. form C and form Rancho  
school.





Dear --- Fam,

- Crossing guards are Important to ---

- keep kids safe --- because ---


- they protect us from cars.

- please keep our Crossing Guards No

- Thank you M --- Rancho

- Elementary School First Grade



Dear TAM, 

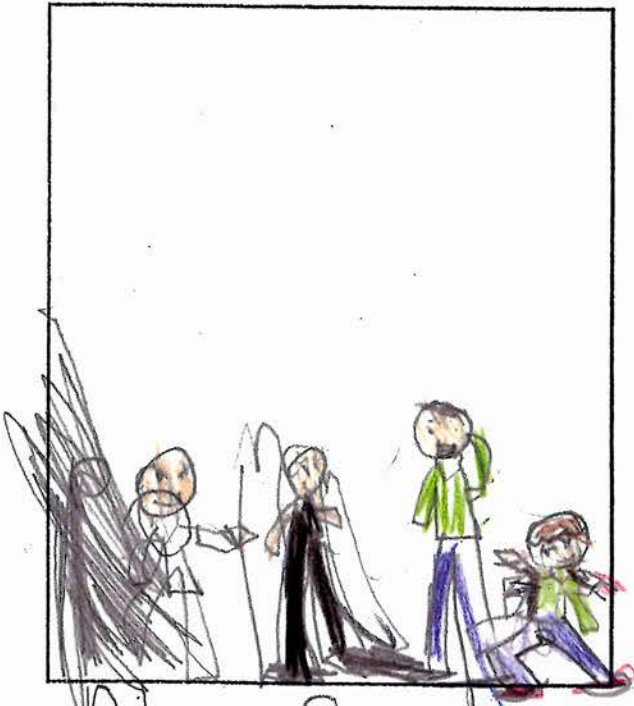
Crossing guards are  
important to me because  
sometimes kids will trip and  
fall and the cars cannot see the kids  
and then the cars could roll  
over them and the kid could  
die. Keep our Crossing  
guards please.

Thank you,

M.

Rancho  
Elementary School  
First Grade.





Dear TAM,  
Crossing guards  
are important  
to keep kids safe  
because because  
because they are not

Please keep our crossing  
guards in Novato.

Thank you,  
E

Rancho Elementary  
School first grade





Dear TAAA,

Crossing guards are  
important to keep kids  
safe because if a car  
comes and no grown up  
is there the car can go  
over the kid. Please  
keep our guards in Novato.



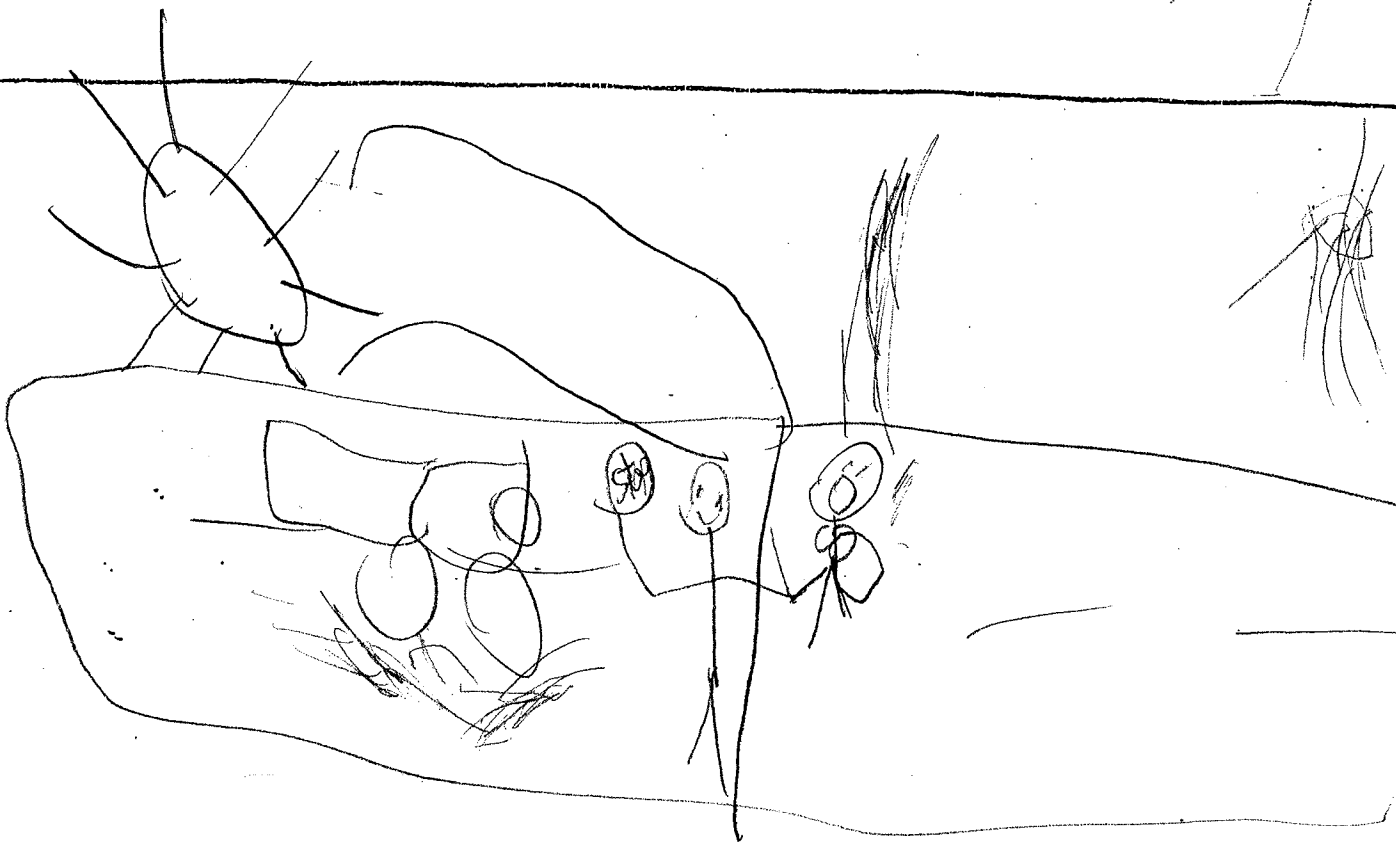
Dear TAA

Crossing guards are  
important to keep kids  
safe because

Please keep our crossing  
guards in Novato

Thank you A

Rancho Elementary



Dear TAM

Crossing guards are

important to keep kids

safe because some kids not know

how to cross the road, pass

place keep our crossguards

in Nova Scotia thank you

M

Fencho Elementary School



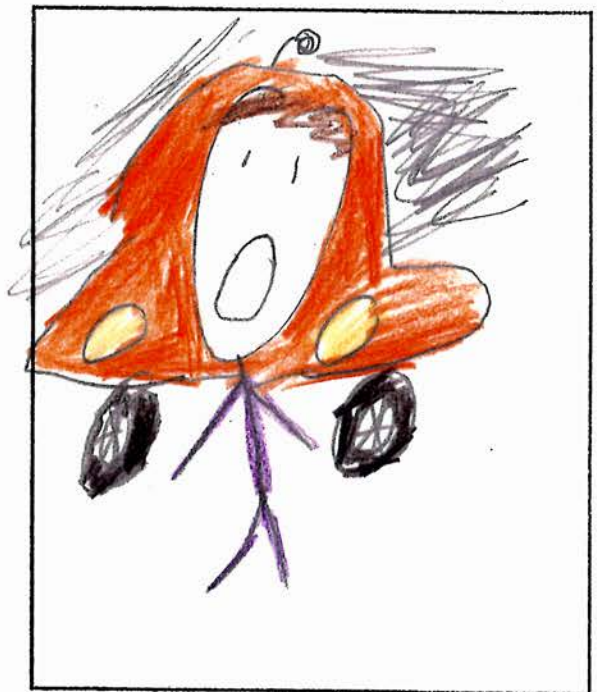


Crossing Guards  
 Crossing guards are  
 important to keep people  
 alive because the person  
 could be looking at his  
 phone and he'll crash into  
 the truck and he'll get  
 concussed. Please keep our



Dear TAM,

Crossing guards are good. and  
safe because the people in cars can see  
them. so please keep our crossing guards  
and think of the chil jri. Thank you  
from C ncho Elementary School.  
First grade.





Dear TAM,

Crossing guards you keep us  
safe because if there were  
no crossing guards then kids  
could get concussions.

Please keep our crossing  
guards in Novato.

From E

Rancho



Dear Tamara,

Crossing guards are important to keep kids safe because they keep us safe and they are adults and they are taller than kids.

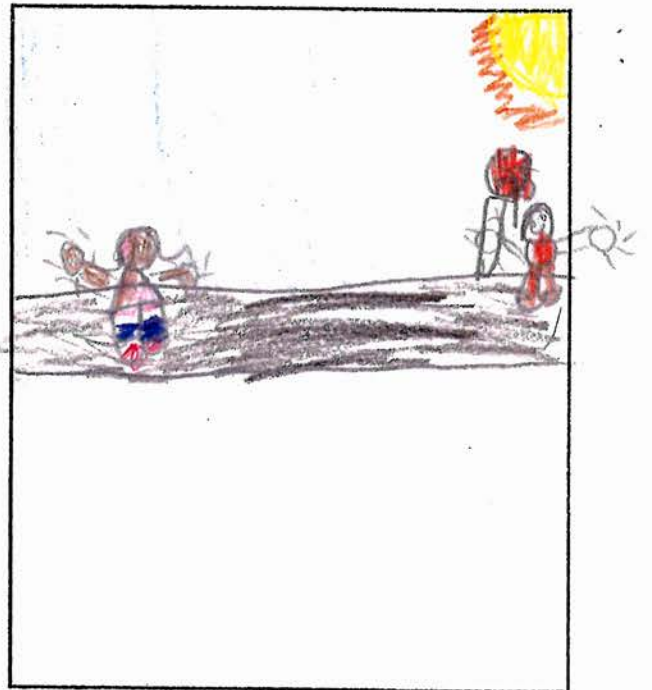
The cars can see adults better than kids. Please keep our crossing guards in Novato.

Thank you

DI

Rahicho Elementary School

1st Grade







Dear AAM,

Crossing guards are important  
to keep kids safe because  
you could be safe and don't  
get hurt please keep our crossing  
guards keep Novato crossing

Thank you R. " Rancho

Elementary School first grade.

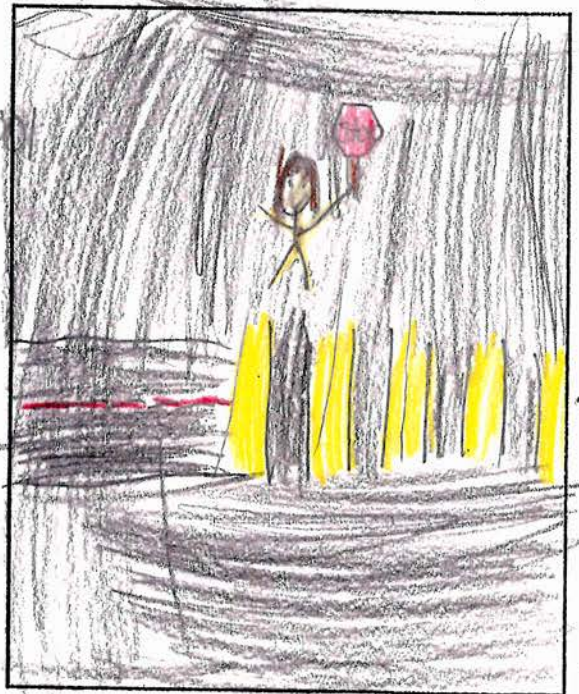


Dear TAM,

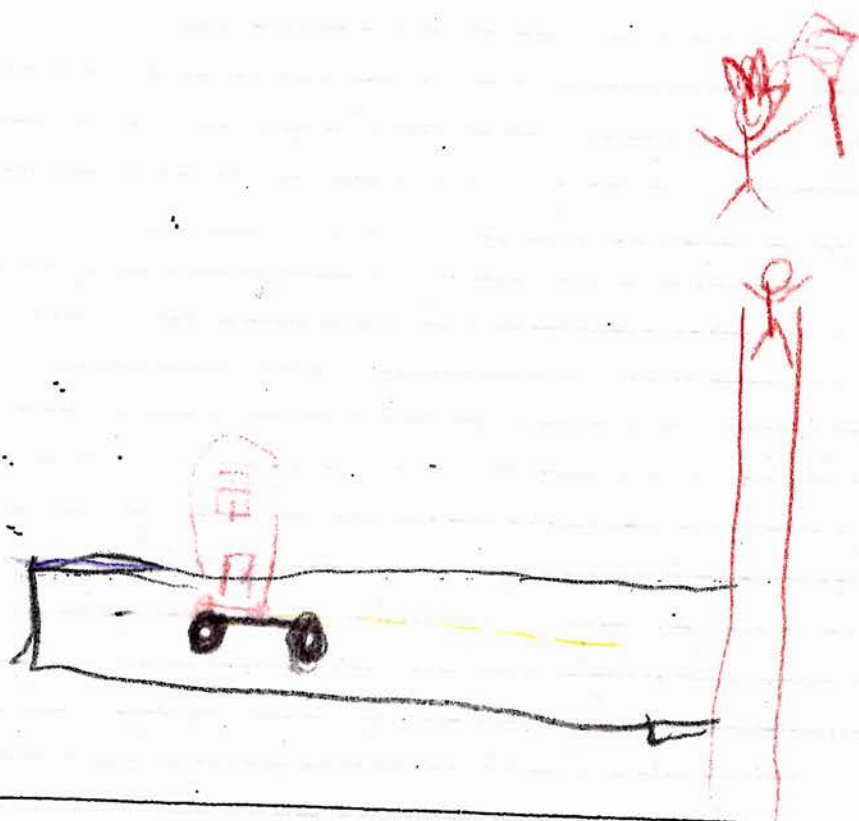
I think that you should keep crossing guards because if you take away crossing guards kids will get hurt because if crossing guards can help kids remember to look left and right so the kids will not get ran over and might die, and the groups will have stop since so cars will stop and wait. Think of the kids. Please keep our crossing guards in Novato.

Thank you,

Rancho Elementary School  
First grade



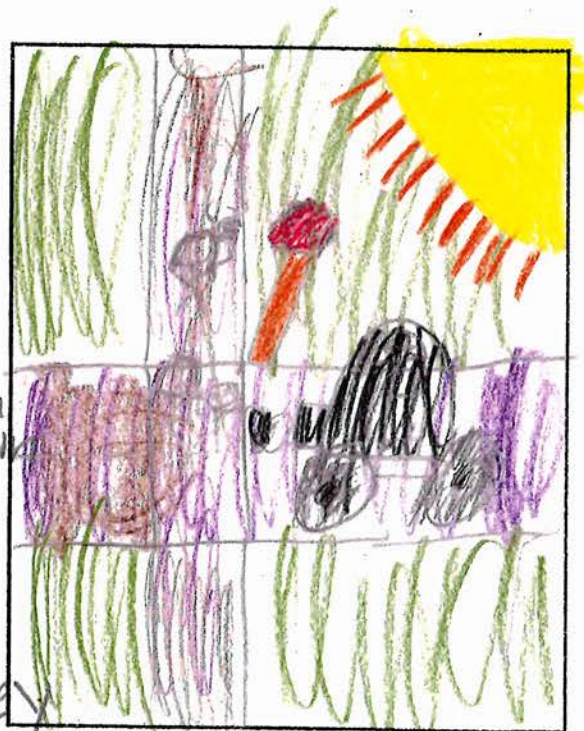




Dear TAM, crossing guards are  
important to keep kids  
safe because kids might  
get hurt. please keep our  
crossing guards in Novato  
Thankyou S. Rancho  
Elementary School First Grade

Dear TAM,

Crossing guards are important to keep kids safe because if a grownup is looking at their phone and run over a kid could die. Or have a broken leg or arm. A grownup is taller than a kid and the kid could get ran over by a car. Because he is smaller than a grownup. And a car is bigger than a kid. And a grownup might not see him when a car get ran over. And get hurt or cashed or get hurt surgery and get hurt or get hurt really bad.



Dear TAM

Crossing guards are  
important to keep kids safe  
please TAM  
please keep crossing  
guards, because kids need  
help.

Thank you  
from K.





Dear Mom,

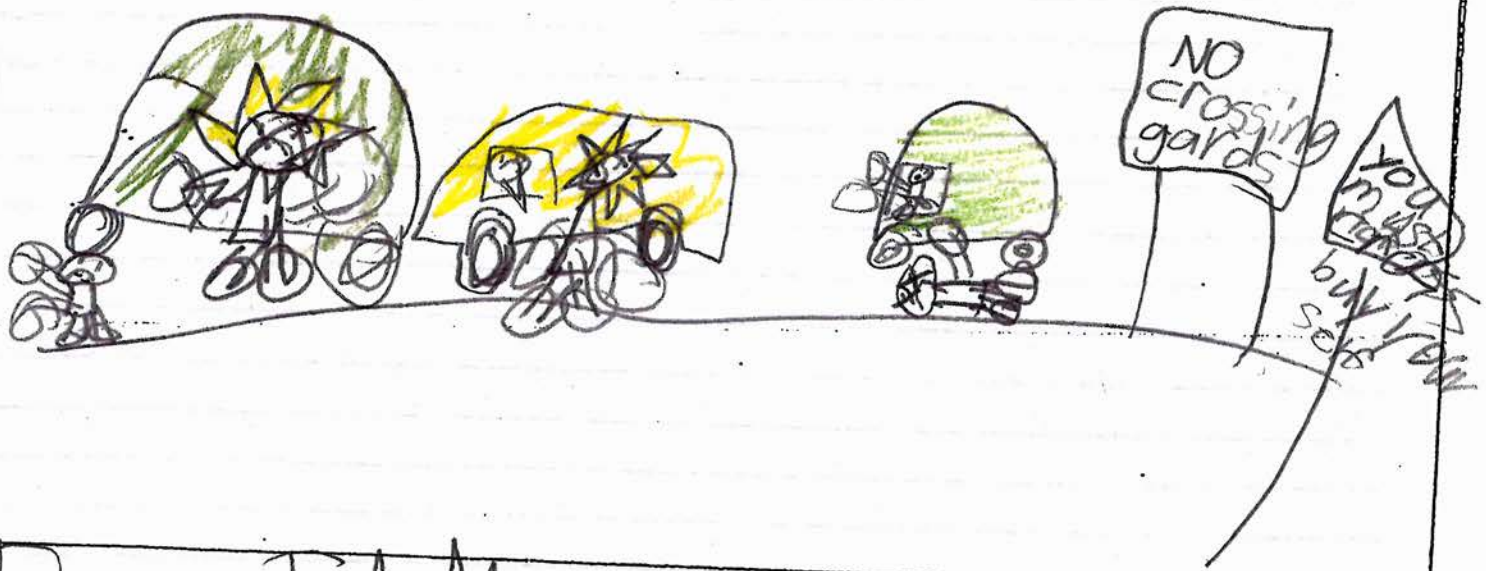
crossing guards are important  
to keep kids safe because  
cars can see adults.

Please keep our crossing  
guards in Navato.

Thank you - A

Rancho





Dear T A M,

Crossing guards are  
important to keep kids alive  
because the crossing guards  
help the kids cross. Please keep  
our crossing guards in Novato.  
Thank you, Si Rancho  
Elementary School First Grade

Dear TAM,

Do not fire the crossing guards because we want to be safer.

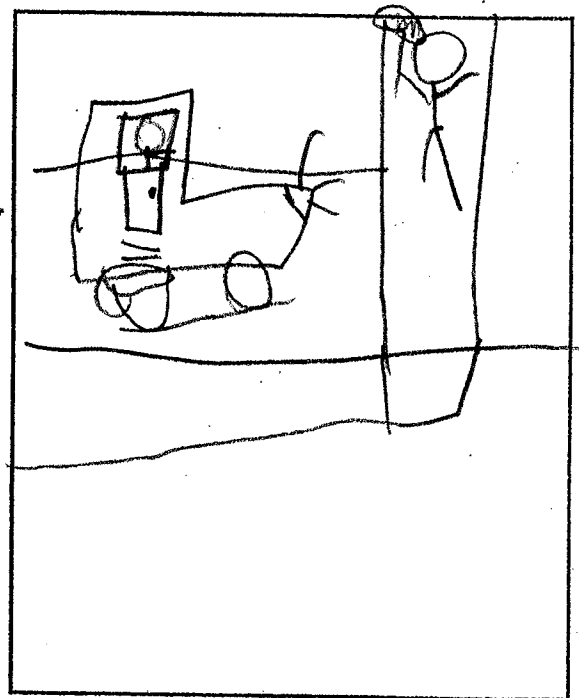
crossing guards are in porten because we cannot cross without them because people could get serious injuries!

We need they can help you know when it is safe.

Thank you,

D

Rancho Elementary  
School first grade





Dear TAM,

I think you should  
keep crossing guards. My  
name is [REDACTED]

There are some reckless  
drivers, even in cars children  
can get hurt case of them.

Maby you could do other  
things to get extra money.  
Because without crossing  
guards, students can get  
hurt. The parents of the  
harmed students could see

the distinct. Doing  
that would end up with  
less and less money than  
you earned. Maybe you  
could get a little less  
milk. Not from crossing  
guards. They creep over  
even adults safe.

Sincerely,

V



Dear Adalty

My name is [redacted]  
[redacted] Our school needs  
crossing guards.  
Here are a few reasons.

1. Parents that have  
kids that were  
hit by car would  
sue the school.

2. It wouldn't be  
safe for kids  
to walk over  
the cross walk.

3. If they couldn't  
walk over safely  
there would be  
more car accidents which

would increase  
car travel.

Thank you for  
reading

Sincerely, 9

Dear T.A.M. Members,

My ~~name~~ name is A

I am a student at  
Rancho Elementary. I think  
crossing guards are a great idea.  
I think we should keep them  
because they help us  
get to and from <sup>school</sup> ~~school~~ safely  
because in the morning it's  
foggy and cars can't see as well.  
When we get out of school it

is almost ~~rush~~ rush hour and there  
a lot of cars picking up  
Kids, coming home from work,  
and shopping/running errands.  
crossing guards are adults  
who are taller than kids  
and <sup>who</sup> cars are able to see.  
they stop ~~the cars~~ <sup>cars</sup> so kids  
can walk at ~~the~~ streets  
with no lights.  
would you want a kid  
to get hit by a car?  
from # keep crossing guards  
A . . .

Dear Tam Board Member,

I am a student at Rancho B Elementary I would like for you to know your decision will make a big impact on all schools in Marin County.

Crossing Guards are an important value in our school. The crossing guards are a main thing in School safety.

The safety of my classmates  
are at risk if the vote is  
approved. Nowadays, most children bike, walk,  
use their scooter to go to school. I urge you  
to vote against this outrageous demand.  
Please consider this, for the safety of  
children.

Sincerely,  
B



Dear Adults,

My name is S. I am a student from Rancho Elementary. We need crossing guards. They are important because

- They keep us safe
- They give us guidance
- They direct traffic.

If there would be no crossing guards

- There will be less safety.
- More people may die.

- There will be riskier drivers.

We need Crossing guards for our own safety.

So please don't take away crossing guard

From,

S. -



Dear Adults,

my name is R

and I strongly

disagree with the idea of  
reducing crossing guards.

You will get sued if a  
kid were to get hit by a car,  
it risks lives and the safety  
of children.

Sincerely

R

Dear TAM,

My name is T.

I am a student at Rancho Elementary School. We need crossing guards. They are important because they are helpful to us by letting us cross safely to our schools. They are needed at our school because without them we can not cross safely. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

T  
T T

Dear T A M,

I think there  
should be  
crossing guards  
at Rancho Elementrix.  
one reason is that  
if someone got  
hit by a car  
they might  
sue you. Another  
reason is that  
we will be  
safer with  
crossing guards

from L

Dear TAM, Adults,

My Name is S. I'm  
a student at Rancho  
Elementary, we need

Crossing Guards. They  
are important because  
if we didn't have them  
some people can crash,  
died, And some people  
don't stop when they  
are supposed to and they  
can run us over

Thank you for  
considering this.

from, S.



Dear Adults,

My name is Ji

I am a student at Rancho

Elementary. We need crossing

guards. They are important

because they are helpful.

Because the help kids

cross the street and

not get hurt + you

can get sued if you

take them away.

Sincerely,

Ji

Dear TAM,

My name is D. I am a student from Ranch Elementary. We need crossing guards.

They are needed because if there are no crossing guards think how many people can get hurt and even killed each year. Plus if you don't have a crossing guard and then a car accidentally run over a child. Well then the parents might sue you. So think about it, because people can get hurt by these devices.

Sincerely, D

Dear, Tam

We need crossing guards  
because if a kid gets hit  
by a car the parents can  
sue you and sue the person  
who hit their child I'm sure  
you don't want to get  
sued so if you want to  
keep your money keep the  
crossing guards or you  
can get sued.

Thank you for reading this

Sincerely,

M. [REDACTED]

Dear, Tam

my name is N [redacted]

I am a student at Rancho.

We need crossing guards.

They help by making kids  
like me safe.

from N [redacted]



Dear AM,

My name is G [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I am a student  
at Rancho Elementary. I think  
you should not remove the  
CROSSING guards because if  
you do you are putting the children  
at schools in danger. They  
also direct traffic.

Thank you for  
consitoring this note.

Sincerely,  
G [REDACTED]

Dear Adults,<sup>or Tam</sup>

I think you should not get rid of crossing guards. If there was no crossing guards kids might not walk to school. Isn't that why you have the Walk and Roll program? The walk and roll program is suppose to help the earth/environment. And if kids weren't walking to school there would be no walk and roll program. Then where would we be? I don't know.

Thank you for consitoring this.

From,

L 



Dear TAM members

My name is A [redacted] I am  
a student at Rancho Elementary.  
We need crossing guards. because  
they are important because  
if we don't have them more  
and more people can die. also  
if we don't have them  
kids won't be safe, and  
more crime will happen.  
thank you for considering  
this.

sincerely

A [redacted]

Dear Adults,

My name is S [redacted] You will  
probably pronounce my name  
wrong. I am a student at Rancho  
Elementary School. We need crossing  
guards! They are important because  
they help us cross when cars come.  
They hold up a STOP sign so cars  
can stop for us to cross. If  
we didn't have crossing guards  
we will be killed and run over  
by cars. Without a crossing  
guard we will not be alive.

THANK YOU FOR Reading!

From,

S [redacted]



ear, Tam

My name is R. [REDACTED]  
an a Student

Rancho IE elementary we  
d crossing guard,  
use They are really  
important cause they  
if us not get  
killed

Thank You for consider in this  
Sincerely, R. [REDACTED]



Dear Tam,

Michaelis [redacted]

I am a student at ranch  
element. You should  
not get rid of

Crossing guards because  
they are important  
more casualties can happen

decreasing the population

Thank you for consider  
ing this

Sincerely

J [redacted]

Dear Adults

3/22/2017

My name is E

I am a student of Rancho

Elementary we need Crossing

guards They are important

bease you help us to not crash with

the car and ~~like~~ like whe we go →

in bikes people Sincerely

we die. E



Dear Tam Board Members

I think crossing  
guards are good to have  
if we did not have crossing  
guards there would be  
more reckless driving plus

I don't think you guys  
want to be sued because  
with out crossing guards if  
kids got hit there parents  
could sue you guys because  
there were no crossing guards  
to cross kids safely all  
across the street safely all  
parents want to see  
is their kids safe and  
I don't think kids parents  
want to see their kid come  
home from the hospital  
with a broken leg or anything  
broken

Sincerely Z

Dear ToAA, Mr. [redacted]

My name is M. [redacted]  
[redacted]. I go  
to Rancho Elementary  
School, and I want  
to convince why you  
shouldn't dedicate to  
having less Crossing  
Guards. Having less  
crossing guards would  
put our community in  
danger.

Sincerely,

M. [redacted]



Dear T Am,

My name is E [redacted] I am  
a student at Rancho Elementary.  
We need crossing guards.  
They are needed because  
they make sure kids don't  
get hit by a car.

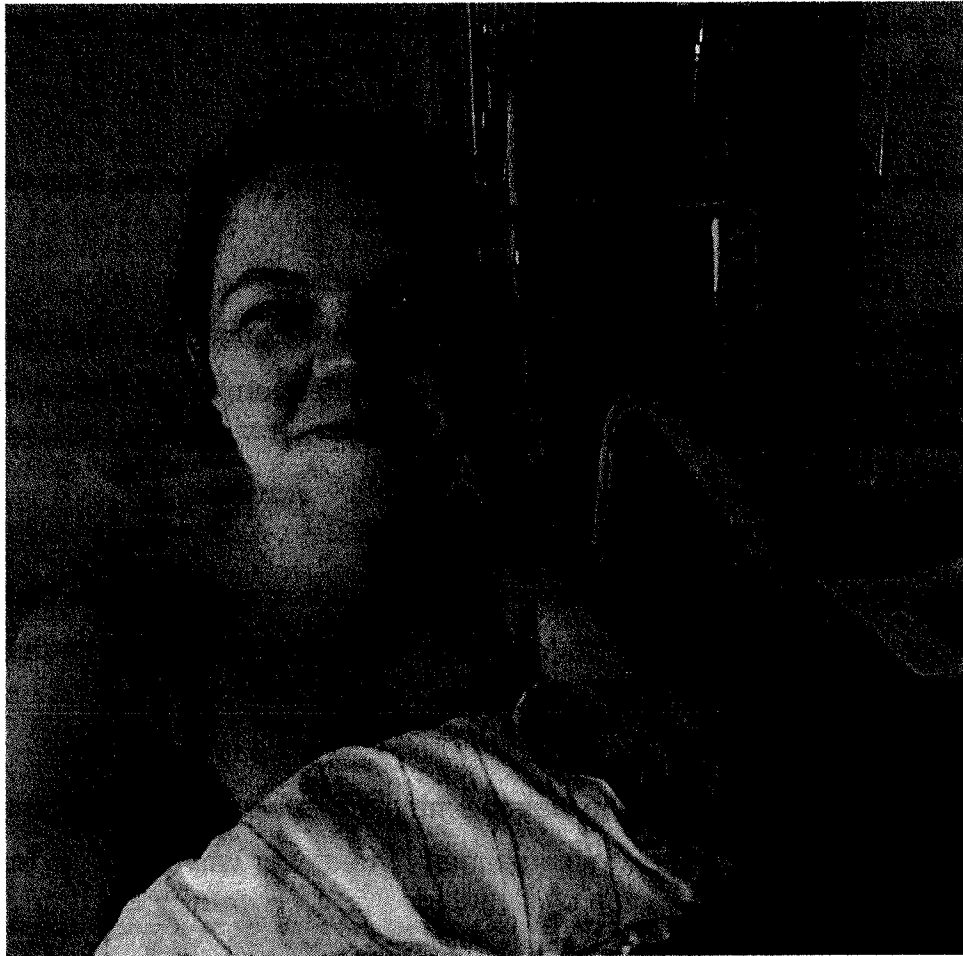
Sincerely E [redacted]



FEATURED

## Accident victim facing lengthy recovery

By Joe Wolfcale Marinscope Newspapers Dec 9, 2015



COURTESY PHOTO

Young mom: Emma Simmons after giving birth to her son AJ in 2013 at Marin General Hospital.

The condition of a young Novato mother severely injured when she was struck walking in a crosswalk on S. Novato Boulevard last month is recovering at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae is improving.

Emma Simmons, 20, was on her way to her job as a cashier at a Novato gas station Wednesday, November 25 around 8 a.m. when he was hit by a vehicle traveling northbound on the busy thoroughfare as she walked eastbound in a marked crosswalk near Lark Court.

Meanwhile, family and friends have started an Internet account to help Simmons care for her young son and any extended medical care she may need. Simmons could be in a hospital bed for several more weeks.

“She must have walked across that intersection hundreds of times before,” Johnson said. “It’s been pretty amazing the amount of support we’ve gotten. It’s really touching that there are so many good people in the world. The support has been amazing.”

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Anyone with information is urged to contact Novato police at (415) 897-4361.

As of Monday, Dec. 7, the account has \$2,760 from 62 donations. The account can be accessed by clicking on [gofundme.com/7vch6css](https://gofundme.com/7vch6css)

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