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**REVIEW OF PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN ALTADENA**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) has been an ardent advocate for greater traffic safety Countywide and adopted the Los Angeles County Vision Zero Action Plan in 2020, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities on unincorporated County roadways.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County saw fewer drivers on roadways and a reduction in the overall number of miles driven. During the early days of the pandemic, Los Angeles County (County) initiated multiple efforts to address the changing traffic patterns and driver behavior that were observed with less traffic and more open roadways, including the establishment of a Slow Streets Program. This Program sought to promote traffic calming and encourage active transportation on local roadways. The Altadena community saw some of the highest levels of participation in the program Countywide.

However, as the pandemic continued on and as more drivers resumed their commutes and daily activities, there has been a significant increase in the number of fatalities on roadways throughout the country. In August 2022, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released estimates that 9,560 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the first quarter of 2022 nationally, an increase of 7% from the same quarter of the previous year. This is also the highest number of first quarter fatalities in the country since 2002.

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This rise in fatalities has also been seen in the Altadena community. Critically, in the past month, there have been two reported traffic fatalities involving pedestrians. The first incident involved a crash that resulted in a pedestrian fatality on Fair Oaks Avenue at or near the intersection of Marathon Road. The second incident involved a crash that resulted in a pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Holliston Avenue at Mendocino Street.

While both incidents are still under investigation by law enforcement and first responders, it is important that the County take action to review traffic safety along critical roadways and areas within the community.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors (Board) direct the Department of Public Works to:

1. Evaluate traffic safety conditions on the roadway corridor on Holliston Avenue between Altadena Drive and New York Drive and consider appropriate traffic safety enhancements;
2. Evaluate traffic safety conditions on the roadway corridor on Fair Oaks Avenue between Loma Alta Drive and Altadena Drive and consider appropriate traffic enhancements;
3. Engage with the Altadena Town Council and the community to discuss data and trends related to traffic collisions and fatalities in the Altadena community; and
4. Report back to the Board in writing in 45 days.

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