



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION of the City of San Leandro City Council to Adopt a Vision Zero Traffic Safety Policy

WHEREAS, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, each year approximately 40,000 people are killed in traffic collisions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2018, traffic collisions on streets and highways in San Leandro killed 15 people and gave life-altering injuries to 67 people; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and departmental leadership are dedicated to strategies that aim to eliminate deaths and reduce serious injuries on City streets; and

WHEREAS, seniors, children, people of color, people with disabilities, people in low-income communities, people walking, and people bicycling face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a public health-based traffic safety strategy to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries using a data-driven, multi-disciplinary, and safe systems approach that also increases healthy, sustainable, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, if Vision Zero is the transportation safety goal, Safe System is the implementation strategy that will allow cities nationwide to affect change; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that while human error will always occur, a combination of engineering, education, and enforcement measures can reduce collisions and can prevent collisions from causing death or severe injuries; and

WHEREAS, the National Roadway Safety Strategy and the California Strategic Highways Safety Plan offer strategies to get to zero fatal and severe injuries through creating a safety culture and a safe system, which establishes safe speeds, safe roads, post-crash care, safe road users, and safe vehicles, and a combination of engineering, education, and enforcement measures that can reduce collisions and can prevent collisions from causing death or severe injuries; and

WHEREAS, increasing real and perceived safety for people walking and bicycling is a key step in enabling more people to choose these clean air modes of transportation that will support the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Climate Action Plan goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of San Leandro City Council **RESOLVES** as follows:

That Vision Zero is the Citywide guiding principle for transportation planning, streets and

sidewalks design, funding, and the maintenance of the public rights of way; and

That the City shall plan and design its transportation system with the overriding goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries among all system users particularly those from marginalized communities who are disproportionately affected by traffic violence and the most vulnerable travelers - people walking and biking; and

That the City Council considers safety as the highest priority when balancing competing needs and demands for space within the public right of way; and

That Vision Zero must be implemented in an equitable manner, accounting for historic inequities in transportation and safety investments.