

Dear Village of Oak Park,

We are writing to request that you convert the current 2-way stop to a 4-way stop at the intersection of Berkshire and Fair Oaks as a traffic calming measure. Currently, there is a 2-way stop in the east-west direction while north-south traffic is unrestricted. We are very concerned about safety even with less traffic during the pandemic. We have witnessed numerous near crashes between cars and also near accidents with pedestrians. Those of us that live at the corner and have been home during the pandemic have observed this multiple times per week.

Given the configuration of the intersection, cars coming West on Berkshire often cannot see cars coming down Fair Oaks from the North which do not have a stop. Our neighbor Craig Endicott has cut his tree at the bottom to help with visibility, but it is not enough to make the intersection safe.

Additionally, many kids walking to Taylor park as well as to Hatch and St Giles cross this intersection going in the East/West direction and a stop sign would facilitate safe crossing as cars often travel at high speeds through this intersection.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Of note, none of our neighbors declined to sign this petition and of those we connected with, everyone agreed that this is necessary for safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

The Homeowners of Fair Oaks, Berkshire, East and Elmwood

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