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Hello,

I am a resident in the community of Los Lagos, Indian Wells. I just wanted to let you know as an avid walker I am very much looking forward to the new safety plan and sidewalk improvements the city has been developing.

Of particular interest are improvements including sidewalks on Cook up to Fairway and along Fairway. These streets have become much busier with both bike and vehicle traffic and there are always a few nerve wracking moments along our route.

While we used to walk up Hwy 11 , due to the great sidewalks, the fumes and traffic noise from the ever increasing amount of cars make that route unpleasant.

Thank you for making our community a wonderful place to be. (1)

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I have a home at (Dorado Villas) which is at the corner of Cook and Fairway. Driving in Indian Wells (and the Coachella Valley itself) is frightening and dangerous for both vehicle occupants and pedestrians, primarily for two reasons:

1] people speeding and 2] people blatantly running red lights. It is the latter that cause most sane drivers to wait a few moments after traffic lights in both directions turn red, look both directions for a car accelerating in order to run their red light, before cautiously entering the intersection. On multiple occasions I have witnessed, as I'm sure others have, two or even three cars wanting to make a left turn pull into an intersection when the light is already red against them. I travel (and drive) all over the country and only in the Coachella Valley do I see such blatant disregard for traffic laws. The solution is very simple: install red light violation cameras and fine the offenders. Prominent display of signs warning drivers that Indian Wells will enforce speeding and red light running by Cameras will increase traffic safety dramatically. (2)

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To Mayor Whitman, council members, Chris Freeland, and Ken Welch

This note will express our concerns regarding the Safe Streets project with particular focus on Eldorado and Fairway.

Closer examination of the traffic safety survey showed that residents' primary concerns were:

1: Aggressive driving.....58.75%

2: High speed driving.....69.25%

3: Distracted driving.....47.25%

Surprisingly, the survey revealed that residents were not primarily concerned about the need for sidewalks, but rather the overwhelming concern about driving behavior. This data suggests that the city should initially focus on improving driving.

Regarding Eldorado:

No changes are necessary. The street is iconic featuring a spectacular view. There is no need for sidewalks or lane reconfiguration.

Several suggestions for Fairway:

1: Temporary low-speed bumps. These can be easily removed if proven unsuccessful.

2: Sidewalk material of choice on the south side

3: Speed cameras

4: Increased sheriff presence

In conclusion, I believe the speeding and reckless driving on Hwy 111 forces traffic to Fairway.

Thanks for "listening". (3)



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**RE: Cook Street Renovations**

**I am a resident of Dorado Villas on the corner of Cook and Fairway. I do not feel safe walking from the corner of Fairway to #111. The council has discussed making this street safer for IW citizens since 2018 or so. I urge you to finally get this street improvement measure passed and quickly implemented.**

**Thank you (4)**

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**We should lower the speed limit on Fred wearing. Every time I drive down there especially between Cooke and El Dorado people fly by me 80-90 miles an hour. (5)**

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**It is almost as if you're encouraging speeders on Rancho Palmeras. We do not need more lanes. We need speed deterrents--specifically median planters like the rest of the street.**

**People have gone crazy. One guy was speeding down down rancho palmars, and I don't kn, yelled, hey, slow down, he stopped, and he flipped me off ...this happens away all the time. It's ridiculous. (6)**

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**Also, have we ever considered a pedestrian bridge over Highway 111 in front of the IW golf resort. I think that would be helpful and could be beautiful as well. Great way to access the golf resort/dining/hotels while walking, biking, or via golf carts. (7)**

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I have lived here full-time since March of 2021, with my wife and now 13-year old daughter. Unfortunately, due to my work I am not able to attend meetings in person. I am sending this message in hopes of starting a conversation about “School of Choice”. I believe there to be a tremendous upside to implementing this sort of policy. Indian Wells is a unique city and with this we have an opportunity to be a leader in this space.

While I am not opposed to the new construction of a wellness spa, I think we should consider the impact on the cities future ability to meet the needs of the children who live within the city. Just looking around there does not seem to be an abundance of vacant land where we could build schools and take control of the education our children are receiving.

If the decision is made to use a portion of the remaining viable land to build a resort, I believe we should take a portion of the revenue we receive and provide a subsidy to homeowners with children who decide the public school system (controlled in large part by residents who do not live in Indian Wells) is not the right choice.

Right now the city has a population of about 7,000 people, with about 7,040 housing units (of which 3,827 are second homes or investments properties). The best numbers I could find is there are less than 300 residents in Indian Wells under the age of 18.

These population numbers highlight the uniqueness of the city and the opportunity we have to serve children with a higher “quality of life”.

I have listened to livestreams of city council meetings where it was discussed we have a \$50 million reserve fund. If we invested that money in something as basic as 1-year treasury securities we could generate as much as \$2 million a year to fund this. There is also much discussion about the revenue increasing from the other resorts.

Indian Wells is unique in our ability to implement this due to the demographics and funding sources.

My point is the city has done a great job with the stewardship of the cities resources. I feel like we could easily, without impacting other city priorities, help to build a brighter future for our cities children, while providing a model of how prudent city management can positively impact the residents and culture of a city. There is a unique opportunity for our city to be a leader in this space and as our city leaders you have the ability to show leadership in this area.

“Qualified of Life” is our cities motto, let parents take control of how city resources our used to educate our children and enhance the Indian Wells lifestyle.

I would love to have a discussion or otherwise communicate regarding this matter. I have many ideas of how this could be implemented. I’m easy to spot, as I am always walking my black Labrador on Rancho Palmeras or around my greater neighborhood area. (8)

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**Hi - please add this comment to the safer streets committee.**

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**Dear City Council Members,**

**I am writing to express my support for the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding Safer Streets, specifically adding crosswalks at Fairway and Eldorado on both sides of the street (from the park across Fairway and from the park across Eldorado).**

**I believe all of the Planning Commission's recommendations align with the best interests of our community and they will result in preserving the beauty of our city yet reduce potential safety issues while saving millions of dollars.**

**I am confident that these recommendations will contribute positively to our city's development and growth. I encourage the City Council to approve the Planning Commission's recommendations. (10)**

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