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Subject: Proposed left turn pockets and red curb El Camino between Santiago and Esplanade

Good morning to all...

Last week we were made aware of the proposal to remove traffic delineators on El Camino between Avenida Santiago and Esplanade in favor of a left turn lane going northbound on El Camino. This would involve the removal of 8 parking spaces on the west side of El Camino fronting 6 businesses, including a restaurant opening this month. We live on Santiago, about 5 houses west of El Camino. As the traffic department well knows, this is a narrow street that most always has a full allotment of residents and visitors cars parked on the curb, both sides of the road – in fact there is most often not room for 2 cars to pass each other without one of them pulling to the curb. Should these 8 spaces on El Camino be removed it would severely acerbate the lack of available spots on Santiago – I invite you all to drive our short street at any time of the day to validate this. Now, this is BEFORE the opening of an Italian restaurant (Buona Forchetta) this month, which will add even more cars looking for parking. I would assume that as part of the restaurant permit granted by the City of San Clemente they took into consideration the availability of parking for restaurant customers, which included the 8 spots that you propose removing.

It is our understanding that the existing traffic delineators have reduced traffic accidents on El Camino, particularly from the busy Ralph's parking lot, so it is a bit puzzling why the traffic department is proposing this change which will severely impact the neighboring residents and businesses – it appears that the proposal is to “fix something that doesn't need fixing”.

Thank you for your consideration.



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