



## San Tomas Area Community Coalition

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**Attn:** City Council Members  
Mark Linder, City Manager  
Todd Capurso, Public Works

**Subj:** Air and Noise Pollution; Public Works Project 14-GG Signal Light McCoy/  
Harriet/San Tomas Aquino Rd.

Dear City Council Members and Staff:

I'm here to talk about **Air and Noise Pollution**.

According to the EPA moving and idling vehicles make the same amount of pollution. So a traffic signal will just have more cars sitting there spewing pollutants into the area. (I have a list but I can't pronounce most of them, ozone and formaldehyde are two).

(ozone, acetal dehyde, acrolein, benzene, butadiene, formaldehyde, etc.).

Studies have shown that **Air and Noise Pollution** have bad effects on peoples health, worsening illnesses such as heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and lung cancer. Since children have developing immune systems and lungs, they are more affected, as are the elderly. A study in the **Journal of Environmental Health Perspectives** concluded that **Residential proximity to high traffic and traffic noise exposure showed a tendency toward higher Blood Pressure**. Surprise! Pollution and traffic stresses people out!

Recent studies have suggested that air pollution, **particularly traffic-related pollution**, is associated with infant mortality and the development of hyperallergic asthma.

We want the traffic to flow, the goal is to reduce pollution by reducing idling times.

I'm not saying that this one signal light will cause infant mortality rates to jump, or increase the incidents of heart attacks in the area, although cumulatively with other factors pollution is overwhelming harmful to us. What I am saying is that idling cars will stink up the area, and car noise will make it irritating.

So let's keep the vehicles moving rather than idling at a signal light spewing more pollutants into our air, and creating more noise on our streets. Work with the community to find a better solution, and start right away with a crossing guard during school times. After all, there's nothing quite as reassuring as the human factor when it comes to safety.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Kiehtreiber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Audrey Kiehtreiber

President