

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE HEALTHY STREETS LA BALLOT MEASURE

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Los Angeles published long term plans for increasing traffic safety and decarbonizing Los Angeles’s transportation systems. The Mobility Plan 2035 envisions hundreds of miles of new bus, bike and pedestrian infrastructure to be installed in a 20 year timeframe. Vision Zero, successfully implemented in peer cities across the country and globally, aims to eliminate cycling and pedestrian fatalities.¹

WHEREAS, despite these plans, as of 2022, only 3% of the city Mobility Plan’s planned 3,137 miles has been implemented thus far since it was introduced.²

WHEREAS, traffic violence in Los Angeles has surged in recent years, with 312 people killed in traffic accidents in 2022. This marks the highest annual death toll in two decades and a 5% increase in fatalities compared to 2021.³

WHEREAS, the pedestrian fatality rate in Los Angeles is 4x the national average, with 128 pedestrians killed and 486 severely injured in 2021. A pedestrian is killed once every three days in the city.⁴

WHEREAS, Los Angeles averages 3,000 injuries and 36 deaths from bicycle collisions each year, and 85% of bicycle fatalities occur on roads that lack dedicated bike lane infrastructure.⁵⁶

WHEREAS, Los Angeles’ High Injury Roadways represent 6% of Los Angeles roads that account for 70% of traffic injuries and fatalities. Westwood Blvd, from its terminus at Gateway Plaza on the UCLA campus to Pico Blvd, near Metro’s Westwood/Rancho park station, has been on the high injury network since the data has been compiled.⁷

WHEREAS, reckless driving behavior endangers those in school and pedestrian zones within City Council District 5, causing tragic accidents. In April of 2023, a mother walking her six year old son to school was killed and her son critically injured by a speeding, impaired driver.⁸ In August of 2022, a vehicle sped through the intersection of La Brea and Slauson, murdering six pedestrians including a pregnant woman.⁹ These are just a few of the egregious and violent

¹ [Mobility Plan 2035 | Los Angeles City Planning](#)

² [Healthy Streets LA | Streets for All](#)

³ [Traffic Violence Continues to Surge in LA | LA Times](#)

⁴ [Healthy Streets LA Overview | Streets for All](#)

⁵ [LA Bicycle Accident Statistics | Maison Law](#)

⁶ [Dangers to Cyclists | LA Times](#)

⁷ [High Injury Network | Los Angeles Department of Transportation](#)

⁸ [Mom killed, child injured walking to L.A. school | LA Times](#)

⁹ [Victims of Windsor Hills crash that killed 6, including pregnant woman, will soon have own memorial | ABC7](#)

collisions that contribute to making Los Angeles the US city with the highest number of pedestrian fatalities.

WHEREAS, according to numerous research studies, there are vast inequities between how communities experience traffic violence. There are significantly more “injured pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicle occupants at intersections in the poorest than in the richest areas... The event ratios between intersections in the poorest and richest areas for injured pedestrians (-70%), cyclists (-44%), and motor vehicle occupants (-44%).”¹⁰

WHEREAS, Streets for All is a nonprofit community organization formed in response to the city's inaction, dedicated to improving Los Angeles’s street infrastructure to better serve residents. Their mission involves advocacy at the local and state levels and includes more than a dozen active initiatives aimed at improving traffic safety and decarbonizing our transportation systems.

WHEREAS, Streets for All introduced a ballot measure that would require the City of Los Angeles to honor commitments made in its Mobility Plan 2035 and Vision Zero plan by creating protected bike lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and instituting pedestrian safety improvements whenever streets are repaved.¹¹

WHEREAS, the Healthy Streets LA initiative is supported by a broad coalition of climate, transportation, business, and labor organizations, such as the Sierra Club, UC-AFT, Pacoima Beautiful, and the National Health Foundation. The measure is also backed by 40 Neighborhood Councils, including the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.¹²

WHEREAS, the USAC Facilities Commission is actively engaged with Streets for All and other Los Angeles universities as part of the Students for Safer Streets coalition, in campaigning to pass this ballot measure on March 5, 2024. These efforts include social media campaigning, physical marketing, and community outreach to raise voter awareness.

WHEREAS, the Healthy Streets LA ballot measure would create bike and bus lanes that would provide residents with viable transportation alternatives, improve traffic, reduce greenhouse emissions’ environmental and health impacts, and make roadways demonstrably safer and more usable for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and public transit users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council adopts this resolution in support of the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure and officially enters as a coalition

¹⁰ [Neighborhood Social Inequalities in Road Traffic Injuries: The Influence of Traffic Volume and Road Design | American Public Health Association](#)

¹¹ [Healthy Streets LA | Streets for All](#)

¹² [Healthy Streets LA](#)

partner in the organization Students for Safer Streets. The USAC condemns the City of Los Angeles's abdication of their responsibility to maintain the safety and wellbeing of their constituents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will collaborate with civically-minded organizations and coalitions within the Bruin community – like BruinsVote – to get the vote out for the March 5, 2024, election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will work with Assistant Vice Chancellor Mick Deluca and the Department of Campus Life to fight for more on-campus polling stations and additional mail-in ballot drop-off boxes to facilitate voter access for the Streets for All ballot measure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will increase diffusion of voter resources, awareness initiatives, and urge students to vote for the Streets for All ballot measure before election day, through projects like increased MyUCLA announcements, the USAC campus-wide email, and department email blasts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council, in all its community outreach efforts for the March 5, 2024 election, will emphasize the importance of local elections and ballot measures to ensure voters do not only vote for federal-level candidacies.

RESOLVED, the USAC urges the constituents within the UCLA community and our partners to vote “YES” on the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Initiative on March 5, 2024. The USAC Facilities Commission, in conjunction with other partnered offices and commissions, pledges to conduct extensive outreach to UCLA and community-based organizations to disseminate vital information on traffic safety and the voting processes. We pledge to be community leaders in the fight to end traffic violence, for all who live in Los Angeles.