



June 24, 2025

To the City of Santa Rosa Traffic Department,

I am writing this letter to advocate for the installation of a mid-block crosswalk across Giffen Avenue between the Methodist Church and Robert L. Stevens School. As the principal there for many years, I have heard repeatedly from parents and parishioners that crossing Giffen Avenue without a crosswalk is not safe.

The only current crosswalk is on the corner of Giffen and Stony Point. Through a mutual agreement, the church parking lot is used for overflow school drop off/pick up during the week and the school parking lot is used for overflow parking for worship services on weekends. This means that pedestrians are daily forced to cross mid-block or walk all the way to the corner, which they don't do. Several times, our students have come close to being hit by cars.

Recently, a pop-up crosswalk was installed during a school day in the area we are asking for a permanent one. This was extremely popular, and I received many remarks about the added safety.

On behalf of the school and community, I am asking for your consideration of a permanent mid-block crosswalk across Giffen Avenue. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Pola Hoard".

Lori A. Pola Hoard, Principal
Robert L. Stevens School