

# **BLUE FOLDER ITEM**

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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 18, 2020**

### **N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CIRCLE INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RUBY STREET AND GERTRUDA AVENUE**

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**From:** Andy Lesser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Cc:** Andy Lesser; Bill Brand; Christian Horvath; Joe Hoefgen; John Gran; Laura Emdee; Nils Nehrenheim; Todd Loewenstein  
**Subject:** Agenda Item N2 Questionnaire from Dr. Lesser---Blue Folder item City Council Meeting 8/18/2020  
**Attachments:** TRAFFIC CIRCLE RUBY & GERTRUDA QUESTIONNAIRE May 2020.pdf



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Agenda Item N2 Ruby/Gertruda Traffic Circle Questionnaire---Blue Folder item

Hi everyone,

I filled out this questionnaire and even scanned it back on May 5th, but either I didn't return it or it wasn't received. In any event, it is attached.

My first preference is the removal of the traffic circle and installation of all way stop signs.

My second choice would be removal of the traffic circle and reverting back to the stop signs on Gertruda with additional signage saying "cross traffic on Ruby does not stop."

Andy Lesser  
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## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CIRCLE QUESTIONNAIRE

Complete one questionnaire per residence

Due Date: May 6, 2020

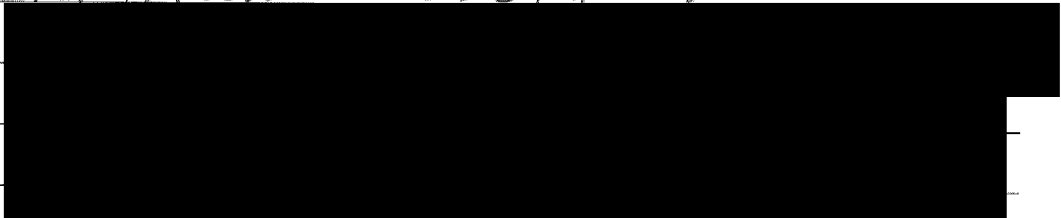
\*Name:

ANDREW LESSER, M.D.

\*Address:

Phone:

Email:



\* Information required in order for the survey to be considered

1) How frequently do you drive through the intersection of Ruby Street at Gertruda Avenue? Either traveling on Ruby Street OR Gertruda Avenue [Check one box]

- Frequently (At least once per day)
- Occasionally (Less than once per day but at least once per week)
- Rarely (Less than once per week)

2) Do you feel that traffic volumes at the intersection or roadway segment (Ruby Street or Gertruda Avenue) have generally been reduced since the installation of the temporary traffic circle? [Check one box]

- Yes – traffic volumes seem reduced
- No – traffic volumes seem increased/unchanged
- Not Applicable/ Unsure

3) Do you feel that traffic speeds at the intersection or roadway segment (Ruby Street or Gertruda Avenue) have generally been reduced since the installation of the temporary traffic circle? [Check one box]

- Yes – traffic speeds seem reduced
- No – traffic speeds seem increased/unchanged
- Not Applicable/ Unsure

4) Do you feel that drivers generally comply with the intersection traffic control as configured? [Check all applicable]

- Yes – drivers are generally compliant
- \*  No – drivers do not yield for vehicles/pedestrians/bicyclists within the traffic circle
- No – drivers are illegally turning left in front of the traffic circle
- Other, please explain:

\* Drivers on Ruby speed as they approach the circle making it unsafe for vehicles on Gertruda that are closer to the circle - to enter

6) What traffic control configuration alternative would you prefer? [Check one box]

- Maintain existing configuration (construct more permanent traffic circle)
- Revert to original configuration (remove traffic circle)
- Install all-way stop control configuration
- Other, please explain:

Please provide additional comments below:

Pedestrians run for their lives, sometimes into the circle, to avoid being hit by speeding cars on Ruby. Drivers on Ruby now swerve close to the sidewalk, sometimes a fire drives onto the sidewalk - This intersection is TOO NARROW & TOO HILLY for a traffic circle to be safe here. I worry a vehicle will hit a pedestrian another vehicle, or a power pole. If all-way stop is rejected, then put the stop signs back on Gertruda with supplemental signage that says, "Cross-traffic on Ruby does NOT stop."

Completed questionnaire can be emailed to Gene Kim at [gene.kim@redondo.org](mailto:gene.kim@redondo.org) or mailed/ delivered to:

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Ruby Street and Gertruda Avenue Temporary Traffic Circle Evaluation - Public Comment for tonight's CC Meeting



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All,

As Block Captain of the 400 Block of S. Gertruda Avenue at Ruby Street I am speaking on behalf of all of my neighbors who have discussed the issue of the Ruby Street and Gertruda Avenue Temporary Traffic Circle issue at great length. We have to live with it every day and have seen the hazardous situation it has created and we all wish to have it removed. Personally, my family has been directly impacted and almost injured due to this dangerous situation. This is the wrong implementation of this type of traffic mitigating device. The circle is placed on a steep hill with limited visibility due to foliage on several houses on the corners and creates a very unsafe situation. We have personally witnessed (and almost been in) several near-misses.

The preferred remedy would be to replace the two-way stop signs or ideally install a 4-way stop. This circle has done nothing but deter us neighbors from using that intersection which can be terribly inconvenient. Several of us have noticed it also invites thrill seekers who want to see how fast they can whip around the circle. Twice I have also personally witnessed fire trucks responding to calls on our street attempt to circumnavigate the circle and they had to do a "10-point turn", thus creating another unsafe situation. Bottom line, those who are directly negatively impacted by this circle don't always communicate directly to the City but rather choose to complain on the NextDoor app and social media which is ineffective, so I have been asked by my neighbors to speak directly to you on behalf of those I represent. We all wish to have it removed, therefore, we hope that you do so immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cee-Cee Murphy  
Block Captain

