

To: Queens Community Board 10  
From: Leonardo Arias  
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Subject: Installation of stop sign

The purpose of this memo is to recommend a stop sign on a particular street around my neighborhood, more specifically on 106-20 97th Avenue. This will prevent any more accidents from occurring.

### **Summary**

Living on the street of 106-20 97th Avenue, I've noticed an alarming increase of car accidents on that corner. What the corner lacks is an all way stop sign. Drivers seem to lack a good view coming down 97th Avenue on the ongoing traffic and would disobey the stop sign to get a better view. What this results in are frequent accidents every month. Currently there are about two to three accidents every month. I would like to set up a meeting of some sorts to discuss and hopefully solve this issue.

### **Discussion**

I remember one summer, as I walked home from school, seeing ambulances and police officers surrounding the corner of my street. I was confused yet concerned as I saw the concerned looks on family member's faces near the ambulances. I also see the disturbing site of multiple cars in shambles and pieces. The story of the accident was about a teenage girl, no older than me, who was seriously hurt on the sidewalk as she was walking home from school herself. This is a recurring issue of people getting hurt at this corner. Some action must be made.

The first problem at hand would be the lack of an all way stop sign. Asking an association to maintain and implement an all way stop sign with fair prices should be relatively easy. However, it's up to you, the Queens community board, to take action and take the necessary steps to finalize this. The second problem at hand is the poor position of the current stop sign in place. Although a bit more tedious, we would have to remove the current stop sign in order to put it in a better position for better visibility for on going traffic. The steps taken after this point should be to fix, place and maintain the current and new stop signs in that intersection. Talking to associations or organizations that won't charge an absurd amount for a necessary stop sign would be the most optimal solution. If money is an issue, then holding a fundraiser for the community involving the people that were in these accidents could be a solution for budgetary problems.

The safety of people driving is something everyone could agree on. If there is a problem at hand with the current traffic and road signs, it is our job as a community to fix it for the insurance of drivers and pedestrians' safety. What we all get from this fix would be a safer community with less accidents. People would also be able to trust the board more if they see the board concerned for the safety of the community.

**Recommendation**

I would first like to thank you for taking the time to read this proposal. We are talking about peoples' safety, so anybody from the community that you feel should be there with us is invited to our meeting. You can contact me at [larias005@citymail.cuny.edu](mailto:larias005@citymail.cuny.edu).