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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Red Curb Installation at Sacramento Street and Allston Way

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Manager to mitigate the line-of-sight issue at the corner of Sacramento Street and Allston Way with alternative methods, such as signage and traffic light operation, and to restore the curbside parking spaces lost in the City’s initial mitigation.

BACKGROUND:

Neighborhood parking had become increasingly strained and any loss of a parking space has negative impact on residents who are finding it difficult at times to park on their own block, or even nearby.

In 2010, in response to a line-of-sight complaint at the Southeast corner of Sacramento Street and Allston Way, the City correctly determined that there existed a public safety issue and removed two curbside parking spots as an immediate mitigation. However, the installation of red curbs serve better as a temporary solution given that an alternative can be developed that fully mitigates the public safety issue while balancing the need of curbside parking in neighborhoods.

For example, the intersection is fully controlled by traffic light. Accordingly, the line-of-sight issue only exists while westbound on Allston way and turning right onto northbound Sacramento Street while the traffic light is red. Rather than removing scarce parking spaces to enable one to turn on a redlight, it is possible to install a “No Turn on Red” Sign for westbound Allston traffic at Sacramento. Those turning right onto Sacramento can do so when the light is green. In the evening when the traffic lights turn to flashing lights, the intersection can effectively become a 4-way stop.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown; some staff time required.

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Attachments:

1. Photo of Northbound Sacramento Street

