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## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

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### COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY

New pedestrian safety measures protecting City Heights students are now in place at Wilson Middle School, thanks to the efforts of Councilmember Marti Emerald partnering with Principal Dave Downey, City traffic engineers and involved parents.

This past December, Principal Downey of Wilson Middle School contacted Councilmember Emerald with serious concerns about the safety of his students walking to and from school along the intersection of Orange Avenue and 37<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilmember Emerald referred the matter to the City's traffic engineers and, within days, a working meeting was held on-site with traffic engineers, parents and school personnel.

Working together with the community, a new system to cross the street was designed and implemented within a matter of weeks.

"Public safety comes first," said Councilmember Emerald, Chair of the City's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. "There is no greater role for government than the safety of our citizens, our children most of all."

According to Principal Downey: "The relocation of the crosswalk, the repainting of old crosswalks, and the designing of new crosswalks and locations, has been welcomed by the parents and made a huge difference in the flow of traffic."

Councilmember Emerald commended Dave Downey, Principal of Wilson Middle School, for taking the initiative to improve pedestrian safety for students.

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