

Board accedes to demands for stop signs in Live Oak

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About 50 Live Oak residents demanded yesterday that the county Board of Supervisors install a stop sign or signal at the corner of Portola Drive and 30th Avenue, where a 6-year-old girl was run over and killed Friday.

The board responded with unusual promptness, ordering the Public Works Department to come up with a workable solution for the intersection by Dec. 8, when the board next meets.

Ironically, the county Planning Commission, on the recommendation of Public Works, rejected a proposal to install a four-way stop sign at the inter-

section just two days before a suspected drunk driver slammed into Tanyanica "Nica" Lopez as she crossed the street with her mother and sister at twilight Nov. 20.

Lopez died the next day of her injuries.

The child's mother, Drucilla Holquin, joined the protest and told the supervisors, "No one deserves to die the way my daughter died. It was cruel, it was cruel. It was a brutal murder."

Holquin said she had worried about crossing the dangerous intersection since she moved to Live Oak from Fresno a month ago.

"Me and my girls, we had to run across the street every time," she said. She begged the

supervisors to install a stop sign, saying no one else should have to suffer as her family has.

"I have to live with this the rest of my life, seeing my daughter get dragged by a car. I live with it 24 hours a day. I can't sleep. I have to remember it over and over again," Holquin said.

A report written by the Public Works Department said a four-way stop sign at the intersection might create as many problems as it solved. The intersection is complicated by 30th Avenue taking a nearly half-block jog, rather than going straight across Portola. The report says traffic might

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