To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Harrison

SUBJECT: Budget Referral for Re-Evaluation of Safety at the intersection of Harold and Allston in the context of likely development

RECOMMENDATION
Refer to the City Manager to assess, identify, and fund improvements to increase pedestrian safety at the Allston and Harold Intersection. In the context of upcoming likely development, and considering the fact that several parked cars have been hit here in the last 5 years, our office recommends assessing and the most cost effective method of improvement. Possibilities include, but are not limited to, a Yield to Pedestrians sign or Flashing Beacon Lights that are automatically triggered to flash when a pedestrian is occupying the crosswalk zone.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
Cost of flashing crosswalks.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No ecological impact.

BACKGROUND
Harold and Allston is a congested intersection filled with traffic, bicyclists and pedestrians leaving the YMCA and Allston Way Parking Garage. In such a densely packed area, safety precautions can help add to a sense of security and improve quality of life.

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