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Subject: Re: 18th & Indiana

Hi Dave,

Sorry to be slow with my response!

Luther did graduate and will no longer be walking to and from Lawrence High School. However he will still be walking in the neighborhood as he is entering KU School of Music in August.

I still feel the same as ever: four-way stop signs protect pedestrians at that intersection where so many students and others walk. I do not support the removal of the stop signs that have been in place and protecting pedestrians for more than 20 years, since before I moved to 18th & Mississippi in 1998. It may be much longer than that--I'm sure you have the date.

I think their longevity is a very important point to remember, as quite often in this discussion, in meetings and in the media, these particular stop signs have been mischaracterized as "new". They are not new. The traffic calming device is new. It does not protect pedestrians.

Drivers know what to do at the 18th & Indiana four-way stop, even though there are some who don't obey the signs--no more or less than any traffic sign anywhere. All of us neighbors have witnessed it for a year now (really 15 years, since the "temporary" device was in place since 2003 I believe).

I still place more importance on pedestrian safety than on driver convenience. I do acknowledge the issue of "interference with driver expectations", but I still believe that more drivers--the vast majority--do stop at these particular stop signs than don't because of their expectations about traffic calming circles. Again, we all have seen it up close, in real life everyday.

Thank you very much for working with me to make Luther's daily walk to and from high school safer for his senior year! I truly appreciate it, and I appreciate the position you are in trying to balance important engineering standards with real-world pedestrian needs.

And thank you for asking for my input.

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On Jun 1, 2018, at 3:59 PM, David Cronin <dcronin@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

Hi Brendy,
Hope you are doing well and hope Luther enjoyed his senior year. I'm following up on the City Commission's action last July to retain the 4-way stop at 18th & Indiana for a year. I need to bring a staff recommendation back to the Commission this summer for traffic control here. If Luther will no longer

use the route to school, then I would recommend removing the 4-way STOP, to be consistent with engineering standards. Let me know your thoughts and if you would support the recommendation to remove stop signs. Thanks.

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