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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center  
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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### **COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. On December 3, 2020, the State announced a regional Stay-at-Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19. In response to the State's additional restrictions, and for the protection of the public's health, the Board of Supervisors will convene their public meetings via video and teleconference as detailed below, and will close its Board Chambers to the public until further notice.

Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, Kings County will allow the Board Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Board's Chambers.

Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web at:

<https://youtu.be/hAaHSnhmpj8> or go to [www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com) and click on the "Join Meeting" link.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Board consideration or action, and those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to either [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us). To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230

To comment during the meeting by telephone or the Internet, E-mail the Clerk of the Board at any time before or during the meeting at [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) for a phone number, access code and meeting link.

- I. **9:00 AM** **CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION – Sylvia Gaston – Koinonia Church**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT : JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, CRAIG PEDERSEN, RICHARD FAGUNDES**  
**MEMBERS ABSENT: DOUG VERBOON**

II. **UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

*Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.*

**Supervisor Valle asked to move the Regular Item V. C up on the agenda to accommodate everyone online who wishes to speak on the matter, as a correction the record the item is VI. C.**



**Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board stated that the Board received a letter from Ted Williams and stated that it will become part of the permanent record.**

**Dr. Stanley Dobbs, Kings County resident spoke on behalf of Scott Holwell, Veteran's Services Officer/Public Guardian and shared his thoughts on the disciplinary action taken by the Board.**

**Reverend Jim White, Kings County resident spoke on behalf of Scott Holwell, Veteran's Services Officer/Public Guardian and shared his thoughts on the disciplinary action taken by the Board.**

**III. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Rebecca Campbell/Dave Robinson**

Presentation to Marci Snyder, Detentions Technician, from the Sheriff's Department for being selected as Outstanding Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2020.

**INFORMATION ONLY NO OFFICIAL ACTION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.** Approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2021 regular meeting.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Agriculture Department:**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Pink Bollworm Cotton Plowdown and Host-Free Monitoring Program retroactively effective November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **[Agmt. #21-026]**

**B. District Attorney:**

1. Consider adopting Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney's Office to submit Fiscal Year 2021-2022 applications for the following grant programs:
  - a. Automobile Insurance Fraud Program. **[Reso. #21-016]**
  - b. Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. **[Reso. #21-017]**
  - c. Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program. **[Reso. #21-018]**
  - d. Victim Witness Assistance Program. **[Reso. #21-019]**

**C. Human Services Agency:**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Agreement with JUMP Technology for a referral and case management automation software system in the Adult Protective Services unit from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026. **[Agmt. #21-027]**

**D. Administration:**

1. Consider appointing one member to the Kings County Library Advisory Board.

**ACTION: APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay/Monica Connor**

1. Consider adopting a Proclamation announcing March 2021 as Social Worker Appreciation Month.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**

**B. Information Technology – John Devlin**

1. Consider approving an Agreement amendment with Megabyte Systems, Inc. to remove the Assessment Appeals Module. **[Agmt. #20-106.1]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**



**C. Administration – Rebecca Campbell**

1. a. Consider ranking for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding requests to Congressman Valadao; and
- b. Authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency's \$17 million Community Project request.

**Supervisor Valle asked to have item (b) taken separately so as to lend time to the projects the County will be addressing today. By consensus the Board will take up item (b) separately.**

**Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board, stated that the Board received letters from the following Kings County residents on the Earmark funding requests and the letters will become part of the permanent record: Lupe Chavez & Pat Sanchez, Kristi Castillo, Silvia Maldonado, Abdul Mojamed, Marco Sandoval, Rudy Alatorre, Ernesto Lopez Jr., Robert Henry, Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Miguel Alatorre, Jr., Kings County Fire Fighters Station 9 Kettleman City and Bob Lewis.**

**Keith Fagundes, Kings County District Attorney thanked Administrative staff and the Board for their work in seeking the best projects for the Earmark funding.**

**Lupe Chavez, Reef Sunset Unified School District Board President stated his support for the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project and his concerns for the safety of their students in Kettleman City crossing State Route 41.**

**Dave Robinson, Kings County Sheriff stated his support for the Emergency Operations Center project and the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project.**

**Kristi Castillo, Principal of Kettleman City Elementary School stated her concerns for the safety of the students, parents and residents in Kettleman City and support for the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project.**

**Patrick Sanchez, Reef Sunset Unified School District Superintendent stated his support for the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project and his concerns for the safety of the students in Kettleman City crossing State Route 41.**

**Robert Brunel, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Coalinga area stated his support for the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project as a safety project in Kings County.**

**Dominic Tyburski, Kings County Public Works Director stated that the State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge project would be a unique opportunity to utilize the Earmark funding towards and stated that he has been in contact with Caltrans and other agencies on this project request.**

**ACTION: ITEM A, APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THIS RANKING ORDER:**

1. Public Works Department: State Route 41 Pedestrian Bridge Project
2. Fire Department: Emergency Operations Center Project
3. Community Development Agency: Jackson Ranch Project
4. Sheriff's Department: Deputy Sheriffs' Body Camera Project  
(RV, CP, JN, RF-Aye, DV-Absent)

**ACTION: ITEM B, APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE LETTER (RF, JN, RV, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**



**D. Administration – Rebecca Campbell  
Public Health – Edward Hill**

1. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary.

**ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**VII.**

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

*On their own initiative Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).*

**Joe Neves stated that he participated in the following online meetings: a webinar for Tax Increment Financing for projects, Local Agency Formation Commission, Kings County Public Transit Agency, Kings County Association of Governments, CalViva Finance and Authority meetings and he also participated as a judge online for 4-H projects for Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties member ages 9-18 years.**

**Richard Valle stated he worked with Kettleman City constituents on the Earmark request letters for the Kettleman City pedestrian bridge on Highway 41 and participated in the Kettleman City Community Service District meeting.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that the Board received notices from MBK Engineers for Petition for Change Involving Water from: Pleasant Grove-Verona Mutual Water Company, Jack W. Baber, Princeton-Codora-Glen Irrigation District and Provident Irrigation District. She stated that the Board received from the State Water Resources Control Board a Notice of petitions for temporary change involving the transfer of up to 183, 418 acre-feet of water from water right holders in the Sacramento Valley to State Water and Central Valley Projects. She stated that the Board received from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District the Annual Air Toxics Report for 2020.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: None**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Rebecca Campbell stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – COVID-19 update and appointment of Kings County Fire Chief; Agriculture Department – Resolution to amend hemp fees; Human Services Agency – Agreement with Kings Community Action Organization for assistance with the Medi-Cal health enrollment navigators project, first amendment for Agreement with King Community Action Organization for Childcare Resource and Referral Services and amend approved FY 20/21 budget to allow purchase of vehicles; District Attorney – use of Workers’ Comp & Automobile Fraud Grant Funds for purchase of surveillance equipment; Health Department – Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness subcontracts; Information Technology – McAfee Security System renewal Agreement; Job Training Office – Request for approval to conduct adult and dislocated worker career services; Public Works Department – Agreement with Tulare County for surveyor services, FY 19/20 SB-1 Funded Kings County Roadway Improvement Project, Kings View Building Remodel Project, Grant Purchase of New Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Surplus Vehicle/Equipment Declaration.**



**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

April 6	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 6	11:00 AM	California Community Housing Authority/California Public Finance Authority
April 13	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 20	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 20	1:00 PM	Board of Equalization of Hearing – Leprino Foods
April 27	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 4	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 11	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 18	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 25	---	Regular Meeting cancelled due to observance of Memorial Day on May 24, 2021
June 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

*Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.*



# Reef - Sunset Unified School District

205 NORTH PARK AVENUE - AVENAL, CALIFORNIA 93204  
(559) 386-9083 FAX (559) 386-5303

Patrick Sánchez, Superintendent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Claudia Cazares, Lupe Chavez, Precilla Barrera-Lopez, Lissette Padilla, Lilia Rizo

March 26, 2021

Dear Esteemed Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Reef- Sunset Unified School District, we are writing to seek your support and shared concern for the children of Kettleman City. Specifically, the long standing and unnecessary risk that our Kettleman students must navigate just to get to school. Imagine trying to cross highway 41 during some of the busiest times of day as a young student or even having to cross as an older K-8 student who is attempting to cross with younger siblings. The intersection is loud, your younger siblings are easily distracted and playing with each other how kids do and this momentary lapse of attention manifests in a close call crossing highway 41. We have heard of many close calls involving students and adults alike and this degree of trauma starts your learning experience at school in a deficit and will cause students to be unready to learn as we know the impact of trauma on a student's brain. Going to school should be an uneventful or even fun experience and we ask that you please take a hard look at this situation from the eyes of a parent or student as you consider improvements at this very dangerous and high risk intersection that has been a fearful experience for many of our Kettleman City stakeholders and their children. The CDC reports "City planning and engineering approaches to transportation that address built environment needs and ensure safe conditions for walking and biking", so please consider safe routes to school for Kettleman City.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/policy/hst/hi5/saferoutes/index.htm>

We have heard reports for years, that vehicles frequently ignore the posted speed limits and travel at a speed in excess of the posted limit. Harvest season, fog, big trucks and distracted drivers will continue to occur on highway 41 so we respectfully implore you to consider removing this risk of crossing the highway from our community with a safe route to school. We also know that our partners in the County Sheriff's office have limited resources and response time to Kettleman City just due to officer to community ratio and we further know that it would take a longer response time as compared to a police force within a City Municipality. Therefore, we believe that a pedestrian bridge would both minimize risk and danger for pedestrians as well as make crossing the highway mundane and uneventful that would result in a greatly improved safety of our students as well as students being ready to learn when they arrive at the doorstep of our school.

We continue to value our partnership with the County Board of Supervisors as well as with Sherriff Robinson and his ongoing support of our Kettleman City community. We also know that as a board, you usually have to make very difficult decisions as resources are limited. We ask that you deeply consider allocating resources and any one time dollars to the construction of a much needed pedestrian bridge for the community of Kettleman City. We respectfully request that this potential project of a pedestrian bridge and its immediate attention to student safety will find your support for kids' sake.

Respectfully in Partnership,

  
Lupe Chavez  
RSUSD Board President

  
Pat Sanchez  
RSUSD Superintendent

March 24, 2021

Dear Esteemed Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Kristi Castillo and I proudly serve as the principal of Kettleman City Elementary School for Reef Sunset Unified School District. I am grateful for the opportunity to express my concern I have about the safe passage of students and parents across Highway 41. I am sure many of you are familiar with the fact that this highway runs directly through the community of Kettleman City, therefore, several families whose children attend our local school must cross this busy highway at their own risk each and every day. There have been several first hand witness accounts, both by staff members and the parents themselves, who attest to instances where the flow of traffic refused to yield to the pedestrians crossing the highway, which have resulted in "near misses" that could have easily resulted in a tragic accident.

Cars and trucks both often ignore the posted speed limits and travel at a speed that is cause for great concern for anyone needing to cross the highway. Spring and the beginning of summer months are especially busy times on the highway, as there is a large flow of traffic passing through Kettleman heading out to the coast. It is during this time when it is more common to see cars and trucks refusing to slow down or stop for pedestrian traffic.

The foggy season is also a worrisome time because the inclement weather makes it that much more difficult for drivers to physically see pedestrians attempting to cross the highway.

To this point, I am grateful for the physical safety of my students and parents, as we have not had any accidents involving the hazards presented by the highway traffic. However, I implore each of you to please consider lending support to the construction of a much needed pedestrian bridge for the community of Kettleman City.

The board has demonstrated support for Kettleman City in the past by allocating funds necessary to Sheriff Robinson and his department to increase the presence of deputies in our area. I hope that this potential project of a pedestrian bridge and its immediate attention to student safety will find that same support.

Very respectfully yours,

Kristi A. Castillo

Ted Williams  
7595 Central Valley Hwy.  
Hanford, CA 93230  
teddyandjeannie@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ted Williams, I am an African American man who has lived in Hanford for the last 31 years. I am currently employed by the City of Porterville as the IT Manager. I have been with the City for 20 years.

I grew up in Massachusetts in the early seventies during a time of severe racial consciousness. I recall being bussed to school under heavy police escort in Charlestown and along the path we were welcomed with signs that had explicit language and racial epithets. I also experienced prejudice while shopping and working in Massachusetts. I developed a thick skin and a sense of racial awareness, both obvious and subtle undertones, in people I come in contact with. I have known Scott Holwell for 3 years and he has not demonstrated any of those behaviors.

We met at Church, Calvary Chapel of Hanford, while serving on a rotating basis as ushers, opening crew, grounds duty and morning devotional prayers. I recall Scott sharing his experience in the military during our devotions and casual conversations. I consider Scott my brother in Christ. In my interaction with Scott I never got the impression there was any racial bias towards me.

I got to know Scott even more closely in a professional capacity due to his occupation with the County as the Public Guardian and Veterans Service Officer when my wife and I became primary care givers for my brother, Anderson Williams.

My brother served in the military and sustained a permanent disability. My mother had taken care of Anderson for 41 years since the disability. In 2019 my mother's health reached a point where she could no longer care for Anderson so I moved him to Hanford to live with me and my wife. My brother has disorganized schizophrenia. My wife and I had no idea where to turn to get help caring for Anderson. Scott reached out to me and provided direction on where to turn for support. Scott made an appointment for us and brought in other staff members during our meeting and provided us with the information we needed to help my brother. Scott has been very instrumental in helping us get stability and resources for Anderson's care. He went above and beyond during the pandemic when offices were closed, documents were brought to our home and dropped off on the porch. He has always been helpful, kind and friendly to me and my family.

If any additional information is required concerning my association with Scott Holwell, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,





**KETTLEMAN CITY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DISTRICT**

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March 29, 2021

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Kings County Board of Supervisors  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, California 93230

**Subject: Kettleman City Highway 41 Pedestrian Bridge Over-Crossing**

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Kettleman City Community Services District (KCCSD) is in total support of the above subject project for the community public safety measures. Kettleman City is a small Kings County severely disadvantaged community that needs your help! The proposed Highway 41 Pedestrian Bridge Over-Crossing is desperately needed for the health and safety of the children and residents of Kettleman City. Many cross the busy Highway 41 on foot daily to go to school and to frequent the businesses. We recommend the Kings County Board of Supervisors approve the Federal Appropriations Committee – Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations - Earmark Funding for the above subject community project.

Thank you,

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Silvia Maldonado, KCCSD Chairperson

cc: Richard Valle, District 2  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

March 25, 2021

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Kings County Board of Supervisors  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, California 93230

Subject: Highway 41 pedestrian safety crossing project.

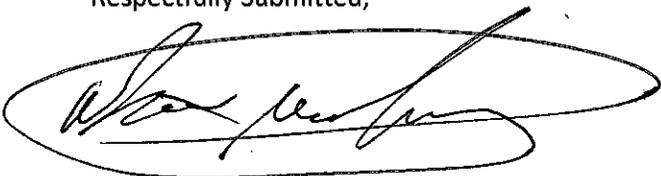
I am writing this letter to express my strong support of the efforts to increase pedestrian safety in the community of Kettleman City, with specific reference to the Highway 41 crossing. As a business owner of Hala Hala Market and Kettleman City Market I am consistently worried for the people that must cross the highway to attend school, shop at the local stores, local clinic, or post office.

I have witnessed many instances where the vast majority of drivers ignore pedestrian right of way in trying to cross HWY 41. This is most concerning when school is in session as kids and teenagers need to cross this juncture coming and going to school. Not to mention our elderly residents who need more time to safely cross and cars refuse to cede them the right of way.

Without your help with the Safety Crossing Bridge Project for Highway 41, I am afraid we will eventually have more casualties as drivers speed through town on their way to the coast. Please help us provide a safe venue for our residents that should not be fearful about going to school, store, ARIA Clinic, or Post Office.

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Pedersen", is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is fluid and cursive.

March 25, 2021

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman

Kings County Board of Supervisors

1400 West Lacey Blvd.

Hanford, California 93230

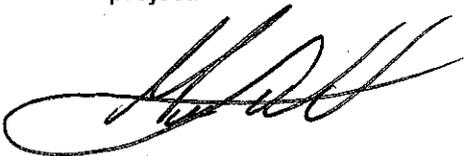
Subject: Safety Pedestrian Crossing Bridge Project for Highway 41 In Kettleman City

I am writing this letter to express my support of the efforts to increase pedestrian safety in the community of Kettleman City, with specific reference to the Highway 41 crossing. As a business owner of Kettleman City Napa Auto Parts. I consistently witness as kids and seniors try to cross HWY 41 either to attend the local Elementary School, local grocery, post office, or ARIA Clinic.

I have witnessed many instances where drivers on HWY 41 ignore pedestrian who are trying to cross. This is most concerning when school is in session as there's more kids and parents that need to cross HWY 41 coming and going to school, head start, or taking the school bus to attend High School, and specially our local elderly residents who need more time to safely cross HWY 41.

Without your help and support in this safety crossing project, I am afraid we will eventually have more casualties in Kettleman City. Please help us provide a safe HWY 41 crossing for our residents in Kettleman City.

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed for the proposed safety HWY 41 pedestrian crossing project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Pedersen', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 26, 2021

Kings County Board of Supervisors  
Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, California 93230

Subject: Kettleman City Pedestrian Safety Crossing Highway 41.

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of the efforts to increase pedestrian safety crossing in the community of Kettleman City highway 41. As a lifelong resident of Kettleman City and business owner "Rudy Tire Shop" I am consistently worried for the people that must cross this highway in their daily routines.

I have witnessed many accidents and fatalities due to the speed, carelessness, and distraction of the drivers on highway 41 in Kettleman City (one of these accidents claimed the life of my neighbor) where the vast majority of drivers ignore pedestrian right of way. On average I would safely surmise a vehicle stops to let a person cross maybe twice a day. As a result pedestrians must wait for a break in the traffic flow to be able to cross safely. This is most concerning with the local elderly/seniors that fear crossing highway 41 due to traffic and high speed and who need to cross to go to the local clinic, post office, or local stores.

Without your help with the Safety Pedestrian Crossing Project for Highway 41, I am afraid we will eventually have more accidents and casualties as drivers speed through town on their way to the coast. specially on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday's which day's makes it impossible to cross highway 41 in Kettleman City, please help us provide a safe venue for our Kettleman City residents that should not be afraid crossing the highway to go to the clinic, store, post office, or school.

Your help and support is greatly needed and appreciated in disadvantage, low income, farm labor, community.

If you would like to contact me please call me at 559-816-0508.

RUDY ALATORRE

Respectfully,

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman

Kings County Board of Supervisors

1400 West Lacey Blvd.

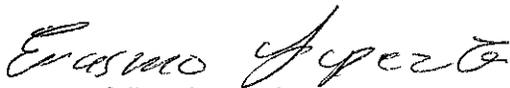
Hanford, California 93230

Subject: Kettleman City Highway 41 Safety Crossing Project.

I am writing this letter to express my support of the efforts to increase pedestrian safety crossing on HWY 41 in the community of Kettleman City. As a business owner "La Abejita Party Supply Store" along HWY 41, I have witnessed many accidents and many instances where the drivers do not slow down/stop to allow pedestrians to cross highway 41, especially weekends and holidays drivers are even using the side of the road to try and pass the slow moving traffic due to the light on the KC Commercial area in Kettleman City, I am consistently worried for the people that must cross the highway in a daily basis.

Thank you for your support and consideration on this project that is desperately needed for this low income, farm labor community that is in great need of a safety pedestrian on highway 41 for it's residents.

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.



Respectfully Submitted,



**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

35251 Old Skyline Road  
P.O. Box 471  
Kettleman City, CA 93239

March 27, 2021

Kings County Board of Supervisors  
Chairman Craig Pedersen  
1400 West Lacey Boulevard  
Hanford, California 93230

Re: Proposed Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge Over Crossing Project

Dear Supervisor Pedersen:

I submit this letter of support for the Proposed Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge Over Crossing Project. The bridge is to be located crossing over the California Aqueduct and adjacent to the State Highway 41 bridge over crossing.

A pedestrian bridge would provide Kettleman City residents with a safe means of travel to and from the commercial area as compared to presently sharing the State Highway 41 bridge which is a two-lane road that carries a significant volume of car and truck traffic. The pedestrian bridge would be used by Kettleman City residents who visit or work at the many businesses located in the commercial Area. It would also be used by the guests of the motels in the commercial area who choose to exercise by either walking and/or running. A pedestrian bridge would keep pedestrians off the State Highway 41 bridge and make walking to/from Kettleman City safe.

I appreciate your consideration of this project and look forward to the Board of Supervisor's favorable reply.

Sincerely,

CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. G. Henry", written over the printed name.

Robert G. Henry  
Senior District Manager

CC: Kettleman City Community Services District

*From everyday collection to environmental protection, Think Green® Think Waste Management.*

**Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Vice President  
The Kettleman City Foundation  
PO Box 588 Kettleman City, CA 93239**

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Kings County Board of Supervisors  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, CA 93239

Subject: Kettleman City Highway 41 Pedestrian Safety Crossing Project

Mr. Pedersen, Chairman of the Board:

As a resident of Kettleman City for the past 44 years I would like to express my urgent concern about the traffic on Highway 41 going through town. We are in dire need of a solution for the high traffic in our area. On weekends, traffic is backed up for miles as tourists make their way to the Central Coast. While this is a boon for the businesses at the I-5/Hwy 41 junction, it is a danger to the residents of Kettleman City. As anyone who is familiar with that side of Kings County knows that Kettleman City is divided by Highway 41. This means that residents frequently cross the highway to get from one side of town to the other. While elementary school age kids are provided a bus to take them from the East side of Highway 41 to the school, high school kids are not and must cross that traffic to get to the bus stop. Additionally, elementary school kids sometimes miss the bus and must cross it as well. I have seen children as young as 5 crossing that major highway to get to school. It's also a hazard and a nuisance to anyone trying to drive out of Kettleman City as we are held hostage by the miles of traffic on the weekends.

In my many years of living in Kettleman City I have had the misfortune of witnessing many accidents on Highway 41 going through Kettleman City, both pedestrian and vehicular. I will never forget the time I witnessed the death of one of our beloved residents who was riding his bike on the side of Highway 41. He got hit by a vehicle traveling North through town. Unfortunately, he didn't make it. These deaths and accidents could be prevented with the addition of an adequate crosswalk or a traffic light. As a member of the Kettleman City Foundation which serves the community, I implore you to listen to our request and give us the resources to help our town. Additionally, making a safer passage through Kettleman City is a benefit to all Kings County residents who use this much traveled road.

Sincerely,

Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Vice President

The Kettleman City Foundation

March 29, 2021

Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Kings County Board of Supervisors  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, CA 93239

Subject: Kettleman City Highway 41 Pedestrian Safety Crossing

Mr. Pedersen, Chairman of the Board:

My name is Miguel Alatorre, Jr. I am a resident of Kettleman City and a member of the community group, People for Clean Air & Water of Kettleman City. I am writing to you to ask you to help us solve the traffic problem in Kettleman City. Highway 41 divides our community in half causing our resident to have to cross the busy highway. On weekends the traffic is back-to-back for miles in and out of our town.

We are asking the Board of Supervisors to come up with a solution. A four-way stop sign might be the answer as well as a stop light. For the safety of our residents as well as all the resident of Kings County that travel through there, we need resources to change this situation. Without some kind of fix there will continue to be accidents and fatalities in the area.

Please help our community which is a vital part of Kings County.

Sincerely,

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William K. Lynch, Fire Chief

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to putting in a new crosswalk passing at the intersection of Hwy. 41 and General Petroleum in Kettleman City. This cross walk would be extremely beneficial for the citizens of Kettleman. Hwy. 41 is a very busy road with a lot of drivers that do not have very much regard for the public who need to make their way from their homes, and around town. Having a new crosswalk that is well illuminated will help the public feel more safe crossing the road and provide much more visibility for the drivers to be more aware to slow down, or to stop so that the public will be able to cross the road safely. Many of the personnel that have worked at Station 9 over the years have had multiple calls with the public being involved in accidents due to the lack of a safe crossing for the community. As members of this community, we feel that it is in the best interest of all of us to have a safer crossing for the kids going to school in the morning, and the rest of the public going to each other's homes, or church etc., that this cross walk be seriously considered, and hopefully implemented.

Thank you for your time.

Kings County Fire Department firefighters. Station 9 Kettleman City.

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**March 25, 2021**

**Chamber of Commerce  
Kettleman City, Ca.**

**Re: State Highway 41 School Crossing**

**Greetings:**

**I'm writing this letter as a past President of the Chamber of Commerce in Kettleman City.**

**I travel State Highway 41 thru Kettleman City often and I'm concerned that there is still no crosswalk, crossing guards, blinking light, caution signs or anything to help the school kids cross the 41 State highway at Petroleum avenue. Crossing the State highway 41 is the only way to get from one side of the city to the other side of the city where the School is located. I feel this is a very dangerous situation.**

**That was a concern of mine when I served on the Chamber of Commerce and I thought we were on our way to getting something done when I left office but nothing has been done.**

**I believe, at one time, there was talk about a overpass walkway over State highway 41. In my opinion, that is the best option. I trust someone will share my concerns and give this some attention and help the children of Kettleman City before a child is injured or worse, killed.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Lewis**