

## Stephanie Rojas

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**From:** Kayla Valdovinos  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 9:16 AM  
**To:** Stephanie Rojas  
**Subject:** FW: Highway 76 - 20 Year Resident Asking to Help

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From: Alejandro Velazquez <alejandro-publius@berkeley.edu>  
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 6:22 PM  
Subject: Highway 76 - 20 Year Resident Asking to Help

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Dear Councilmember,

I have lived near 1526 Spring Creek Lane since 2003, and in that time I have watched Highway 76 go from a manageable corridor to a daily gridlock. I am writing as a long-time resident who wants to understand what is being done — and how I can help.

After more than two decades here, it is obvious to me that a large share of the congestion on the 76 is not being generated by Oceanside residents. It is commuter traffic from the ongoing housing boom in Temecula, Murrieta, and the greater Riverside County area, funneling down the 76 to reach I-5, North County employers, and the coast. I literally watch with my own eyeballs seeing a sea of traffic going past Melrose into Temecula. Oceanside is absorbing the traffic consequences of development decisions made in other jurisdictions, and our roads, emergency response times, air quality, and neighborhoods are paying the price.

I would like to understand:

1. What is Oceanside doing at SANDAG and regionally to make sure Riverside County growth contributes to the capacity of the corridors it relies on?
2. Is the City actively pursuing state and federal funding for further 76 improvements — interchange upgrades, auxiliary lanes, or transit alternatives — given that the 2017 widening is clearly already overwhelmed?
3. What is the City doing within its own authority to protect neighborhoods near the corridor from cut-through traffic and safety impacts?

I also want to be clear: I am not just writing to complain. If there are efforts underway that need resident voices — public comment at SANDAG, letters to state legislators, showing up at council meetings, signing onto coalitions — I want to know about them. Long-time residents like me can be a real asset when the council is pushing for regional action, and I would rather be part of the solution than just another frustrated email.

So my question is twofold: What is the plan, and how can residents like me support it?

I would appreciate a direct response, and I am happy to follow up in person or at a council meeting.

Thank you for your time and your work.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kayla Valdovinos  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 11:06 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Homeless and drug paraphernalia at Buccaneer Park



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**From:** Lyndsay Viripaeff <[lyndsayprice@gmail.com](mailto:lyndsayprice@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 9:58 AM  
**To:** City Council <[council@oceansideca.org](mailto:council@oceansideca.org)>  
**Subject:** Homeless and drug paraphernalia at Buccaneer Park

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Hello,

We are residents of Oceanside and have owned our home in South Oceanside for 12 years.

We have a 4 and 7 year old and we love riding bikes and scootering to Buccaneer Park and beach from our home. My 4 year old in particular loves bringing dry oats and blueberries to feed the ducks at Loma Alta creek/marsh right there.

The homeless situation has always been tricky at this park, but I've always felt decently safe going alone with my kids as long as we're not too early in the morning, but I feel like it's gotten really bad recently. We are here now and there are at least a dozen homeless individuals, most still sleeping or just hanging out scattered around the park and creek at 9:30am (and to their credit, everyone is pretty peaceful right now, but there's is drug paraphernalia near the creek). With so many, I just do not feel safe at this park, especially with my young kids. Is there anything being done about this? I do understand the complexities of the situation, but it's frustrating feeling like they have overrun the park and that it's no longer a safe place for families. With the proximity to the beach it could be such a gem for the city, but is definitely falling not just flat, but is a liability for families in its current state. I do also know that there's plans in the works to refresh the space, but I would love if we could initiate a change sooner than that as we would love to continue to frequent a park so close to us (vs having to drive to Carlsbad or Encinitas).

I also run an Instagram account highlighting fun spots around town for families and was actually going to do one on Buccaneer Cafe, but am now hesitant to post it due to our experience this morning.

Sincerely,

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