



**JAMES A. BOHL JR.**  
Alderman, 5th District

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Jeff Mantes  
Department of Public Works

Dear Mr. Mantes,

I'm writing you to urge your support in creating the necessary legislation to place 4-way stop signs at the intersection of 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers St. This particular corner abuts Eighty-First Street School and has been the past location of accidents where offending cars wound up over the curb and in neighbor's yards. In addition, until recently, I resided less than a block away from this corner and can attest personally to a number of occasions where I witnessed close calls or drivers racing through the intersection without slowing down.

Over the years, and often following an accident, I've received a few inquiries by neighbors who were interested in the placement of traffic controls at this location. Unfortunately, during these occasions the mandated traffic study failed to show a sufficient number of accidents to warrant automatic placement of controls (per our ordinance) and the residents interested in controls were unable to follow-up with a signed petition of area neighbors that would have enabled us to place controls notwithstanding the results of a study. The Department's response following one of my requests for review was to paint crosswalk lines in this intersection. Unfortunately, I do not believe this safety measure has worked sufficiently. Yesterday, I was informed that there was an accident in this intersection involving a school bus and private vehicle. While I am glad that there were no major injuries, I believe that the time has come for the city to step forward by seeking a higher measure of controls before someone is badly injured. In light of having no neighborhood petition, I'm hopeful that my judgment, my experience with this corner and my signature prove sufficient for carrying through this request.

Thank you in advance for your timely response to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Bohl, Alderman  
5<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District

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Cc: Mayor Tom Barrett  
Bob Bryson  
Principal of Eighty-First St. School  
Area residents of 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers  
Members of the Public Safety Committee  
Diana Morgan

