Whereas the local access lanes on Octavia Blvd were designed for the purpose of local use, but due to overall traffic concerns are being used to avoid congestion on the traffic lanes of Octavia Blvd; and

Whereas the increased traffic on the local access lanes frequently leads to unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles; and

Whereas signage and traffic controls have not had an impact on reducing the unsafe conditions; therefore

Be It Resolved that the MO CAC advises SFMTA, SFPD, Planning staff and other appropriate bodies to take steps immediately to improve safety at the corner of Oak and Octavia where vehicles routinely ignore the flashing red light; and

Be it resolved that the MC CAC advises SFMTA, SFPD and Planning staff and other appropriate bodies to undertake immediate as well as long term steps to improve the safety at the corner of Oak and Octavia where drivers routinely ignore the flashing red lights and the red right turn arrow as well as along the length of the Boulevard. An immediate measure might include dispatching motorcycle police to Octavia Boulevard to enforce speed limits, traffic signals, stop signs and other traffic safety laws. A suggested long term measure should include the redesign of the Boulevard side lanes to incorporate traffic calming strategies such as chicanes, bulb outs, raised tables at crosswalks and differentiated paving to reduce traffic speeds and make those lanes pedestrian and bicycle friendly as well as solely for local access as intended in the original design of Octavia Boulevard; and

Be It Further Resolved that an education campaign be instituted immediately to include local residents and the parents of students at the nearby International Community Schools; and

Be It Further Resolved that agencies report their progress to the MO CAC within 60 days.
Approved by the Market Octavia Community Advisory Committee on October 16, 2017

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NOES: 0
RECUSAL: 0
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