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Laura Horton, President
Ventana Ranch Neighborhood Association
PO Box 65446
Albuquerque, NM 87193

RE: Stop Signs at Ventana Road and Universe Boulevard

Dear Ms. Horton:

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the removal of the stop signs at the intersection of Ventana Road and Universe Boulevard.

I have discussed the issue with Michael Riordan, the Director of the City of Albuquerque's Department of Municipal Development (DMD), and we agree that the stop signs will be reinstalled until the new traffic signal at Irving and Universe is in place. DMD will reinstall the signs to their previous configuration by the end of the month.

The 2013 General Obligation Bond cycle included a fully signalized intersection at Irving Boulevard and Universe Boulevard. That signal should be installed within the next 12-18 months. Once installed, it will slow the flow of traffic along Universe Boulevard and it will be timed to create gaps in the traffic flow to allow for the proper amount of time for safe turns in both the northbound or southbound directions onto Universe Boulevard. At that point, the stop signs on Universe Boulevard at Ventana Road will be removed to allow for the smooth flow of traffic. Of course we will notify you well in advance of the installation of the traffic signal and of any changes to the 4-way stop configuration at Universe Boulevard and Ventana Road.

I'd like to thank DMD for working with us to help address these safety concerns and I'd like to thank all of you for being involved and sharing your thoughts. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this and any other issues of interest in the future.

Sincerely,

Dan Lewis
Councilor, District 5