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On September 28, 2025, 34-year-old Gary Enrique Schombert was riding an electric scooter at the intersection of Strathern Street and Woodman Avenue when he was struck and killed by a vehicle. While the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) quickly arrested the hit-and-run driver, this tragic incident underscores the ongoing dangers faced by vulnerable roadway users at this intersection, as well as other streets in Panorama City.

In addition, on December 12, 2025, A 26-year-old U.S. Marine and his girlfriend were among three people killed in a violent crash in Panorama City, on Terra Bella Street and Woodman Avenue.

In response to these recent incidents, LAPD Valley Traffic Division issued, to the CD6 office, a three-year traffic collision analysis for Woodman Avenue between Devonshire Street and Nordhoff Street. The report stated that there have been a total of 67 traffic collisions reported, including 2 fatalities, 7 severe injuries, and 31 hit-and-run incidents. During this period, a total of 825 citations were issued along this corridor.

To address the immediate safety concerns at the Woodman corridor, the Department of Transportation (LADOT) must conduct a comprehensive traffic study of the Woodman Corridor from Van Nuys Blvd to Saticoy Street to identify critical safety needs and the feasibility of installing additional safety improvements to reduce injuries and deaths of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable roadway users.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive traffic study to identify critical safety needs and the feasibility of installing additional traffic and pedestrian safety improvements to the Woodman Corridor from Van Nuys Blvd to Saticoy Street such as dedicated bike routes, crosswalks, streetlighting, increased LAPD patrols, and other measures identified by the LADOT.
2. Report to Council on the results of the traffic study and the next steps that will be taken by LADOT to implement the findings and recommendations included in the study.

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