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## If I Were Mayor...

### LOGO

It was an early evening in the Fall of 2019, I was in the car with my friend Harper and her little sister Winnie. We just finished shopping at our local Whole Foods at 11 State St. My mom was driving us home and we heard a loud screech from car tires. I looked over to see a man propelled 10 feet forward, and into the road. I was in shock. People rushed out of their cars to try and help him, my mom was one of them. He remained in the road. Help was called and we braced ourselves for the ambulance to arrive. On our way home, I heard sirens blaring in the distance, hoping that he was helped. I will never forget that day. I think about that man every time I cross the street. I think about his family and how this could've been prevented.

The current mayor, Joe Buck, is doing a great job as the mayor of Lake Oswego. But if I were mayor, I'd create a community program that I call "LOGO". What is LOGO you ask? Well, LOGO is a community program where you give pedestrians who need extra time to cross streets, an option to have extra time to cross streets in our bustling downtown area.

When I was younger, Lake Oswego was a smaller town, but as I age, I've noticed that the small town of Lake Oswego became a faster pace village in the blink of an eye. When I cross the streets of Lake Oswego, I notice that I barely have enough time to cross. It made me wonder, "There are probably many Lake Oswego citizens that need more time to cross streets." And that's how LOGO, or Lake Oswego Go was born.

How do we do this? Anyone who needs extra time to cross streets can sign up for LOGO on a City of Lake Oswego website. Once they sign up for LOGO, a key card will be sent to them. Why do they need a key card? Because the key card can be scanned with a key card reader at

busy crosswalks in Lake Oswego. What's a key card reader? Think of a hotel. To get into your hotel room, you scan your key card with a reader pad on your door. Those reader pads would be installed at busy crosswalks and the citizens of Lake Oswego who have a key card can scan their key card, giving them ten extra seconds to cross the busy street.

In a world where our population numbers keep rising, programs that promote pedestrian safety become more valuable than ever before. Maybe if that man in the street had had an opportunity to utilize the LOGO key card, those extra ten seconds could have changed his fate that day.

When LOGO becomes more than just a dream, I imagine that it could spread throughout the country, maybe even the world. By just giving pedestrians a few extra seconds, that can make that much of a difference.

If I were mayor, I would make Lake Oswego a safer community for everyone. LOGO would help me to achieve just that.