Advanced Practical Writing – “Problem”

Directions: Write a note to your city’s mayor or city manager. Explain a problem in your community and give your idea of how to solve it.

Example: Dear Mayor Brady:

Traffic in our neighborhood is out of control. Cars speed down 2nd Avenue because there are no stop signs for six blocks. There have been several car accidents in the area in the last several months, and I am concerned for the safety of the children who cross 2nd Avenue on their way to school. I would like to suggest that the city install a traffic light at the corner of 2nd Avenue and Fourth Street, both to calm the traffic and to provide a safe crossing for the neighborhood children. Thank you for your consideration of my suggestion.

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