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To: Assembly
Subject: Wrangell Avenue

Good morning assembly members,

We are writing to you this morning to please ask that you look into what can be done about slowing drivers down on Wrangell Avenue, specifically where it meets with North 2nd Street (the corner where Becky and Mickey Knight live). Saturday morning (6/27) at approximately 7am, I (Erik Dreisbach) witnessed a vehicle speed past my house, miss the corner, and crash into the Knights yard, decimating their rock flower bed and maple tree.

This is the 3rd incident since Halloween of 2019 that we know of, where the Knights have sustained property damage due to drivers driving an unsafe speed. The constant blatant disregard for the speed limits concerns us, as well as many other residents we have spoken with, but the Knights have taken the brunt of it all. While I cannot speak for others, I am concerned for the safety of my kids, as well as the others who like to play outside and frequently walk/bike along Wrangell avenue.

Many times we have witnessed vehicles driving at what is obviously over the speed limit. We have phoned the police numerous times in the past, however they are unable to do anything as they have not witnessed the speeding. Lowering the speed limit is an option, and would be fantastic as we feel 25mph on a road with no shoulders or sidewalks, is far too fast. However, one must follow the speed limit signs in order for this to be effective.

The problem corner is located right in the middle of a posted school zone. Yet despite the flashing yellow lights when school is actually in session, this also does not slow people down. We have observed many drivers take the opportunity to "open it up" on the straight stretch between 713 Wrangell Avenue (our house) and the stop sign located at Wrangell and Baltic St.

We would ideally like to see some sort of traffic calming device (speed bumps) put in, in order to slow them down, like what there is on the Sing Lee Alley bridge. There is no need to wait for a horrific incident before action is taken.

Thank you for your time
Erik and Lindsa Dreisbach