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Subject: Re: Public Works - Traffic Calming from a Resident in the 6th AD

Thanks for sharing your concerns. We will make your communication part of the record.

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On Jul 19, 2022, at 3:40 PM, Rae Johnson <rainanews@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi All,

Thank you for your work on the public works committee, I know it's not easy. I'm writing to you today because I'm not sure that I can come in-person to the meeting tomorrow morning. But I wanted to share my written experience and need for traffic calming on my block. I hope this is acceptable.

I'm the resident who lives between **11th Street and 11th Lane on West Chambers Street** in the 6th AD (Ald. Coggs). I'm the only occupied home on the block (1108 W. Chambers St), as there are vacant city-owned distressed properties around me. I'm on a long list of residents who submitted the paperwork for traffic calming this year. I bought my home a few years ago from the city with the support of Acts Housing, and since moving in, the reckless, dangerous driving behavior has increased. I love this home, the neighborhood and wanted to be closer to my parents and my son's school but...

It makes me scared for my son and the neighborhood kids who wait for their school buses near my home on the corner of 11th Lane and W Chambers Streets. I also bike a lot and I know bike safety. It's scary to bike home, not knowing if someone will completely disregard my life by swerving in the wrong lane purposely trying to hit me, this has happened before. I've seen cars do "donuts" in the middle of a 4-way intersection, completely disregarding the 4-way stop signs...and at all hours of the day. There's even a church across the street and on Sunday's I worry about the churchgoers' safety and that of their cars. I'm so scared that a reckless driver will lose control and crash into my home, so my family and I rarely sit in the living room or my sun room that faces Chambers street. This is not how we should live in our own home.

As the only occupied home on my block, I'm willing to pay the assessment fee and take up this charge to keep the neighborhood safe. I'd appreciate your support in traffic calming measures in Milwaukee. I hope that you'll understand my testimony and I look forward to traffic calming measures being installed as soon as possible. You have a strong advocate resident on your side here.

Thanks,

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