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## ATTACHMENT 1

Jay B. Litvak

2895 Velasco Lane

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Mr. Sethuraman:

This letter is to serve as a formal request for the installation of speed humps on St. Clair St. between Drake and Velasco Lane in Costa Mesa. Over the years, there have been multiple requests for speed humps, but traffic studies have revealed a traffic flow rate below the threshold of 3,500 vehicle trips/day. We have always registered in the range of 2,500 trips/day (give or take). These requests go back to some of our original owners some 40 years ago.

Over time, the traffic issues here have escalated in terms of the speed and aggressiveness of drivers. This pass-through also seems to attract drivers who are impaired and attempting to avoid major streets. Most recently we have had our garage run into by a drunk driver, and a drunk driver who ended up in our neighbor's yard. Going back a few years, we have had a drunk driver end up in our driveway, two vehicles hit on Velasco in the early morning, and one vehicle hit on St. Clair St.—this along with innumerable vehicles that have failed to navigate the St. Clair to Velasco turn and bounced off of the curb. The screeching tires at 2 a.m. are generally a wonderful wake-up call.

The residents of St. Clair—who were anxious to sign the petition and have speed humps added to their street—described how they felt that drivers were driving faster, more aggressively (i.e., tailgating when they were abiding the speed limit), and making it difficult for them to simply back-out of their driveways. The latest incident at 2895 Velasco Lane involved several close calls (H)

relating to possible bodily injury. I understand that the 3,500 number represents a volume threshold; however, 2,500 with extenuating circumstances deserves very serious and thoughtful consideration in terms of SAFETY. Over the last decade or so, the demographic of this neighborhood has changed. Many original owners have passed their homes to their children or have sold their homes, and we now have a younger group of residents who have younger children or are starting families. This last incident occurred at 7:20 a.m. At this time of morning, mothers are walking their children to school, and this December 9<sup>th</sup> incident was way too close for comfort. My conclusion is this: I do not believe you need to waste money on another traffic study: I do not think much will have changed, and a traffic study cannot quantify the nature of the drivers that do come through here nearly as effectively as speaking with those who live with the problem. This is not a traffic flow problem; this is a PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEM. Whether or not that stems from enforcement issues or not, it is still OUR problem. We—COLLECTIVELY—would like this problem solved—finally. No more stops signs, reflective bumps, or warning signs as the only solution. We want speed humps like the ones on El Camino. I have spoken to many of the homeowners on that street, and, to a person, they would not trade those speed humps even though they may provide minor inconveniences—like having to slowing down. For them it isn't just about volume either.

When this issue reaches the point at which you are ready for public input, let me know. Every signatory has expressed an explicit desire to voice their safety concerns: That includes St. Clair St. as well as several homeowners on Velasco Lane.

Thank you,

Jay B. Litvak

PETITION FOR SPEED HUMPS ON ST. CLAIR ST. BETWEEN DRAKE ST. AND VELASCO LANE, COSTA MESA, CA, 92626

JANUARY 2015

ADDRESS	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
811 ST. CLAIR ST.	CARE FACILITY		
812 ST. CLAIR ST.	Alisha L. Wu	Alisha Wu	1-13-15
816 ST. CLAIR ST.	Terry Jara	Terry Jara	1/9/15
820 ST. CLAIR ST.	LINDA JORDAN	Linda Jordan	1-9-15
<sup>MAR 15</sup> 823 ST. CLAIR ST.	ERIC YETTER		1-25-15
824 ST. CLAIR ST.	MAURICE CHEVALIER		1-25-15
<sup>not on form</sup> 827 ST. CLAIR ST.	OUT OF TOWN - AVOIDS - TERM.		
828 ST. CLAIR ST.	Monica Timms		1-21-15
<sup>WALTON</sup> 829 ST. CLAIR ST.	Michelle Freyre	Michelle Freyre	1/25/15
830 ST. CLAIR ST. *	Brett Boyer		1-24-15
833 ST. CLAIR ST. *	Ryan MacEachern		1/9/15
834 ST. CLAIR ST. ?	Alyce Wilson		1-9-15
837 ST. CLAIR ST.	DENISE BALLEW	Denise Ballew	1-9-15
838 ST. CLAIR ST.	ALLEN BAKER	Allen Baker	1/9/15
<sup>43</sup> 839 ST. CLAIR ST.	Lucy Adrian	Lucy Adrian	1/9/15
840 ST. CLAIR ST.	<sup>Marjorie Hempstead</sup> A. Ogata	<sup>Marjorie Hempstead</sup> A. Ogata	1/9/15
<sup>39</sup> 843 ST. CLAIR ST.	Christie Shedd	Christie Shedd	1/23/15
844 ST. CLAIR ST.	Erin Hood	Erin Hood	1/9/15
847 ST. CLAIR ST.	Kate Busc	Kate Busc	1/14/15
848 ST. CLAIR ST.	Amberley Wolf	Amberley Wolf	1/9/15
851 ST. CLAIR ST.	Jean Wolf		1/9/15

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852 ST. CLAIR ST.	Stephanie Maduin	[Signature]	1/9/15
855 ST. CLAIR ST.	Gina Glassell	[Signature]	1/12/15
<del>850</del> ST. CLAIR ST.	Betty Haight	[Signature]	1/13/15
<del>850</del> ST. CLAIR ST.	Jean Neiman	[Signature]	1/14/15
867 ST. CLAIR ST.	HELEN LESKI	Helen Leski	1-25-2015
868 ST. CLAIR ST.	ERIC FIESEL	[Signature]	2-7-15
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