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Subject: SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM #30 - 15mph SPEED LIMIT

Hello City Council -

I regularly walk the streets of southeast Huntington Beach. On average, I walk 10 to 12 miles per week for fitness and local trips to the beach, the market, and the hardware store. I've been traversing the streets of my extended neighborhood for years, and this experience has left me intimately familiar with the vast majority of the sidewalks, streets, roadways, and thoroughfares around my extended neighbor. Based on my experience, I can say without hesitation that the number one issue impacting public right-of-way safety is excessive vehicle speed.

So when I saw Agenda Item #30 for this City Council meeting, I immediately thought: Great Idea! Why aren't we doing this on all streets adjacent to our schools and parks? Do we really need to wait until there are a sufficient number of complaints, vehicle crashes, or, god forbid, a death before we act?

Within the area I cover, roughly a 5-mile radius around my home, there are 6 K-12 schools with a combined enrollment of approximately 6,000 students. These schools also contain public parks or other community recreation facilities. While I support Agenda Item #30, I strongly suggest that the City Council go further by instructing the Huntington Beach Public Works Department to study the creation of a "safe streets protocol" for implementation at all streets adjacent to Huntington Beach's schools, parks, and recreational facilities. A 15mph posted speed limit would be a good start, but there are other elements that could be implemented as well.

This would be a straightforward way to immediately improve public safety and quality of life for HB residents.

Thank you!

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