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To: Whom It May Concern
Brenna Murphy McGee & Mayor Joshua Garcia

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

From: Barbara Blodgett
Subject: Petition for Speed Bumps on Hillside Avenue to Curb Speeding.
Date: September 20, 2022

Enclosed is my letter regarding a recent survey I took of the Property Owners on Hillside Avenue in Holyoke, Massachusetts, regarding the installation of speed bumps. Attached to my letter, is a list of these property owners.

I heard Pam's story of how a driver backing down King Street, backed across the road into her yard through the fence that surrounds her property, and drove into her house. Nobody, who drives at this rate of speed in a residential area, should be allowed to have a driver's license in the first place. The speed limit is posted, & there is no excuse for anyone to drive at this rate of speed & endanger anyone coming out of their home or just crossing the street.

I spoke with the mother with a disabled child concerned for his safety, & the speed that driver's travel over Hillside Avenue. Another couple who watch their children while they play in their driveway, to make sure they stay safe. I witnessed for myself a motorcyclist driving at a high rate of speed, passing another car as he traveled over Hillside Avenue.

There is a stop sign at the corner of Hillside Avenue & Claremont Avenue with flashing lights around it, and even that doesn't stop the speed at which driver's travel. They blow right through that stop sign. These drivers should be ticketed, or even have their license to drive taken away permanently. Driving a car is a privilege, and should be treated as such. Perhaps if they no longer had a license to drive, they would realize the necessity to have a license in the first place. Why should innocent people have to pay the price for someone who does not respect the laws enough to follow them.

This is not the first time that someone from Hillside Avenue has attempted to do something about this problem. I hear the discouragement in the voices of the property owners, by the lack of response & action on the part of city officials who have the power to help, and yet continue to turn a blind eye to their concerns. These residents pay taxes to live in this city, and deserve the respect that comes from officials who are in a position to help make living here worthwhile. That is why these officials have the job in the first place. If you are lucky to be married to someone with power, these problems are overlooked. This behavior does not go unnoticed by the residents on Hillside Avenue.

One resident that I spoke to suggested that radar be set up to monitor the speeds that these driver's are traveling. That would expose the problem right on the spot, leaving no mystery about what is happening. This would need to be put in place until a solution could be found to do away with this kind of speed in a residential setting. I learned from this resident who used to drive a plow, that speed bumps are hard on the plows. But to set up radar and follow through, could be a simple solution to a dangerous problem. There is enough frustration in this world today, without continuing to turn a blind eye and create more, especially when there are solutions to combat this dangerous problem. These people don't live in Holyoke for free. They pay taxes to do so.

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Raymond G. Clark
Raymond, MA

There is a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Hillside Avenue & Belvidere Avenue and that stop sign is rarely honored. The other day I witnessed a young man riding his bicycle over Hillside Avenue and if no one stopped at that corner, including himself, there could have been a terrible accident & someone could have been seriously hurt or even killed. This problem is not new. I have spoken on numerous occasions about this issue, and have never seen enforcement of any kind to follow up. Do we only respond when someone is hurt or killed!, or when an ambulance shows up and we hear about the tragedy on the 5 o'clock news! Or even better, if some accident becomes personal to someone in the city. These are real issues going on in our beautiful city. What does it take to be heard and get some action!

I had no problem obtaining signatures regarding this situation. In fact, the residents couldn't sign their name fast enough to be able to have some kind of relief, from a long standing problem that is solvable. Putting radar in place could be a simple solution, and one that could save a life or a possible accident that can be avoided. It would not involve installing speed bumps on the road, and would catch the problem as it occurred.

Driver's use Hillside Avenue as an alternative to Northampton Street, and this could change the dynamics of how people use the roads. When people learn, first hand, that there are consequences that come with speeding & driving to endanger, they will be more careful about the way they operate a motor vehicle, especially if they have their license to drive taken away! These drivers are not the only ones using the roads!

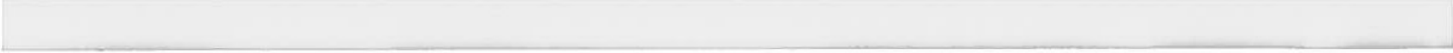
It is my hope & prayer, that this letter will encourage the people who have the power to do so, to use it to the benefit of everyone.

Sincerely,



Barbara Blodgett
A concerned property owner

Enclosure – List of Property Owners
on Hillside Avenue, Holyoke, Mass.



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Registrar of Voters
Holyoke, MA



City of Holyoke Speed Hump Petition

We the undersigned, petition the Holyoke City Council for speed humps
on Hillside Avenue
(street requested)

Name	Address
Barbara Blodgett	171 Hillside Avenue
Albion Wright	508 Hillside Ave
Fedra Gouin	490 Hillside Ave
Farmia Rodin	470 Hillside Ave
Anna Rigotti	473 Hillside Ave
Fabiana Saueredo	466 Hillside Ave
Shuly Roggen	487 Hillside Ave
Carol... ..	437 Hillside Ave
Marilyn Thomas	407 Hillside Ave
J. Louis...	406 Hillside Ave.
Maria Ortiz	365 Hillside Ave
Mangula S. Pradi	Holyoke, mas
Bruce W...	372 Hillside Ave
Tony...	340 Hillside Ave
Kurt	
Ferris M...	213 Hillside Ave
Bob R	310 Hillside Ave
Diana S. Lopez	281 Hillside Ave
Heriberto Sanchez	64 Claremont St

Letter

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No speed hump shall be installed or established, except upon petition to the city council signed by at least two-thirds of the property owners or two-thirds of the registered voters within the impacted segment of a proposed speed hump street. When there are multiple property owners, the signature of one shall be sufficient to count that property towards the required two-third.

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Rose Dobson	177 Hillside Ave - ✓
Bernad R Bequan	227 Hillside Ave N ✓
Calleen M Lee	238 Hillside Ave HPCHILD ✓
Paul	244 HILLSIDE AVE ✓
Alexa J Connor	253 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Lois Negron	255 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Jordan L Brandford	265 Hillside Ave Holy ✓
Sabriyah S Brandford	265 Hillside Ave Holy ✓
Cheryl Cronin	269 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Zariah Figueroa	277 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Hector J Sans	284 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Minda G	283 Hillside Ave Holyoke ✓
Chad N Butt	291 HILLSIDE AVE Holyoke N ✓
Marysue A Becker	309 Hillside Ave ✓
Sam Krueger	#384 Hillside Ave ✓