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Good Evening. My name is M. Anne Hussong and I have lived in the downtown area of SR for the past 20 years. My husband and I currently live on Laurel Place, which runs from Lincoln Avenue to Mission Avenue, in addition to ending adjacent to Boyd Park. We have had several dangerous incidents on our street in the past week to 10 days. Personally, we experienced a frightening attempted burglary on Memorial Weekend. A female neighbor also experienced a male randomly walking into her home, and most recently a man was spotted sharpening an 8-in knife blade on a stone while walking down the sidewalk of Laurel Place. In addition, our neighborhood has experienced car break-ins, the chain-link fence between Laurel Place and Boyd Park was cut and compromised for people able to enter and exit the park directly from Laurel Place, and many mornings in the neighborhood, homeowners have experienced mailboxes found completely open with mail discarded on the street and/or potentially stolen. Due to the fact that Laurel Place connects with Robert Dollar Drive, our neighborhood often experiences cars racing up and down the street at all times of the day and night, with especially heavy traffic on weekend evenings.

My main concern is that Laurel Place has become a corridor between the people without housing that currently live under the HWY 101 overpass and Boyd Park and this is affecting the safety and once peaceful environment of Laurel Place and the neighborhood. As you very well know, San Rafael is facing some unique housing challenges due to the COVID pandemic. I feel that our neighborhood has been significantly impacted by this. At one time, the City of San Rafael hired Barbier Security Group to regularly patrol Boyd Park, and perhaps it's time to resume their services for the safety and security of our neighborhood and the larger community that utilizes and enjoys Boyd Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration,