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On behalf of the residents of NW 12 Street between the 7800-7801 and 7930-7831 NW 12 St. I have submitted all paperwork requested by and to Karl Kennedy, of the city engineering department. I have obtained the required number of signatures from my neighbors but was advised that the street must be a minimum of 1000 feet, our street is only 960 feet long. This equals less than one additional home front.

There is a home which the city approved as a group home that has 7-9 residents and 7-9 caretakers on a daily basis. The residents are all young male adults with special needs. The residents are not part of the problem, it is the caretaker's arrival and departures. The caretakers change shifts every 6 hours which causes additional traffic on 12 Street which is not a through street. It seems like the new shift of caretakers must be always running late and feel it is OK to speed down my street to get there on time instead of leaving in a timely manner to arrive on time to this job. The same thing happens when the leaving shift drives back down 12 St. Apparently, they can't wait to get home.

The group home also has several Broward County School buses and Broward Transit "TOPS" buses that arrive and depart several times a day picking up or dropping off the residents of the group home. We have made several complaints regarding these buses exceeding the 25 mile an hour speed limit to no avail. There is such a large turnover of the caretakers that this is like fighting a losing battle.

If you would like, I have taken multiply photos of the caretaker's cars parked in front of the house, and then 1 hour later, with 7 different cars after the shift change.

A few years ago, speed bumps were approved for the next street north, (13 Street). We know for a fact that many drivers are diverting to 12th Street to avoid the three 13th Street speed bumps. We can tell because they come from 13 street, turn down 12th St and then divert back to 13st. That is crazy!

There are 28 homes in this stretch of homes, 24 have signed as required, one refused to sign the other homes or either vacant or tenant occupied. (the tenants also signed but then I was advised that it must be the owner listed on the deed).

There is 14 young children and 7 grandchildren that live or visit our street. Not to mention the countless homeowners that walk their dogs on a daily basis. It is up to us to do everything we can to keep our residents, children and pets safe.

Please reconsider the request for speed bumps on this stretch of 12 St.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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