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**Subject:** RE: "local traffic" request

From: Cruikshank, Gina  
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:56 PM  
To: Weston, Karen  
Subject: FW: "local traffic" request

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From: Laliberte, Marc [Marc.Laliberte@unh.edu]  
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 8:18 PM  
To: Cruikshank, Gina  
Subject: "local traffic" request

Dear Counselor,

I was hoping I could appeal to your sense of safety to encourage the appropriate street authority to place a "local traffic only" sign above the Wedgewood and Bartlett street signs in our neighborhood. As you know, these two streets cut the corner from Glenwood to Whittier streets. For reasons I can't quite fathom, quite a lot of motorists take this cut-through-- in both directions-- instead of just proceeding to the Glenwood & Whittier intersection to turn. I can't see where it saves time, as the cut-through route involves negotiating two corners instead of just the one at Glenwood & Whittier. But unfortunately, not only do many drivers opt for the cut-through, so many of them also appear to want to make up time by taking our streets at speeds much too high for such a little "side street".

There are about twelve small kids living in houses along Wedgewood and Bartlett. This doesn't include a few teenagers who live here, nor the several grandchildren who are not residents but who are frequent visitors on our streets, and it is to say nothing of all the grownup residents who live, walk, and drive here. Plus it is a very popular cut-through for pedestrians--lots of dog-walkers--with whom I have no problem. In all, a lot of vulnerable pedestrians here. The use of the cut-through by motorists, especially the speeding ones, is unnecessary and dangerous as I hope you will agree. As my 2 1/2 year old has become "mobile", I've become terribly concerned with the cut-through traffic.

I know it's not a silver bullet, but I think that this is a situation where a posted condition of "local traffic only" would be helpful. So I'm requesting that our street-name signs could be complemented with appropriate "local traffic only" signage. I know there is a tendency to look askance at the "snobbish" motives of locals wanting non-locals to keep off a public city street, but this is not what this is about. I wish to discourage cut-through traffic because there are too many cars that are going too fast from one end to the other, and it's simply too dangerous. And also because there's a perfectly good intersection DIRECTLY connecting Glenwood with Whittier, that is designed for primary use.

Your intercession is appreciated!

Sincerely,  
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