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Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Proposal by Trinitas

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for taking the public comments seriously at last month's meeting about adding hundreds of residences on Pontiac Trail. You heard from several members of my family including my elementary aged daughter Zoe, and myself, an experienced emergency nurse. Moving forward I would like to suggest several possible solutions to improve the safety of traffic through this neighborhood.

- I believe it is confusing for drivers approaching Ann Arbor from the north on Pontiac Trail on a 55 mph rural road when there are three separate marginal reductions in speed. An improvement would be to reduce the speed to 25 mph immediately at the city limits. This would provide consistency for drivers looking for guidance about what is appropriate when driving through the city of Ann Arbor. I believe a separate commission is already looking at reducing speed in the city to this rate for the same reason.
- Add a stop sign at Dhu Varren Road. This will slow traffic as it approaches the city of Ann Arbor and this neighborhood. It will also spread out the traffic as it approaches the property in question and the traffic light at Pontiac Trail and Barton Drive. Only a stop sign does this consistently where a traffic light would periodically allow drivers to sail right through.
- Another stop sign at Arrowood would further slow traffic and space it out while allowing pedestrians reasonable opportunity to cross the street.
- Request enforcement of established traffic laws. The absence of enforcement is profound and the police have not responded to the numerous requests we have made to do better. The crossing guard on Pontiac Trail standing under a flashing yellow light, holding a blinking stop sign and wearing a high visibility vest might be a valuable person to interview to provide examples of how improved signage will do nothing without consistent, ongoing enforcement.

Unfortunately, city staff have repeatedly undermined the expressed values of this community. Scheduling proposed updates to the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Barton Drive when your community has spoken out against these changes is another example of this. Adding turn lanes and allowing construction to progress is a mistake when done without allowing time for existing projects to finish and making meaningful improvements to traffic safety in this area as discussed above. Allowing city staff to dictate the agenda and culture of this town is a mistake when they are not aligned with the values of this community. Please, take a stand for the safety of this community before staff make it easier for drivers to go even faster.

Sincerely,
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