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# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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Brian Gallagher  
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Van Nuys, CA 91401

Date: 1/27/10  
Submitted in Transportation Committee  
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Item No.: 5  
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Dear Mr. Gallagher,

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, 2009 voted to request that the speed limit on Riverside Drive between Clybourn and Sancola remain at 35 mph. We believe that an increase to 40 mph will only increase the typical driving speed and make an already hazardous situation worse.

Thank you for passing our concerns on to the appropriate departments in D.O.T.

Respectfully,

Jerome Williams  
President, Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

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**TOLUCA LAKE**  
HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

May 12, 2009

Councilmember Tom LaBonge  
200 North Spring, Room 480  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Proposal to Increase Speed Limit on Riverside Drive**

Dear Councilmember:

The Toluca Lake Homeowner's Association (TLHOA) would like to formally state its opposition to the proposed increase in the speed limit from 35 to 40 miles per hour along Riverside Drive.

The requested increase raises several concerns regarding the safety of those of us in the Toluca Lake community. The TLHOA firmly believes that increasing the current speed limit along Riverside Drive to 40 miles per hour would create unsafe traffic flow on Riverside Drive (east/west) and pose a danger to local pedestrians and motorists alike.

At present, Riverside Drive is already heavily congested, particularly around the Toluca Village area, and is plagued by numerous motorists who disregard the current speed limit. As an example, we cite the law enforcement sting operation conducted in August 2008 at the Riverside Drive/Talofa crosswalk, in which police officers wrote 84 tickets over a two-hour period. With this in mind, the TLHOA's concern is that with a 40-miles-per-hour speed limit, motorists will travel at increasingly higher and unsafe speeds along Riverside Drive.

As homeowners who are committed to keeping Toluca Lake a serene, tranquil and inviting community, we ask that you consider our request, and help us ensure the safety of those who live, work and travel through this beautiful community.

Sincerely,  
Scott Morris

President, Toluca Lake Homeowner's Association  
(818) 761-8321

cc: Roy Disney, Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Richard Bogy, Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Jay Goldberg, Chair, Public Safety Committee of Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council  
Terry Davis, Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

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