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On the adjoining segments of Alma Real Drive between Ocampo Drive and Altata Drive (north intersection), and Corona Del Mar between Altata Drive (north intersection) and Chautauqua Boulevard, the current prima facie speed limit is 30 miles per hour, as specified in Subdivisions A and C of Subsection (1) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Municipal Code does not identify a speed limit for the remaining northerly section of Alma Real Drive from Ocampo Drive to La Cruz Drive, a distance of approximately 1,200 feet.

The local residents and community members have expressed concerns about speeding on these street segments. To address such concerns, the Department of Transportation has installed traffic calming devices on Alma Real, including eight speed humps. However, the residents still believe that reducing the speed limit would help address their speeding concerns, and that the 25-mile-per-hour prima facie speed limit established for other streets in the neighborhood is also desirable for Alma Real and Corona Del Mar.

The 30 mile-per-hour speed limit was established based upon a current engineering and traffic survey. The California Vehicle Code Section 40802(b) requires that speed limits be established based upon an engineering and traffic survey, in order for jurisdictions to legally use radar enforcement. These factors include prevailing critical speeds, collision history and the existence of any conditions not readily apparent to motorists, and are intended to provide an objective basis for setting speed limits and precluding speed traps. Speed limits set according to these criteria ensure that the greater majority of reasonable motorists will not be subject to arbitrary citations.

The Department of Transportation has indicated that a reduction of the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on these street segments would preclude the use of radar for enforcement, because a lower speed limit is not supported by the engineering and traffic survey. Consequently, the Los Angeles Police Department has expressed concern about losing the ability to conduct radar enforcement. The residents requesting the speed limit reduction have been informed and hence have the understanding that radar enforcement will no longer be available if the speed limit is reduced.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance that would amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.81 for the purpose of establishing a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Alma Real Drive between La Cruz Drive and Altata Drive (north intersection), and on Corona Del Mar between Chautauqua Boulevard and Altata Drive (north intersection), at 25 miles per hour.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to remove the existing 30-miles-per-hour speed limit signs and install 25-miles-per-hour speed limit signs for the affected street segments.

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