

**Juliano, Jill**

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**From:** Lee Madden <drlmadden@ameritech.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 12:17 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Re: Traffic Calming!!!

Good Morning Jill,

This email is in regards to a letter I received just now from you/the Village informing me of a "Traffic calming device" that apparently a few of my neighbors recently petitioned for.

I am a Clinical Psychologist. I own the building, a live/work building, on the southwest corner of North Ave and East Ave (6601 North Ave). The building has one apartment upstairs and a few offices downstairs. I live in the apartment "over the store" and see patients on the first floor. My patients and other therapists park on East Ave as there is no parking available on the ] property. Because I live in the building I consider those families south of me my neighbors.

In the late Spring the new homeowner across the alley from me told me he wanted a cul-de-sac at the alley to block traffic. I told him I STRONGLY disliked this idea. It would interfere with my patient's ability to park and interfere with the easy access I have to services. It would also pose a great disappointment for me, cutting me off from my neighbors.

I'm not sure what a "traffic calming" device would look like or how it would work but anything that interfered with through traffic would not be good for me or I think Oak Park in general. I have lived in Oak Park for over 30 years and owned property here much of that time. I have lived and worked at 6601 for approximately 15 years, and have gotten to know my neighbors here. Since living in Oak Park I have noticed that new neighbors often like to start changing things up when they move in. For the life of me I can't think of any reason to change the existing street. I even ride my bike freely up and down East Ave and have never had a problem with traffic.

It may help you to know that recently we have had a fairly large homeowner turnover on this part of N East Ave. It is my belief that new neighbors have not lived here long enough to appreciate the benefits of an open East Ave.

I have spent a great deal of money restoring my property and tending to the areas around it, building my practice and helping others. I walk the neighborhood 2 times daily with my dogs. I have NEVER ever thought the traffic was a problem, and have always appreciated the easy flow of traffic East Ave.

Please study the concerns of my neighbors thoroughly. And please don't cut me off from my neighbors. I am a 63 year old woman living alone. I count on neighbors keeping an eye out for me. Interfering with the flow of East Ave starting at North Ave would cause a big problem for my Psychology practice and the practice of the other therapists in my building. It would make it difficult for me to feel part of the neighborhood. And it is not necessary!

Thank you for alerting me to this situation. And thank you for reading through this entire email. Have a lovely Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,  
Lee L Madden, PsyD  
6601 North Ave  
Oak Park IL 60302  
708.383.0729

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**From:** Caroline Marinoff <marinoff@web.de>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 8:04 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of north east Ave

Dear Jill,

I appreciate that the village is informing the neighborhood about the transportation commission meeting & the petition.

While this comes right before the Thanksgiving Holiday and therefore on short notice only, I am concerned that a calming device on North East Ave might have negative impacts on Linden Ave. Alone on the 1200 block approx 14 children are depending a safe & slow traffic neighborhood.

Therefore I can't see how the village of oak park would want to safeguard east Ave, comprising our street & children.

I kindly request you to consider a solution that ensures traffic safety & equality.

Looking forward to your suggestions.

Thank you & happy Thanksgiving

Michael Marinoff  
1228 Linden Ave

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**From:** Nancy Leibig <nleibig@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:31 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** East Avenue Calming Device

I wanted to write in strong support of this measure.

We live on the corner of East and Greenfield. The amount of near accidents, honking and stop sign evasion/confusion is alarming. Not to mention speeding and racing down East Ave. With a vibrant school and busy church just a block away, it is both sad and sickening to see cars chasing children and the elderly through the intersection.

It has always been a busy corner, but I feel that it has gotten much worse in recent years.

I am sure that it is difficult to manage the traffic, but I have sincere hopes that a calming device - or at the very least stop signs - will be added to curb the dangerous conditions on East Avenue.

Sincerely, Nancy Leibig  
resident 1101 N. East Ave.

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**From:** Cecily <cecilycastillo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:43 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Cul de sac on East Ave

Hello Juliano,

My name is Cecily Byrne, and my husband and I own our house at 910 N East Ave. I am writing today to express our support of the cul de sac at East Ave and North Ave.

We have lived in our home for 2.5 years and have definitely noticed an increase in traffic, as well as speeding traffic. We have over 15 kids who live on our block who bike or walk to school on a daily basis and there have been several times where I have seen cars speeding by these children. In addition, there have been at least 4 accidents at East and Division street over the past 4-5 months, which may be due to another issue but also talks to the increased amount of traffic on East Ave.

Please consider making East Ave a cul de sac to North Ave.

Thank you for your time.

Cecily & Aaron Byrne  
910 N East Ave

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ugo Buy <ugobuy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 3:16 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Charlotte Buy  
**Subject:** Traffic calming on East Avenue

Dear Ms. Juliano:

We are writing in support of a petition filed on behalf of the residents of the 1200 block of North East Avenue. The petition requests that traffic calming measures be adopted in order to increase the safety of people in the block. We have been residing at 1205 N. East Avenue for over 20 years. In recent years we noticed that our block seems to carry an increasingly disproportionate amount of vehicular traffic compared to other Oak Park streets. This is perhaps because our street is one of very few streets lacking restrictions on access from North Avenue, which borders our block to the North.

Our home is quite close to the intersection between Lemoyne Street and East Avenue, which has stop signs in both directions on East Avenue. However, we noticed that most North-bound and South-bound traffic on East Avenue slows down but does not stop at the stop signs. Some Northbound cars accelerate quickly after performing an incomplete stop at the intersection, passing our house at a speed that would put a child's safety in harm's way. Southbound traffic is equally dangerous, delaying braking until very close to the intersection. For this reason, we do not allow our 8-year old son to play in our front yard or with his friends across the street. Crossing the street with the kind of traffic we have observed would just be too dangerous for him.

We strongly recommend that the Village of Oak Park adopt serious traffic calming measures on the 1200 block of North East Avenue in order to protect the safety of our son and many other children living in our block.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best,

Ugo and Charlotte Buy  
1205 N. East Avenue

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**From:** Tony Villasenor <TVillasenor@NorvillaConstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 3:46 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** PETITION TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE ON THE 1200 BLOCK OF NORTH EAST AVENUE

Dear Mr. Juliana

Kindly be informed,

I am a property owner on the 6500 block of North Avenue as well as a residential owner on the 1200 block of N. Elmwood Avenue.

Kindly be informed that I **vehemently oppose any traffic calming device(s)** on the 1200 block of North East Avenue.

Please be informed that a traffic calming device was installed on the 1200 block of North Avenue approximately one year ago. The resulting outcome is extreme and excessive daily alley traffic which is diverted due to the street closures. Any additional traffic calming devices will only further guarantee North Avenue traffic to divert into the surrounding alleys.

Roosevelt Road recently underwent a Streetscape overhaul. Residents in the bordering Oak Park neighborhoods do not have the excessive traffic calming devices as North Avenue, and yet traffic flows continuously and smoothly.

My observation of traffic entering East Avenue is usually for the St. Giles School during normal business hours. Otherwise East Avenue is mostly calm with little if any vehicular traffic.

Any additional traffic calming devices will only guarantee additional traffic congestion.

As a 1200 block of N. Elmwood Avenue resident as well as a 6500 block of North Avenue property owner I respectfully urge you to consider my most urgent plea to **not install** any additional traffic calming devices. I experience the negative outcome of these devices daily and plead no further installation(s)

I regretfully cannot attend tonight's meeting, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Tony Villasenor

April 19, 2017

To Our Transportation Commission Colleagues:

We are concerned neighbors Annalynn Skipper and Joseph T Smith, living at 1206 North Euclid Avenue in Oak Park. We join our neighbors on Linden and East Avenues who are concerned for the safety of the streets and especially the children in our neighborhood. We have asked the Village for traffic control devices as our street is listed as an alternate to Oak Park avenue on computer traffic apps. We frequently see people speeding in both directions up and down our block, although it is clearly a one-way street.

We petition the Village to consider the traffic on the 1100 and 1200 blocks of all the streets between Oak Park Avenue and East Avenue as a whole, recognizing that they are interconnected, and that traffic control devices on one street will impact the adjacent streets. We ask this based upon the need to secure the safety of the residents, in particular the 20 children under the age of 15, who live on the 1200 block of North Euclid Ave.

Ultimately, what needs to occur is the construction of a cul de sac at the northern part of North Euclid Ave. Every afternoon, this quiet block is transformed into an internal combustion health hazard populated by drivers who lack the patience to wait for the red light at Oak Park and North Avenue to change in their favor, failed to pass third grade reading since they are unable to acknowledge the existence of the four way STOP signs at the corner of LeMoyne and North Euclid and then insist upon racing to see how quickly they can have the opportunity to wait for traffic to clear at the intersection of North Euclid and North Avenue.

We again ask for the construction of a cul de sac at the north end of Euclid Avenue. The logic of this request is above repute and calls upon a basic tenet of government to provide for the general welfare of the governed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your execution of your elected responsibility with regard to this issue appreciated and anticipated.

Regards,

Annalynn Skipper  
Joseph T. Smith  
1206 North Euclid Avenue  
Oak Park, IL

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**From:** AT&T <tjd1954@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** Transportation  
**Subject:** 7/19/17 letter to 1100&1200

Clearly the 1200 blocks of Oak Park have a traffic concern. Multiple 1200 blocks have petitioned this planning committee for the traffic calming devices. The most recent example is this petition for Columbian and Euclid. The commission needs to address the concerns of all 1200 blocks collectively and stop having Oak Park neighbors upset and angry with their adjoining blocks. Put traffic calming devices on every 1200 block and stop inciting anger between good friendly neighbors.

Tom and Karen Doherty 1216 Linden Ave home 708-247-2026 Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Fletcher, Janine <JFletcher@KelleyDrye.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Transportation  
**Cc:** 'Tyrone Thomas'  
**Subject:** East Ave Traffic Calming Device

To Whom it May Concern:

A traffic calming device on the 1200 block of East Ave is essential the safety of the neighborhood. The block is filled with young children. Because Oak Park has previously blocked traffic on several other streets neighboring North Ave, it has caused a dramatic increase of traffic on East Ave. and other streets that aren't blocked off. Oak Park shouldn't "pick and choose" which streets are safe for children. Oak Park has a duty to protect all its residents. Oak Park is able to do so with the high tax revenue it collects from the residents, including those living on East Ave. Our tax dollars should go toward projects like this, which keep blocks of children safe for years to come.

Sincerely,

Janine Fletcher & Tyrone Thomas

**JANINE FLETCHER**

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**From:** Aakash Desai <aakashd76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 2:00 PM  
**To:** Transportation; Lisa Desai  
**Subject:** Traffic calming device 1200 Euclid

Dear Transportation Commission,

Thank you for taking the time to consider a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of North Euclid. I live on the corner of Euclid and LeMoyne. We have 3 children 5 and under. On the 1100 and 1200 blocks alone there are over 40 young children.

I am home most of the time with the kids so I see a lot. From about 4-6pm the traffic outside our house is very dangerous. Cars turn off of Oak Park when it gets congested onto LeMoyne then on to Euclid or Linden to get back on to North Avenue. These cars are in a hurry and often do not stop at the stoplight for more than a quick second. There are so many children out playing and this puts all of them at risk.

The morning is also busy but not near as busy as the later afternoon. If you only put a device on the 1200 block this will NOT solve the problem. I have found that most cars go down to Linden to avoid the traffic light congestion at Euclid and North. You need some kind of calming device on both Euclid AND LeMoyne to avoid the cars that fly through here trying to get back on North avenue.

I hope it doesn't take a child getting hit by a car to make some changes.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Desai  
1140 N Euclid Avenue

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**From:** Michael Marinoff <m.marinoff@gmx.de>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Transportation  
**Subject:** Traffic calming device 1200 Linden Ave

Dear Jill

I've received your letter about the oncoming Commission meeting for the petition of Columbian and North Euclid.

I'm wondering why the Linden petition isn't on the agenda for the same meeting and would like to request so.

Thank you very much

Michael Marinoff  
1228 Linden Ave, Oak Park

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**From:** Megan Murray Elsener <meganelsener@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** Transportation  
**Subject:** Re: 1200 N Euclid and 1200 N Columbian Traffic Calming Issues

To the Transportation Commission and Jill Juliano-

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday, August 21st, but would like to express my thoughts on the traffic calming issues.

I am a resident of the 1200 block of N. Euclid (1212 N. Euclid) and have noticed a severe safety concern on our block. Many people use our block as a short-cut to get around the light at Oak Park Ave and North Ave-- instead using 1200 Euclid as a quicker way to get to North Ave. During morning and afternoon rush hour especially, it's shocking to see how many cars speed down our block to turn right onto North. There are many families with small children on the block, as well as elderly residents, and this speeding short-cut is a serious concern. We've even noticed as a block that traffic apps, like Waze, use our block as a shortcut for it's users. In the past year, we've even seen CITY BUSES come down the street using that same shortcut.

We already have unwanted and non-local traffic at the north end of the block because of the US Bank there. As a block, we are unified in our desire for some sort of traffic calming solution. Unlike Columbian, which has a traffic light, we have no way to stop cars from speeding down our street and being a hazard to our residents. It would be a shame if nothing is done and some sort of tragedy would occur as a result of this.

Please take into consideration the concerns of the 1200 Euclid Block, which have been expressed now for the past few years. Thanks so much for your time.

Best,  
Megan Elsener  
1212 N. Euclid

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**From:** Kathleen Haney <khaney48@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** Transportation  
**Subject:** Petitions to Install Traffic Calming Devices 1200 Blocks N. Euclid and Columbian  
**Attachments:** Ltrto Oak Park Transportation Commission.doc

Dear Ms. Juliano and Members of the Transportation Commission:

Please accept the attached letter regarding the petitions to install Traffic Calming Devices at the 1200 blocks of N. Euclid and Columbian at LeMoyne.

We feel very strongly that Calming Devices be positioned to slow down the traffic and to curtail the drivers illegally crossing N. Oak Park Ave. after coming west on LeMoyne.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen and Thomas Haney  
1140 N. Oak Park Ave.  
Oak Park, IL. 60302

[khaney48@gmail.com](mailto:khaney48@gmail.com)

August 14, 2017

Ms. Jill Juliano, P.E.

Transportation Engineer

Village of Oak park

Public Works Ctr.

201 South Boulevard

Oak Park, IL. 60302

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission:

As residents of the 1100 block of N. Oak Park Ave. on the east side of the street, we are definite proponents of the calming devices under consideration. If we had our druthers due to the close proximity of the calming devices, we would strongly encourage the placement on the 1200 block of N. Euclid over the one in the 1200 block of Columbian.

Our home is located on the SE corner of N. Oak Park Ave. and LeMoyne. On a daily basis we experience several cars going west on LeMoyne, cutting across N. Oak Park Ave. and continuing down LeMoyne. Many times the cars race across N. Oak Park Ave. to get to the other side. In addition, the cars speed down LeMoyne, one block, and turn north on Euclid in order to beat the light at North and N. Oak Park Ave. and pick up North to go east. Something has to change OR someone is going to be killed either a driver, passenger, or pedestrian (possibly, a child because there are so many children in the neighborhood.)

We wish we could be with you in person to further express the power of the words we have written.

Sincerely,

Kathleen and Thomas Haney

1140 N. Oak Park Ave.

Oak Park, IL. 60302