

January 16, 2023

Christine Wallace
 Ward 4 Councillor
 Newburyport City Council
 60 Pleasant Street
 Newburyport MA 01950

Dear Councillor Wallace,

We, the undersigned, live on Arlington Street, within Newburyport's Ward 4. Our block runs between High Street and Highland Avenue, and we experience considerable traffic at times, largely due to our proximity to Anna Jacques Hospital. We, of course, applaud the work of the hospital and its staff, and we also recognize that vehicular traffic is a part of life for many in Newburyport. However, speeding on Arlington Street is a real and significant problem, and we strongly feel that something must be done to mitigate it.

All too many drivers who choose to drive on Arlington Street choose to ignore that they are traveling through a residential block. Cars race to and from the Highland Avenue access to the hospital. Construction and delivery trucks speed up and down the street, shaking our homes. Multiple times a day, drivers pass through at unsafe speeds, hustling to get to wherever they are going, oblivious—or indifferent—to the effect on those who call Arlington Street home.

The situation negatively affects our quality of life and poses undeniable risks. On Arlington Street, our homes sit close to the street, fronted by sidewalks that run directly alongside the curb. The speeding results in a perilous situation for all the block's residents, particularly the many Arlington Street families with young children.

In our view, it is imperative that we, as a community, prioritize on the peace of mind and safety of residents. We urge you and your colleagues on the City Council to consider means of effectively addressing the speeding on Arlington Street, and we would welcome participation in the discussion. Thank you very much.

Stephen Hochbrunn, Mary Jo Palermo
 5 Arlington Street

Susan Stone & Jaimie Stone Carrier
 3 Arlington Street

Laura Kernan, Jean-Francois Fullum
 4 Arlington Street, Unit B

Frank Collazo
 6 Arlington Street, Unit A

Caroline Holland
 6 Arlington Street, Unit B

Peter Fitzsimmons
 7 Arlington Street

Michelle Jewett
 8 Arlington Street

John and Heather Hansen
 10 Arlington Street

Nan Ma
11 Arlington Street

Meghann and Patrick Boyle
13 Arlington Street

Madeline Nash and Robert Glenn Casey
19 Arlington Street

Sarah and Alex Guckenburg
27 Arlington Street

Christine and Anthony Salvatore
12 Arlington Street

Danielle and Konstantin Danilov
14 Arlington Street

Ulrika Gerth
24 Arlington Street

Jeanne Martin and David Dascalos
261 High St. (corner of Arlington and High)