

**From:** [Collins Family](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment for 26 Oct Hearing on item 12.4 RESOLUTION - SPEED LIMITS ON SONOMA AVENUE, etc  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 3:33:54 PM

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Hello,

My name is Edward Collins. I live at 467 Sonoma Ave between Santa Rosa Ave and South A. I strongly urge the city to approve the item to set a 25 mph limit for this segment of Sonoma Ave.

Unlike much of Sonoma Ave, this segment is entirely residential except at the intersection where it meets Santa Rosa Ave. Most of the length is also very narrow. Even with parking allowed on only one side, there is barely room for one lane each direction and the westbound cars are right next to the sidewalk. Unlike the rest of Sonoma Ave, this section, which ultimately dead ends at the freeway wall, is not a major thoroughfare and we do not have a high volume of traffic. We often go several minutes even during the busiest times of day without a single car, and usually we see just one or two cars every few minutes. In the evening and morning, and other quiet times, we get very few cars. The street's narrowness and residential nature mean that this street is not appropriate for high speeds.

However, because of the proximity to downtown, it seems, we have seen a significant increase in people speeding recklessly down the street since we moved here in 2008. I personally know of at least 3 hit-and-runs on our block in the last 16 months alone, two by speeders and one by someone doing a "doughnut." One crashed right through a house's fence. Many people especially speed eastbound from the area of downtown and the mall and they are very impatient, often not slowing even for work on the street, residents getting in or out of their cars, etc. They seem to use this long stretch with no signals and no traffic to avoid the traffic and lights on 1st St, B St, etc. because they feel they can freely speed down it to make a "short cut." The drivers seem to try to take advantage of the emptiness of our street.

Making it more dangerous, underscoring how this street is not proper for high speeds, many drive right down the middle of the street, straddling the line, because it is far too narrow to drive comfortably at anything over 25 mph.

Please pass this item to set the 25 mph limit.

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Hello,

My name is Jennifer Collins and I want the speed limit on my street to be 25 mph. Sonoma Ave west of Santa Rosa Ave is narrow and residential. There is also an elementary school at the corner of Sonoma Ave and A Street. We have a front-room window from which we can see the intersection of A Street and Sonoma Ave from one side, and all the way down past the Church of One Tree from the other side. Watching from the window on any given day many of the cars coming down our street are not residents but people trying to avoid traffic lights downtown. Driving down our street allows them to avoid four traffic lights as they either head to the west side or come east from the freeway. They speed, they run the stop sign at A Street and they zoom around anyone who happens to be trying to cross the street to their parked car or back out of their driveway, crossing the double yellow lines as they do so. They even zoom around utility workers with their "slow" signs! Additionally, there is parking only allowed on the southern side of the street so when you walk on the north sidewalk, the cars are right next to you. Many times when the cars speed down the street it feels dangerous on the sidewalk with the cars so close. We see a lot of speeders in the afternoons and on weekends because of this short cut. These drivers drive fast in order to make the most of the short cut and often do not stop at the stop sign at A Street and Sonoma Ave.

Please make the speed limit on our street 25 mph and consider putting speed bumps, the kind you *must* slow down for, on our street and A Street in front of the school.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Collins

, Santa Rosa

**From:** [Charlie Ristad Vrobel](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comments](#)  
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I live on Sonoma Ave between Santa Rosa ave and South A street. I support a 25 mph speed limit to make our street safer. I speak very personally as I have a one-year old son and I worry about him getting hit when he starts walking. Cars drive very fast on our street. We are also located next to the Luther Burbank Elementary School and many parents and children use our street for parking to walk to and from school. A reduced speed limit would protect them as well. Please help us have a safe neighborhood! Many of us downtown residents feel that the City government does not often consider our perspective.

**From:** [Charlie Ristad Vrobel](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comments](#)  
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I live on Sonoma Ave between Santa Rosa ave and South A street. I support a 25 mph speed limit OR LESS to make our street safer. I speak very personally, as I have a one-year old son and I worry about him getting hit when he starts walking. Cars drive very fast on our street. We are also located next to the Luther Burbank Elementary School and many parents and children use our street for parking to walk to and from school. A reduced speed limit would protect them as well. Please help us have a safe neighborhood! Many of us downtown residents feel that the City government does not often consider our perspective.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Vrobel 