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Subject: Re: Affordable Housing or Safety. The plight of Penacook.
Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 7:06:53 AM

Janice,

Can this be forwarded to the city council and staff and placed on Monday's agenda under referrals to the Police Department - Allan

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> From: Kevin Coates <kevincoa@gmail.com<<mailto:kevincoa@gmail.com>>>

> Date: June 6, 2019 at 4:26:34 PM EDT

> To: aherschlag@concordnh.gov<<mailto:aherschlag@concordnh.gov>>

> Subject: Affordable Housing or Safety. The plight of Penacook.

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> Dear Councilman Herschlag,

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> I recently read your Editorial in the Concord Monitor dated May 11th 2019, in response to the Concord Monitors Editorial dated May 5th . While the family and myself agree with most statements you have made, this one we regretfully have to disagree with.

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> I would have to agree with the Concord Monitor unfortunately, at least mostly. I understand that we do need more affordable housing in New Hampshire. But the safety at least in our neighborhood, is poor at best. It is Penacook and it is not quiet, nor is it peaceful. We have transient vehicles racing through our neighborhood at all hours. You can't back up in to your driveway or out of your driveway without fear of being hit, yelled at, and glared at, flipped off or worse. Although the streets, both Community Drive and High Street, are posted for 25 miles per hour, the only people that seem to obey the limit are the people who live here. It seems that the city of Concord and people that don't live in this neighbor think its just school aged drivers that are the culprits of the brazen display of speeds and general disrespect for the people of the area. But its not, we are under siege all day every day, late nights on Friday and Saturday there are multiple cars recklessly speeding though the area. Not that it is that much different than any other day. You give me an hour of the day and I will provide you with a clip of someone speeding on Community Drive. You see, I had to have a camera placed on my front porch due to packages being stolen. Not to mention I was getting mail on our front porch and a truck went speeding passed our home, locked up their brakes and started backing up at a high speed, and then asked me what I said and what my problem was. I was on my porch opening my mail, that is all. This was reported to Concord Police Department, but due to only a partial plate nothing was done. Because no one wants to waste their time reporting anything anymore no one on the Council or City hears about these things. When you ask a neighbor did you call the police or let a councilor know people just go "Why bother, nothing has been done here in years, why now" I am obviously paraphrasing but that's the gist of it.

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> Which seems to be the trend, several decades of promises of some type of curtailment of the speeds, not necessarily the traffic, but if the speeds would decrease that would be helpful and give residents a better feeling of safety. Its funny that people have no issue speeding though and basically harassing the residents of our neighborhood but the same vehicles and obviously people are more reserved and respectful in other parts of Penacook, specifically Village Street, where there is much more of a police presence. People speed, and act inappropriately in our area because they know they can.

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> We were told at a recent meeting at the High School if you see something say something, and that the School Resource Officer would be talking to students that are reported to the officer. I have, we have, said something. Nothing changes, the people drive faster and faster through our community and we seem to get less and less support from the City of Concord. The people that you saw yesterday almost running people over and speeding recklessly down the center of the street, you will almost certainly see today and the next doing the same thing, because we barely get and support from the city. And the feeling truly is adding more people that already are poorly serviced by

the city will only make things worse. If Concord can't make us feel safe now how is the city going to do so with the same amount of officers and more people?

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> The transient people that abuse and break the law in our neighborhood seem to be more protected than the people that actually live on Community Drive, High Street and all the adjacent streets. We are trying to live here and protect and develop our community, but how can you when you can't even back out of your drive or get your mail?

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> The speed limit is 25 miles per hour; there are several churches, a park with a pool, sidewalks that the residents of the area utilize very often and for now, Penacook Community Center. It is not the volume; it is the speed and disrespect with which people move through our neighborhood.

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> Decades have gone by, promises have been made. The only thing that has changed over the years is that people now stare at their phone as they speed through our neighborhood at even higher speeds. It's even more egregious that we pay more in taxes only to be shunned, ignored and rolled over. If our neighborhood had homes of greater value or the residents worked at city hall maybe our safety would be considered more. It would be a great benefit to Penacook and New Hampshire to have more affordable housing available, but it would be even better if we felt safe in the homes we already live in.

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