

Seminary Hill Association, Inc.
2115 Marlboro Drive
Alexandria, VA 22304

November 12, 2015

Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane are unsafe due to excessive vehicle speeds. According to data provided by the City staff, vehicles on both Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane routinely travel in excess of 45 mph and each street has experienced more than 60 crashes over a 5-year period. Seminary Hill residents are concerned about the risk serious injury or worse when using their driveways or walking and crossing these streets. Residents are also concerned for the safety of our youth who use these streets twice daily going to and from one of six schools in the area, including four high schools. SHA supports the initiative under consideration by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) to apply 25 mph speed limits and \$200 fines for speeding on streets in our area. At the SHA Annual Meeting on November 12, the members voted overwhelmingly to request that these measures along with effective education and enforcement campaigns be applied to **BOTH** Seminary Road—between Kenmore Avenue and N. Quaker Lane—and N. Quaker Lane—between King and Duke Streets.

The safety risks on Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane are identical, and the planned initiative to address those risks should be implemented on both streets to effectively change driver behavior. Each street has about 50 homes where residents and visitors risk injury daily, entering and exiting their driveways in high speed traffic. Each street serves a neighborhood with eight or more un-signalized intersections, where people walking, biking and driving are exposed to risks from excessive traffic speeds. Implementing the planned measures to both streets sends a strong message that the City of Alexandria places safety for people first.

To be effective, the planned regulatory measures must be accompanied by enforcement and education campaigns. SHA supports Council efforts to ensure that the priorities of the Alexandria Police Department include sufficient enforcement to ensure the success of these measures that are aimed at establishing and maintaining safe speeds on both Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane.

With respect,



Nancy R. Jennings
President, SHA

CC: Traffic & Parking Board
Transportation Commission