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Dear Mr. Lyons,

As residents and builders of the Mariposa Community, we all have an obligation to adhere to the vision of Mariposa. The Mariposa Design Guidelines for Sustainability - Neighborhood Builder Homes, the document which governs builders' responsibilities and to which builders must adhere, states that "it takes more than good architecture to make a community work and thrive. It takes good [compassionate] governance and foresight about how people live, work, and gather together."

The Mariposa Neighborhood Association, a NA recognized by the City of Rio Rancho, asks for your help with an important safety issue. There are construction vehicles and contractors' vehicles that drive through our neighborhood streets in a hazardous manner – speeding in particular.

This is a substantial safety concern.

Given the natural landscape of curves and hills, it is especially necessary for vehicles to travel at or below the speed limit for everyone's safety. We have many residents who walk throughout the neighborhood and children who ride their bikes and play outside. It is important to note that the maximum speed limit on Mariposa Parkway and Redondo Sierra Vista is 35 mph, and the maximum speed on Blue Grama Drive is 30 mph.

These 30 mph and 35 mph maximums are set for a reason. Many homes have backyards that back right up against these thoroughfares and vehicles exceeding the speed limit, especially large construction vehicles, are not only dangerous but also create the disturbance of excessive noise.

We understand that we live in a neighborhood that has homes under construction and that this, by nature, will create louder than average noise, but this can be mitigated by the Builder's employees and subcontractors following the speed limits. Furthermore, there are heavily used walking paths that run parallel along all three of these roads where people walk with their children and their pets.

Currently, though many construction drivers do drive responsibly, the issue is that many drivers do exceed the posted speed limits make many residents feel it is simply unsafe to walk on all three of these major sidewalks. Speeding vehicles within the neighborhoods have also made it so dangerous that some residents do not feel it is safe for their children to play in their front yards.

While you may have had complaints from individual residents, we as the Mariposa Neighborhood Association, which represents all the neighborhoods within Mariposa, is now formally asking you to work cooperatively with us to remedy this. Can you please work with us to solve the problem of the Builders' construction vehicles and subcontractors exceeding the speed limits and breaking other traffic laws including not coming to a complete stop at stop signs and speaking on a cell phone while driving?

We thank you for your attention to this important safety concern and look forward to your expeditious response from you as to how we can work cooperatively with you to resolve this issue. We ask you to please respond within one week of receipt of this letter. To communicate via email on this issue, please contact us at clarks007d@gmail.com

The MNA is proactively trying to avoid a tragedy.

Sincerely,



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