From: DM Fatigati
To: Vicki L. Smith

Subject: In favor of reducing speed limits on Wulfert Rd., Baltusrol Ct., and Troon Ct.

Date: Friday, March 28, 2025 6:23:27 PM

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City of Sanibel Council Members

800 Dunlop Rd.

Sanibel, FL 33957

Re: Reducing speed limits on Wulfert Rd., Baltusrol Ct., and Troon Ct.

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Wulfert Rd., Baltusrol Ct., and Troon Ct., which run through our neighborhood adjacent to The Sanctuary Golf Course and multiple nature preserves and conservation areas. This change is urgently needed to enhance the safety of residents, wildlife, bikers, and all who use this narrow and busy street.

As a homeowner on Wulfert Rd. who walks this street multiple times a day with my two dogs, I have witnessed firsthand how the current speed limit creates unnecessary hazards. With no shared use path or sidewalks, pedestrians, including children, elderly residents, and pet owners like me, must walk directly on these curved streets. These streets are not just a thoroughfare for vehicles; they are part of the daily fabric of our neighborhood, used by residents and wildlife alike.

Unfortunately, many vehicles—particularly large delivery trucks, landscaping trucks, and service vehicles—frequently speed through the area, often exceeding the 30-mph limit. Just yesterday we noted a pickup truck and a UPS truck going about 45 mph a few minutes apart while we were walking our dogs. Given the narrow street width and the frequent pedestrian and wildlife activity, reducing the speed limit to 20 mph would significantly increase reaction time for drivers and help prevent accidents.

In addition to improving pedestrian safety, a lower speed limit would also protect the wildlife that cross the streets from the adjacent preserves and conservation buffers behind most of the houses. As this area is home to a variety of wildlife, slowing down traffic would reduce the risk of vehicle-wildlife collisions, which have unfortunately become way too frequent here.

Moreover, reducing the speed limit aligns with broader community goals of maintaining a peaceful, walkable, and family-friendly environment. Many similar residential neighborhoods nationwide have already adopted 20 mph speed limits (or lower) to

reflect the reality that residential streets are shared spaces, not high-speed thoroughfares.

I urge you to prioritize the safety of our residents and wildlife by approving the reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph. Thank you for considering the voices of the residents who live here and experience these concerns daily. I am confident that this change will make our neighborhood a safer, more pleasant place for everyone.

Sincerely,

John and Darnell Fatigati

2297 Wulfert Rd.

Sanibel, FL 33957

 From:
 Judy Waller

 To:
 Vicki L. Smith

 Subject:
 Speed reduction

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025 1:30:24 PM

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Sent from my iPad. Dear Vicki, We are residents at 2337 Wulfert Rd. in the Sanctuary and would very much like the speed limit to be reduced to 20 miles per hour. With all the bikers, walkers, cars and trucks, it is dangerous with an accident waiting to happen. This is a must change! Thank you, Bill and Judy Waller

From: <u>stanley & Visnja gembicki</u>

To: <u>Vicki L. Smith</u>

Subject: Wulfert Rd. Speed Limit

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We have lived on Wulfert Road since 2007 and strongly support the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles an hour. We walk and/or ride our bikes daily on Wulfert and have often experienced drivers traveling at speeds greatly exceeding the 30 mph limit. It can be very dangerous and when walking we walk facing the on coming traffic. Several years ago our small dog was killed by a fast moving car that did not stop after hitting our dog. This is something we can never forget. We hope that the speed limit change or some other measure (such as speed bumps) can be used to improve the safety for people using Wulfert Road. Sincerely

Stanley and Visnja Gembicki 2361 Wulfert Road

From: Mariana Pardo
To: Vicki L. Smith

Cc:Laurence Allen SchmuklerSubject:Support for Reduced Speed LimitDate:Monday, March 31, 2025 9:29:54 AM

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We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Baltusrol Ct., Troon Ct., and Wulfert Rd.

We live year around at 6159 Starling Way and have observed high traffic speeds, and near misses with pedestrians and bicyclists. We believe that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph would significantly improve the safety and quality of life for residents, particularly seniors, pedestrians and bicyclists.

We understand that some may express concern about slowing down the traffic flow. However, these streets do not carry heavy traffic and we believe the safety benefits outweigh these concerns.

We urge our City Council to approve and implement the proposed speed limit reduction on Baltusrol Ct., Troon Ct., and Wulfert Rd..

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mariana Pardo: 301.203.8476

Laurence Schmukler: 703.405.3100

6159 Starling Way Sanibel FL 33957