

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, September 19, 2008

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

DPW/TRAFFIC ENGINEERING POLICE DEPARTMENT

2960 *Eric and Elaine Coleman, request to have the westside of Hessel at the Southfield Service Drive permanently closed to vehicular traffic due to numerous accidents and property damages.*

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City Clerk's Office

C/O City Council Members

2 Woodward Avenue

200 C.A.Y.M.A.

Detroit, Michigan 48226

1-313-224-3270

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Dear City Council Members

My family and I have been living here at 20317 Southfield, at the southwest corner of Hessel since June, 1972. Our home, lawn and fence have been hit on numerous occasions over the years. We have incurred both monetary and property damages. We have been trying for years to have something done about this situation. As people rush to merge onto the southbound Southfield Freeway and turn onto the westbound street of Hessel, numerous accidents have occurred. We have contacted the City of Detroit Traffic Engineering (CSR #05.000 36704 ref. # 200504048) C/O Mr. Patel on October 10, 2004 and again November 5, 2004 he came out. The Block Club received a letter from him dated May 4, 2005 that the yield sign for traffic going southbound on the service drive was to be changed to a stop sign. A copy of this letter was also sent to Commander Jan Johnson of the then 8th Precinct. Mrs. Johnnie Wilford the Ashton Street Block Club President "hand delivered" a letter at a Community Relations Meeting March 27, 2006 at the 7:00 pm starting time and at other meetings. Finally, Deputy Chief Walter Long came out to see the problem. He also had someone from the "Sign Shop" to come out. It was decided to put up a sign that would state "NO TURN FOR THRU TRAFFIC" on the south bound corner of the Southfield Service Drive at Hessel and another sign at the bridge crossing the Southfield Freeway stating "NO TURN AT HESSEL" be installed.

People have been ignoring both signs since they have been installed. Cars still race each other to be first and to make matters worse; the city came out and drew a line where it goes farther south. Through traffic is side to side and cars can't see the turn signal lights to let them know what the other driver's intentions are. Then we have cars traveling south from 8 mile road, not getting onto the Freeway and there's another possible accident. A few tickets were issued at first but the drivers still insist on making illegal turns and not yielding. They've actually knocked the "NO TURN FOR THRU TRAFFIC" sign down months ago and no one from the city has replaced it. The accidents continue and a disabled person was struck on the same corner in question. Not only has our house suffered damage, but each of the other three homes on the corners adjacent to our property as well.

A Ms. Georgina C. McDonald from the Department of Transportation had the stop sign changed back to a yield sign. The Block Club spoke to Ms. McDonald on March 29, 2006 and wrote to Ms. McDonald on April 10, 2006. The Block Club wrote another letter to her dated January 26, 2007, in which she never came out to see the seriousness of our concerns.

After contacting Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland, he came out Wednesday August 13, 2008 and witnessed the traffic situation himself. He passed the information onto Commander McKissic who also came out. His concern is to have the Block Club write to you for your help in helping to save us from untold property damages and possibly saving lives. This is the reason we are requesting that the Westside of Hessel be closed to "ALL" vehicle traffic. Please make the west side of Hessel at the Southfield Service Drive a "DEADEND" before someone gets killed. I request a reply of this matter and then I would like to see this situation taken very seriously for the communities concern.

Sincerely

Eric W. Coleman 9-4-08
Elaine A. Coleman 9-4-08

Mr. & Mrs. Eric W. Coleman

20317 Southfield

Detroit, Michigan 48235

Phone # 1 (313) 719-3276

Cc: Manilal Patel, City Traffic Engineer

Leon Moore, Deputy Chief Northwestern District – DPD

Duane McKissic, Commander, Northwestern District -DPD

Mark Sweeney, Associate TSC Manger - MDOT

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FROM: *Ms. Kim Newby, Junior Assistant City Council Committee Clerk*

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