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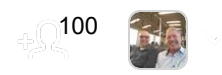
Washington Manor • 18 Jun (https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=15212)

LEWELLING BLVD IS OUT OF CONTROL. (https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=152122050)

Hi Washington Manor Neighbors. The traffic, speeding, sideshows, racing and general danger that Lewelling Blvd poses to pedestrians and residents have motivated me to contact San Leandro City Council about addressing these issues. I've started with our District 4 representative who is Benny Lee. We've spoken on the phone and exchanged emails, and he has been very professional and sympathetic to the cause. Mr. Lee suggested that I gather input from my neighbors who are specifically impacted by the issues on Lewelling

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Blvd. At some point in this process, Mr. Lee may invite us to a council townhall/workshop where we can formally be heard by the City and generate ideas for a solution. I will make another post when that information is available. In the meantime, please comment with your thoughts and ideas specific to Lewelling Blvd. I live just 2 houses away from Lewelling Blvd, on the long stretch between Washington Ave and Farnsworth. There are no traffic calming mechanisms for almost a 1 mile stretch, and the results are horrendous noise and dangerous driving. Working with the City is a brand new experience for me, but knowing that I'm not alone in my concerns about Lewelling Blvd will help build momentum to move the issue through the government process. Thanks for your time.



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Posted in **General** (<https://nextdoor.com/general/>) to **Washington Manor**

Thank

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Xing Li (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/37331752/>) •

Washington Manor

Thank you for taking the initiative. Let's work together to improve the neighborhood. The area can be heavy with foot traffic during school time with kids, parents and grandparents. Safety is paramount.



18 Jun Thank Reply

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Xing thanks for this comment. From my conversation with Benny, safety was the major driver for getting a request to move forward.



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julie vernon (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3710695/>) •

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I agree. I live off of Farnsworth and there are always doing sideshows down the street and driving 100 miles an hour down our street!



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18 Jun Thank Reply



Barbara Lazar (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/28482949/>) •

Washington Manor

Keep us posted. Thank you for getting involved. I am 5 houses down and we hear it too.



18 Jun Thank Reply



Barbara Lazar (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/28482949/>) •

Washington Manor

Dropping the speed limit to 35 Would help.



18 Jun Thank Reply



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

to comply with speed trap laws - the City (or State) has to follow a set procedure for establishing speed limits. The manual for setting speed limits is provided here:



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Tricia Underwood (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/15779889/>) •

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Can you add in there about the almost useless “blinking lights” to cross Lewelling between Washington and Farnsworth (can’t recall the street name)? Nobody sees the lights in the daytime. We need an alternative.

18 Jun Thank Reply



lois cox (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/31526944/>) •

Washington Manor

I think the blinking lights on Lewelling is a great way to slow traffic when there is someone trying to cross Lewelling. Could use the blinking lights at the cross walk at Lewelling and Calgary too

19 Jun Thank Reply



Tricia Underwood (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/15779889/>) •

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lois cox (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/31526944/>) in theory is a good idea. The issue is that you can’t really see the lights during the day and people are flying down Lewelling. It’s dangerous. I’m not what alternatives there are, but someone has to do something else.

19 Jun Thank Reply



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Stacy Louie (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/44060817/>) •

Washington Manor

What exactly does Mr. Lee think this will do? Gathering input? Since the city council has voted for police reform and “defunding” who is gonna take on the task of this traffic,

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speeding, sideshows? They have literally taken jobs in other areas already, like that of the police officers that deal specifically with the homeless and defunding from school officer's. With ALL defunding I'm curious how are city council is gonna fix this issue?

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Hi Stacy, thanks for this comment. Benny suggested I solicit my neighbors input to get a feel for the community's perception of the Lewelling problem. We really didn't talk about the police department. If this process produces a traffic mechanism such as a stop light (as opposed to an officer issuing citations), then I'm not sure how much SLPD involvement would be necessary. In my 5 years living in Washington Manor, I've never seen SLPD ticket a driver on Lewelling (though I wish I would!).

19 Jun Thank Reply



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

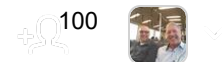
Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) My professional experience with speed enforcement and police (many Cities) is that once police start writing tickets, there is usually a *temporary* improvement to speeding. this is not usually sustainable because eventually police will move their assets to another area and speeding will return.

Typically engineered improvements are usually far more effective at reducing speeding than enforcement based solutions since they are permanent and usually involve physical capitol improvements that (hopefully) last many decades.

BTW- Research proves that stop signs and traffic signals do not slow speeds. Also the City is not likely to install either unless the location satisfies what is called a Stop Warrant or a Signal Warrant as specified by the MUTCD. For each case, there needs to be a sufficiently high number of conflicting vehicle movements before a warrant is satisfied. For all the side streets along Lewelling, I do not observe there are a high enough number

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vehicles entering from the side streets to satisfy the warrant (needs to be over 100-200+ vehicles PER HOUR). So new stop signs or traffic signals are an ineffective and unlikely solution to reducing speeding.



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Stacy Louie (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/44060817/>) •

Washington Manor

Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) hi, I've lived here for 42 yrs. ✓
Lewelling has always had these issues. Before there were no center divisions. They put them in and unfortunately nothing has changed the speeding. I do know for a fact that police do sit on Beatty and have issued speeding tickets. A friend of my sons just got one about 2 weeks ago. So it does happen. Probably not as much as needed. I'm truly not sure what the answer is to help this situation. I've reached out to our mayor in regards to other issues and no response:-(

19 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) wow this is extremely ✓
useful information! I see you're a traffic engineer, and that certainly explains how you know so much. I think you could lend a great deal of credibility to any argument to address the traffic issues on Lewelling Blvd. I understand from your comments about MUTCD that this is a 100% uphill battle, but I accept that. I think with the proper motivation, the City could address Lewelling Blvd, even if it meant coloring outside the lines of prescribed municipal codes. I hope you don't mind if I seek your advice during the process with the City.

19 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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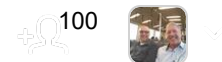


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Stacy Louie (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/44060817>) thanks for the follow up. I'm glad to know that citations have been issued for speeding! I'll keep plugging away!

19 Jun Thank Reply

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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890>) Feel free to send me a PM and we can chat some more anytime. ✓

19 Jun Thank Reply



Stacy Louie (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/44060817/>) •

Washington Manor

Kenneth Jeong whatever works! It's not about an argument it's about stating facts. ✓
Lewelling has ALWAYS had this issue! If those who wanna speed and do donuts wanna do it then they will. I'm willing to stand up and speak I don't have an issue doing so.. if you wanna seek my advice I'm here.

19 Jun Thank Reply

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Ken Akerly (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/15593695/>) •

Washington Manor

I raised concerns about Manor Blvd with the city and escalated it to SLPD and eventually Mr. Lee. Let me know if you'd like to learn more about how that went. ✓

18 Jun Thank Reply

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Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

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I'd love to know how that went.

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Ken Akerly (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/15593695/>) •

Washington Manor

Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598>) sure thing. I can tell you all about how SLPD refused to provide information on what they allegedly did and the same for our representative. How would you like to talk? ✓

19 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Hi Ken, yes I'd be very interested to know about your previous experience. ✓

19 Jun Thank Reply



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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

The key to getting drivers to slow down on any street is to make the street more uncomfortable by increasing the perception of danger. If you make a road overly wide and perfectly straight/flat - then the natural reaction from a driver is to drive fast. In the 1950's the belief was to design roads to be wide and forgiving. This way a driver can make a mistake and have room to recover and avoid a crash. However, this actually lead to faster speeds because local roads were built very wide like freeways. Now the popular strategy is to build (or rebuild) roads to be more narrow and to increase the perception of danger so that drivers exercise more caution and driver slower. ✓

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More on this here:

<https://youtu.be/3oP-Ndww1zw> (<https://youtu.be/3oP-Ndww1zw>)[\(https://nextdoor.com/inbox/\)](https://nextdoor.com/inbox/)

and here:

<https://youtu.be/3g-z-PEzTas> (<https://youtu.be/3g-z-PEzTas>)

Potential strategies that could work on Lewelling are to narrow the road or introduce a curve (or chicane) to the road. Moving the curbs (either from the median or from the sidewalks) and adding a "pinchpoint" at crosswalks with raised bulbouts are potential ways to narrow the road. A chicane may also be useful.

Edited 18 Jun **Thank** **Reply****Randy Riggins** (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Hi Kenneth, these are very informative comments. I really appreciate your taking the time. And I like the strategies you suggest for making the road less inviting to speeders. I don't know the technical aspects of road design (bulbouts, pinchpoints, chicane etc), but I'm sure the City would know how to evaluate these ideas. I will save this for future meetings with the City Council. Great stuff!

19 Jun **Thank** **Reply****Kenneth Jeong** (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

Randy Riggins (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) Here is an example of a chicane that was built to address resident complaints about speeding

Here is an example of a chicane:

<https://goo.gl/maps/xkVPf9QeUrV75A2w5> (<https://goo.gl/maps/xkVPf9QeUrV75A2w5>)Edited 24 Jun **Thank** **Reply**

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Doug Cooper (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/439146/>) •

Washington Manor

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Looks like a good place to practice your "S" maneuver on a motorcycle. If you miss it and clip the curb, you're going down. If you counter late then you're in the opposing lane. Hope there's no traffic.

24 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) thanks for this image! ✓

Good to know!

24 Jun Thank Reply



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Diane Delucchi (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/49737019/>) •

Washington Manor

I back up to Lewelling has been reported to city and to police dept to no avail Waiting for them to come crashing through the house. ✓

You never see police checking speed, would make s fortune in tickets. Speed needs to be reduced to 25 mph as Grant in SLZ

You have my support

Edited 18 Jun Thank Reply



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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

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Grant in SLZ is an excellent example of the "more perceived danger = slower speeds". It is "narrow" since its only one lane in each direction and has really wide dirt area between the sidewalks and the road where cars are.



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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

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If only automated speed enforcement by camera was legal in California. Then we could consider something like this....



<https://youtu.be/iynzHWwJXaA> (<https://youtu.be/iynzHWwJXaA>)

Edited 18 Jun **Thank** **Reply**



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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

I'm in 100% agreement with you Kenneth. I saw mounted camera equipment at Washington/Floresta, but I understand that is only for red light runners. Seems like we should be able to utilize that technology for speeding as well. But like you mention, it is not legal in California.



19 Jun **Thank** **Reply**



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) Many in California do not like being watched by "big brother" and each time speeding enforcement by camera is brought up - it is fought very intensely.



Currently, in California, automated cameras are only permissible for use at red lights and not for speeding.

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19 Jun Thank Reply



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Mary Nahm (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/2742578/>) •

Washington Manor

Thank you for trying to make our community safer. I think we have a few spots in our area of town that need some type of change and I would like to add Fargo Avenue to this as well. There are three schools within a relatively small stretch and cars often speed with no concern about the many children walking to school in the area.

Also, the traffic light at the Washington & Fargo intersection may need to be adjusted to allow more cars to go straight or turn - I'm not sure which is the issue. The traffic is often backed up past where I live because what I perceive to be a flow issue and it's hard to even get out in the mornings when my son has school.

Please let me know what support you need.

18 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Mary thank you so much for these comments. I drive on Fargo all the time, so I know exactly what you're talking about. Every afternoon around 245p (pre-Covid), the backup becomes impossible when school lets out. I avoid Fargo/Washington at all costs during that time. I think the traffic flow could be improved by re-timing the stop light, but I don't know the specifics of how that is accomplished. Let's keep this in mind for a City Council townhall/workshop, whenever that is scheduled.

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George Ferris (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53799151/>) •

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Defending the police should definitely help the situation.

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Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

Washington Manor

I was at a transportation committee meeting a few months ago and brought up this exact stretch of Lewelling Blvd. I mentioned many places around the city that day. Wonder if they recorded that one. I even brought it up again at a council meeting a few days later because there was ANOTHER accident in front of our property. There have been two more since. I guess when I brought up Eden road, and the conditions on that..... road, they forgot about what else I said. Pretty much par for the course. Benny Lee is district 4, and he has been zero help to me. National Night Out last year he said 'we need to get together'. That was almost a year ago. He knows where i live and work but I guess just been too busy. I even called him out on here a few times. Still nothing. Pretty much sums up our city government. I can't even get the mayor to remember my name, let alone what my concerns are around the city. We live on the wrong end of town.



They have been working on the fancy new bus stops downtown for two years, and still aren't done. I can't even get the human excrement cleaned up at the ones near greenhouse. And when the one got crashed into in front of ARCO, they just removed it.

How about all the time and money they wasted at the Tropic/Lewelling intersection. And who ended up with all the landscaping?

18 Jun Thank Reply



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

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FYI... The fancy bus stops are an AC Transit project and has little to do with the City other than it location. AC Transit is also responsible for the upkeep of the bus stops. So any damage or cleanliness issues related to the bus stops are AC Transits fault. ✓

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Edited 18 Jun Thank Reply



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

Washington Manor

Speaking of Eden Road, I've noticed that it's been unusually clear these past few months. Perhaps has more to do with shelter in place than any action from the City. ✓

18 Jun Thank Reply



Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

Washington Manor

Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) I drove down the other day, back to just about the way it was 20 years ago. Which is still better than I was last year. Almost all cars and trucks are gone. Still a big hole and debris problem. I still can't find the ADA crosswalk.... on the San Leandro side. ✓

18 Jun Thank Reply



Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

Washington Manor

Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) and who sits on the Alameda County Transportation Commission as the chair? ✓

18 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Christopher thanks for this background information, very valuable. It sounds like the City is already well aware of the Lewelling problems. Frustrating that nothing has been ✓

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done to make it safer. I'm going to keep the ball rolling the best I can, but it's good to know I may get some pushback or just be ignored. I can be tenacious.



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Lisa Axtell (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/6318354/>) •

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Between Lewelling and then onto Wicks its definitely a speed way. People speeding on all streets is getting crazy and then rolling through the stop signs.



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Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

Washington Manor

I looked it up, it was October 2, 2019 Facilities and Transportation Committee. I remember it well. They changed the agenda and it wasn't available for the public. Two people had to get up and give the public in attendance their copies. It was just my daughter and I. I encourage you to listen to it. There was a farmers market going on that day, and I think I messed up that agenda. Only 8 minutes recorded from that meeting and it cuts out while I'm talking.



Interesting 🤔

Same stuff, different toilet bowl

What happened to them recording their discussion while on the 'city tour'

Government is a total joke

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Bring your own lube!
18 Jun Thank Reply



Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

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and don't drink the koolaid

18 Jun Thank Reply



Carol Price (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/19153321/>) •

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I live just 4 houses from Lewelling Blvd and the noise, speeding, etc. is really bad, and getting worse. I would be glad to attend a City Council mtg. if that would help. Please post info about the mtg.

18 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riffin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Carol thank you so much for supporting this. I will provide an update here when I can get some sort of meeting set up.

19 Jun Thank Reply






Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

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What is the proper procedure for requesting a crosswalk? I seem to be doing it wrong and the powers that be don't care what I have to say.

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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

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Apparently (I only just learned this moments ago) the City has a marked crosswalk prioritization program. Here is some brief information about it: ▼

<https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=27796>
(<https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=27796>)

Looks like locations with many vehicles 9,000+ per day and multiple travel lanes will have a lower priority than a location with fewer cars and number of lanes. Also helps if the street has a speed limit of 30 mph or lower.

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Randy Riggan (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Kenneth (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) this is more great information. ▼

Thank you for posting!

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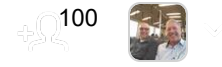
Marianne Heffernan (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3681535/>) •

Washington Manor

I live 2 houses off Lewelling and its crazy. There are racing, speeding and there was even a head on collision. Often times when wheels are screaming I get afraid that someone is going to run into my house. A few years back someone took the turn to fast and took out my fence. The police used to sit at the corner and give out tickets. Not ▼

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anymore. Sometimes even crossing at Farnsworth and Lewelling is scary. people just don't wanna stop. I think maybe speed bumps or a stop light at Andover might help. Good luck with the city council. Something must be done.



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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Marianne, thanks for these comments. This is exactly the type of anecdotal evidence Benny Lee wanted me to try and find. ✓

19 Jun Thank Reply



Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

Washington Manor

I need to correct myself. ✓

I spoke about this area at the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting on October 3, 2019. NOT a council meeting. I think I suggested a traffic study and stop light at Sedgmen and Lewelling before the 874 Lewelling project gets started. I can't remember exactly. I guess they didn't record that meeting either.

It's hard to play the game if you don't know all the rules. And nobody wants you to know ALL the rules.

19 Jun Thank Reply

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Christopher thanks for these additional comments. I was thinking about the Sedgeman intersection as well for a possible stop light. I plan to learn all the rules I need to know, and no more. ✓

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**cindy bhusari** (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/9793845/>) •

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I avoid Lewelling and take Fargo instead.



Ideas: (1) mini-roundabout (2) Lowering speed limit to 25mph, like it is on Grant. (3) curb extensions (4) US Dept. transportation should have further ideas.

While driving on Fargo, it appears you'll be driving into the Wild, Wild West with wide + open roads!

No wonder why it is like that here and on Wicks up to Manor. (both streets I try to avoid.

19 Jun Thank Reply



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**Kenneth Jeong** (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

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Lowering the speed limit to 25 mph will not work for these two reasons....



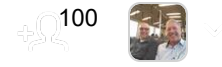
A) People will naturally drive their cars at a speed appropriate for the design of the road. If you design a wide, flat and straight road - like a freeway -- then people will naturally drive at "freeway speeds"! So, logically, to induce slower speeds, you need to modify the road so that it has more "friction" and is less straight, less flat, and less wide.

B) To comply with speed trap laws - the City (or State) has to follow a set procedure for establishing speed limits. The manual for setting speed limits is provided here:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/2019-california-manual-for-setting-speed-limits-a11y.pdf> (<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/2019-california-manual-for-setting-speed-limits-a11y.pdf>)

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Speed limits for roads like Lewelling are set based on a survey of current speeds to determine the 85th percentile. So if most vehicles are traveling at 40 mph, then the speed limit for that street will likely also be established at something close to 40 mph (give or take 5 mph).
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Doug Cooper (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/439146/>) •

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Many years ago the city hired a firm to evaluate speed limits on city streets to ensure compliance with federal transportation guidelines. A few speed limits were adjusted at that time. Some were increased because road and traffic conditions warranted it. You can't arbitrarily set speed limits lower than street conditions determine. ✓

19 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggan (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

Washington Manor

Doug thanks for this information, it's good to know. Personally I don't have an issue with the posted 40mph limit. My strong feelings are about drivers who ignore that in favor of 65-80 mph. That's what really has driven me to try to address this with the City. ✓

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Deb Hunt (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3610629/>) •

Washington Manor

How about another stoplight somewhere between Farnsworth and Washington or other methods of slowing down traffic? ✓

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lois cox (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/31526944/>) •

Washington Manor

NO

19 Jun Thank Reply



Maria Magallon (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/4358934/>) •

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I've brought up the speeds and accidents on Lewelling stretching from Wicks to Washington, and specifically the intersection at Lewelling and Farnsworth, at a Town Hall meeting. I've also attempted contacting Benny Lee regarding the intersection after knowledge of several accidents, including my own, and a fatality to no avail. I've spoken to Keith Cooke, Director of Engineering and Transportation, twice and he said the intersection is a known "hot spot" in queue for review. We discussed Lewelling being a major corridor, especially with trucks coming from the warehouses in the Farallon and Wicks areas. There has been a small traffic sign added to the traffic light at Farnsworth regarding yielding to oncoming traffic, but I'm pressing more safety measures myself.

19 Jun Thank Reply



Ellise Latimer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/16407787/>) •

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We need speed humps on our street

19 Jun Thank Reply



Je Hoon Kim (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10201185/>) •

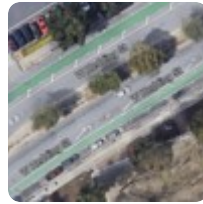
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I would love to see Lewelling Blvd turn into a one lane road, with a tree lined median. There could also be protected wide bicycle lanes next to the curbs. Downtown San Jose does something like this on E. Hedding St., and I really like it. It would definitely help reduce speeding seeing some bicyclists on the road.



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19 Jun Thank Reply

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Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •

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I support the idea to make Lewelling one lane in each direction and add a protected bike lane and add more trees). This is consistent with my suggestion to "narrow" the boulevard.



20 Jun Thank Reply

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Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

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I doubt it will be reduced to one lane, but I did suggest NO PARKING ANYWHERE between Washington/Sullivan, and a protected bike lane. I may have mentioned how bumpy that same stretch of road is too. I need to replace my shocks every 6 months.



you ever notice the pole at the right turn from Lewelling on to Wicks. I think I can remember 3 or 4 times it's been replaced. obviously an issue. there are a few at Washington that are leaning pretty bad also.

I did notice they finally removed the pole being held up by a 4X4 on the corner of Sullivan. trimmed the tree and tighten up the wires. that's a positive sign. I think I made that MySL request about 2 years ago.

If government does work for you, it's super slow. Baby steps I guess.

20 Jun Thank Reply

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Steve Jun (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/6788203/>) •

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I say having retaining walls built would be great. Randy I can send you photos of my backyard when a car driving the speed limit drove into it. My fear is when someone is exceeding the speed limit, what damage it can do. My wife won't let my kid play in my backyard because it's parallel to Lewelling.

20 Jun Thank Reply



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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Hi Steve, you're the second person in this thread to mention a vehicle coming right into their backyard from Lewelling. Unbelievable! Yes, send a photo.

24 Jun Thank Reply



Steve Jun (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/6788203/>) •

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) yeah the other person replying happens to be my wife =) please see photos below. Again the two cars that drove into our backyard were driving the speed limit.



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Another one



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26 Jun **Thank** **Reply**



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Steve, did the vehicle enter your yard from Lewelling??? And if these pics are the result of driving the speed limit, 40mph, what in the world have been the result if they were speeding like so many of the crazy drivers!

26 Jun **Thank** **Reply**



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Angelica Hernandez (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/43624305/>) •

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Yes! Thank you for taking initiative! I think if possible dropping the speed limit and even adding some stop signs would be a great help to slow traffic I'll keep an eye out for new posts regarding this matter so we can take acto help out neighborhood saftey

Edited 21 Jun **Thank** **Reply**



Kenneth Jeong (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/10115241/>) •









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Dropping the speed limit is not an option. The City cannot just arbitrarily choose a speed limit out of thin air. There is a set procedure for establishing a speed limits which involves measuring the current speeds of vehicles and doing a statistical analysis of all the speeds to find the 85th percentile speed. Speed limits are then set to something close to that 85th percentile speed. So if -- according to the measurements -- the 85th percentile speed is 40 mph -- then the speed limit is going to be set at something close to 40 mph. The set procedure is design to avoid situations which could be considered a speed trap. There are specific laws that prohibit speed traps.

More details about this process is documented here: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/2019-california-manual-for-setting-speed-limits-a11y.pdf> (<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/2019-california-manual-for-setting-speed-limits-a11y.pdf>)

As you may have guessed by now -- there are also regulations around the installation of stop signs. The MUTCD governs this and typically government agencies won't install new stop signs unless they satisfy a warrant. Most notably, a stop sign must only be considered if there are more than a minimum number of vehicles arriving at a cross street (usually 150 or more vehicles per hour). This is a pretty high number of vehicles and I doubt that any of the cross streets between Farnsworth and Washington would qualify this quantitative test. If cars are forced to stop on the main road for non-existence vehicles on the side street, then drivers on the main road may be tempted to ignore the stop sign because they are "always alone" and no other vehicles is at the side street.

Another reason for not using stop signs is that the MUTCD specifically prohibits their use for speed control. Research indicates that doing so actually increases speeds and does not reduce speeds. This is because drivers become frustrated at stopping when there is no cross traffic (see previous paragraph) and then will drive faster between stop signs to make up for lost time or worse, they will ignore the stop completely because they know that there is rarely a car at the side street.

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Fargo Ave. also speed limit is 25 people drive 45 and faster we have 3 schools in this area and I saw a little girl hit on her roller skates about 35 years ago and they were doing 25 and that little girl was out of school for a year,so i wish people would just down soon schools will reopen.

22 JunThank Reply



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Jason Bonini (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/12833540/>) •

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I have lived in this area for over 20 years and have seen that stretch of Lewelling change. I think the first thing that should really be looked at is why the SLPD does not actually enforce the posted speed. Oh wait that reason is because they only care about downtown and can care less about our side of town. Second, we have to remember that Lewelling is a main road for commercial vehicles so there has to be some consideration towards any changes done. I have sent numerous complaints to the city over the years and one of their fixes was to install the flashing crosswalk lights at Lewelling and Andover, which I was pushing for an actual stop light to slow down the flow.

In the times we are in I can guarantee that with the defunding police movement there will be less police patrolling so that will make it even worse as there will not be as much speed enforcement.

I back your mission of taking on the city but know that they are not easy to deal with, so don't be discouraged when they give you a lame excuse. Remember the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

22 JunThank Reply



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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Jason thanks for your input here. I'd be interested in getting a little history behind your comment about the city not being too interested in our side of town. Sounds like there is a trend of Washington Manor residents not being heard.

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Terri L perry (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/11336493/>) •

Washington Manor

And so is Fargo Ave!!!



22 Jun Thank Reply

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Jenn Jun (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/6770992/>) •

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Hi, in 2015 there was a two car accident that led to the cars driving into backyards belonging to me and my neighbor. I'm happy to provide additional information to confirm this.



22 Jun Thank Reply

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Hi Jen, sounds like a horrifying experience. Did the cars come directly from Lewelling into your backyard?



24 Jun Thank Reply

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Jenn Jun (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/6770992/>) •

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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) yes



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Doug Cooper (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/439146/>) •

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Back in the early 80's I rented a house 2 doors from west bound Lewelling blvd. I could hear cars, trucks and motorcycles every day. Occasionally there would be an accident. Usually near the Farnsworth intersection or Wicks blvd. Go figure. People drive faster on a 4 lane divided boulevard than smaller streets. I live on a dead end street now. It's much quieter. It's funny though, how many people will drive all the way down a dead end street and then have difficulty turning around. It can be entertaining.



24 Jun Thank Reply



Christopher Bammer (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598/>) •

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What has been done since I spoke before the Committee back in October?



24 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890/>) •

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Hi Christopher, I have no information about any follow-up since your meeting in October.



24 Jun Thank Reply



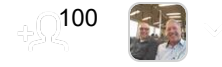
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Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890>), me either. I guess they listen, but don't really hear me. Did you happen to listen to my comments from the meeting back in October? What there is of them anyway. Nobody from the city ever follows up or reaches out. When I spoke to Benny Lee about getting ALL of San Leandro residents into the San Leandro School District, his reply to me was.... 'that involves redistricting, that would require a lot of work!' So I took that to mean FORGET IT, we aren't working that much!



BTW, we had a truck flip over and smash into our front yard years ago too. Sedgeman at Lewelling.

26 Jun Thank Reply



Randy Riggin (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/53416890>) •

Washington Manor

Christopher (<https://nextdoor.com/profile/3126598>) a number of people have shared a similar experience with cars crashing into backyards, front yards. I can't believe more people haven't died. Seriously, this is crazy!



26 Jun Thank Reply



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