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Trenton City Council Members' Call for Traffic Calming Measures

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TRENTON: Councilman Duncan Harrison and Councilwoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson are calling for the creation of a *Citizen Advisory Panel on Traffic Calming Measures*. A number of residents and business owners have expressed concern with the reckless driving that occurs daily on City streets and the lack of safety measures for pedestrians. One of the primary concerns is drivers speeding through City neighborhoods without regard to crosswalks or pedestrians.

This advisory panel would give our community an opportunity to voice these concerns and more. Mr. Harrison and Ms. Reynolds-Jackson, at the next City Council meeting, will seek support from their council colleagues for the creation of this advisory panel. The amount of panel members, term length, meeting schedule, among other items are open for discussion.

“I've been working with residents and civic associations of the East Ward in the development of a plan to reduce the amount of dangerously speeding vehicles in our community. We have replaced missing stop signs in various areas and spoken with the Department of Public Works about adding "road rumbles" to various streets. However, many areas, including those where parks and schools are located, remain dangerous for pedestrians. Many areas lack proper signage or working caution lights. We look forward to working with the administration to be both proactive and responsive to this safety issue as a way of protecting both the residents and visitors of our neighborhood,” stated Councilwoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson.

“We need to have a serious discussion about speed bumps, speed humps, speed tables, signage, and other traffic calming devices that will improve pedestrian safety. I understand there are a number of concerns related to emergency service vehicles and slower responses times but we have to ensure that our City remains safe for pedestrians,” stated Councilman Duncan Harrison.

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