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Dear Gunnison Town Council;

I absolutely support reducing the speed limit in the town of Gunnison.

I have lived here for 39 years, am a bike commuter, dog owner/walker and mother of a teen who recently earned his drivers license. Sadly, in the summer for us it seems like every day revolves around not getting hit by a car while riding my bike, not letting my cat or dog get hit by a car driving too fast around our neighborhood and telling my son to be careful for drivers around town.

Just last month I reported to our City police a driver who was talking on his phone and ran the light at the intersection of Spruce and Hwy 50- he would have t-boned me if I had not been trained in all my years living here to pause a moment when the light is green to let speeders through. I live near Boulevard and the Sheriff's office and have nearly been in an accident from speeders on New York and Boulevard who blow through the stop sign all the time. The 500 and 600 South Boulevard area is the main entrance to the Sheriff's office- however they do not use it, and use Evans street and the Alley- driving through our residential neighborhood to go to work and leave for emergencies. The businesses on these blocks, an ice company, Back at the Ranch, ID Sculpture, Gunnison Trucking, Mark Lucas Construction and the numerous storage units -- all regularly have large trucks, cattle trucks, heavy machinery- parked in the middle of Boulevard for loading or for other business. It is so busy at the intersection that at times I have had to wait and nervously watch cars come up fast and have to slam on their brakes to not rear end me. On the corner of Bidwell and Boulevard there is also a fox den due to the owner of the lot feeding stray animals for the 16 years I have lived in this neighborhood, this year it has grown to five foxes who regularly run through traffic. To add to the craziness, we are near the fairgrounds and have to navigate the trucks pulling horse trailers as well on Evans street, one time a woman came around our corner so fast, she ran over the corner of the sidewalk and crushed my son's skateboard- luckily not him.

I do believe that reducing the speed limit will help, however, business's using the only public street that is the most common and direct way to the Sheriff and Gunnison Airport, and goes through a residential neighborhood, and the feeding of wildlife is a bigger issue that needs to be addressed as well.

Respectfully-
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