Ms. Judy A. Roberts 814 Saluda Ct. Chapel Hill, NC 27514 March 20, 2006

Mayor and Town Council 306 N. Columbia St. Chapel Hill, NC 27516

To Whom It May Concern:

After much effort on the behalf of many of my friends and neighbors, we collectively submit this letter to further pursue a transportation issue in the town of Chapel Hill needing your immediate attention.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 8, 2003 for your records and review. We appreciate your response to a portion of our requests, i.e., a center-dividing line in the street surface of Westminster Dr.

Please now review the enclosed petition as requested for consideration of a four-way stop at the intersection of Banks Dr. and Westminster Dr. and the reasons for the request.

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Many have assisted in the preparation of the correspondence you will receive this week. I trust you will find the information accurate and in agreement of all signatures enclosed.

We eagerly look forward to hearing from your staff at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Judy A. Roberts

P.S. Please feel free to use my name and address for your correspondence. Telephone: (919) 942-7415

Judy A. Roberts
200 Westminster Dr.
Apt. J-110
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
August 8, 2003

Town Hall of
Chapel Hill, NC
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Attn: Ms. Mary Lou Kuschatka

Dear Ms. Kuschatka,

Since returning to live in an apartment community on Westminster Dr., Chapel Hill, NC (Timberlyne Apartments), I continue to observe two potentially unsafe areas in regards to transportation and safety of anyone directly involved.

The first area is the intersection of Banks Drive and Westminster Drive. Please review this area with someone with specific details for this would be very lengthy in this letter. There is a designated pedestrian crosswalk with ample signs approaching either direction of this intersection.

My concern is the volume of traffic entering this intersection everyday. There are many handicapped residents at Timberlyne Apartments, as well as those of us walking without transportation. Chapel Hill city bus service is on this route and now includes going down Westminster Dr. to 82 Magnolia, 100 Saluda Court (another large apartment complex) before turning to make an exit towards

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town. The bus service now runs until close to midnight on most weekdays with the exception of holidays and of course, no service on Sundays. Other traffic includes school buses, private vehicles, and all other relative traffic in any town. Although the speed limit is posted at 25 MPH, there is excessive speeding every day. Another seemingly dangerous situation, some vehicles choose to pass slower cars; thus, creating another hazard to all traveling on this road.

Several of my neighbors have voiced concern over this intersection; i.e., would a <u>four-way stop</u> be appropriate for the safety of all concerned? This has been the most unanimous suggestion and most of the residents at Timberlyne Apartments would be willing to prepare a petition to further voice our concern.

The second issue is Westminster Drive. After resurfacing the asphalt approximately two years ago, the contractors never returned to paint the dividing line to designate two-lane traffic (from the intersection at Banks Dr. and extending all the way down through a residential neighborhood). Most of the residents feel that this is important to our safety since at dusk, in the evening, the visibility of everyone whether driving or walking is diminished. Some of us who live on the Westminster side of Timberlyne have actually heard the screeching of wheels and excessive speeding in this area.

Please take the time to drive through these areas and get a first-hand feeling as to the contents of this letter. If I can be of further assistance (by mail, phone, or petition), please do not hesitate to call me.

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P.S. Another Timberlyne resident mentioned another situation in the visibility upon leaving Timberlyne Apartments because of shrubbery which sometimes is not trimmed low enough for safe exit in a vehicle where the driver may be seated too close the asphalt to get a safe view of oncoming traffic.

Again, we are speaking of the traffic coming in both directions on Westminster Drive.

This letter has been revised in hopes that you will again read this information with concern and respond accordingly. Thank you for your time.

A PETITION

TO THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, NO

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Our concern is of the volume of traffic entering the intersection of Westminster Dr. and Banks Rd. As there is a pedestrian crossing designated by raised road stripes and adequate posting of speed limits, the travelers who enter this intersection are often not observant of the number of pedestrians, to include children and some who are handicapped.

We have had to be overly cautious at the above named intersection for our personal safety and the safety of our friends and neighbors. Therefore, we present this petition for your consideration of a four-way stop to reduce the speed and provide those of us on foot a more safe crossing.

October 31, 2004 (This petition will be collected in approximately one week. There is no obligation to participate.)

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