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Greetings Councilor Davis,

As you have heard from many of the residents living in District 6, Lead and Coal Avenues provide very unsafe residential conditions due to the excessive speed of traffic and collisions. The proximity of Lead and Coal to homes, businesses, and apartments makes automobile collisions even more dangerous and unnerving. Unfortunately, collisions along these streets happen on a regular basis destroying both public and private property, putting pedestrians and cyclists at increased risk, creating an environment that is unsafe for anyone, including other drivers, local students, and children. The negative consequences to human and animal health from traffic on Lead and Coal include but are not limited to: damage to property, damage to automobiles, hearing loss, breathing problems, and anxiety. Because of these weekly and sometimes daily interactions with speeding automobiles on these streets, the need for action from the City of Albuquerque is urgent.

At the beginning of the year we requested that you and your office help the University Heights and Nob Hill Neighborhood Associations deter the health hazards caused by the traffic on Lead and Coal. We proposed a comprehensive traffic study be conducted to assess the impacts of the traffic including very large trucks, so that data would provide further basis for action. We expected a quick and comprehensive study to conclude around June, before the UNM summer break. It is clear that that deadline is not feasible. Thus, we want to understand how the needed study will proceed and how improvements will occur.

It's the UHA Board's opinion that the separate tasks of **a)** conducting a comprehensive study on the safety *and* health impacts of the traffic and **b)** using this data to inform and guide real solutions and changes to the structure and flow of Lead and Coal, cannot be undertaken by Administration or Council alone. We recommend that City Council, the Department of Municipal Development, other relevant departments, and the Mayor's office work together on designing and implementing a comprehensive study while following the data to make improvements in a **timely manner**.

The UHA Board thanks you for the time and effort put into this project so far. We also thank you in advance for your continued efforts in the future. **We request and appreciate a response**, in writing, advising us of what progress your office has made towards the goals outlined here as well as a proposal for the comprehensive study timeline and how your office intends to involve the Mayor's office. We also encourage the Mayor's office to coordinate with you. In making this request we hope for open and clear communications going forward as we work to improve the lives of **all** residents living in the Lead/Coal corridor.

Thank you,  
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