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Dear Scott Kubly, Mayor Murray, and the Seattle City Council,

Aurora Licton Urban Village Alliance supports Seattle adopting a 20 MPH speed limit for neighborhood streets, and allowing neighborhoods more flexibility in lowering speed limits to 25 MPH for arterial streets to improve safety and livability. This is a small, but important, step in making our streets safer for everyone to use and live next to.

Neighborhood (non-arterial) streets are meant for people to be able to live next to, with comfort and safety. People should be able to comfortably walk dogs, play with kids in the front yard, garden in the planting strip, walk to get groceries, or bike with their kids to school. A change from 25 MPH to 20 MPH for neighborhood streets is a step we can take to protect the quality of life on our neighborhood streets.

Arterial streets are meant for moving people safely. Many arterial streets, such as Greenwood Avenue, also serve as business districts and the centers of communities. Neighborhoods should be given more flexibility to work with SDOT to reduce speeds to 25 MPH where appropriate.

We hope you will support protecting the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ian Whyte on behalf of Aurora Licton Urban Village Alliance