## **TODD'S POINT HOMEOWNERS:**

## **OCEAN VIEW & CLIFF WAY**

## PETITION FOR ADDED SAFETY MEASURES

January 2, 2022

We, the homeowners within the Todd's Point neighborhood of Fort Bragg (specifically Ocean View Drive and Cliff Way), are requesting the true closure of Pomo Bluffs Park from sunset until sunrise daily with a physical gate due to excessive traffic and speeding along the roadways. As the city already enforces such a policy directly across the harbor at the entrance to Noyo Headlands Park, we believe this to be a reasonable and attainable request.

Additionally, we are requesting the installation of speed tables or speed bumps along these two main roads for the safety of Todd's Point residents, visitors, and wildlife alike. The speeding is excessive and does not only occur during the overnight hours; a survey of traffic would undoubtedly prove the need for speed regulation along these roads.

During the daytime, these roads are constantly filled with residents and tourists - adults and children are on bicycle and on foot, but no sidewalk exists for their protection. People driving through are often distracted by the view and unaware that they are in fact driving through a residential neighborhood. It should also be noted that there is a heavy presence of wildlife (particularly deer and seagulls). We have had to dispose of countless dead seagulls, which are a federally protected fowl, after witnessing people run them down with malicious intent. The constant speeding is a danger for the livelihood of all.

During the overnight hours, especially on weekends and holidays, an average of 10 cars come through the neighborhood to congregate within the park. Often times they sit in their cars with headlights and engines on, loud music playing, then proceed to speed off down Cliff Way and Ocean View Drive. As there are no street lights, this erratic behavior poses a large threat to the resident deer, often seen daily by the dozens, particularly on the bluffs after dark. The traffic throughout our neighborhood overnight often seems busier than that within the city itself.

The Fort Bragg Police Department patrols as often as possible, which should not go unnoticed as it is greatly appreciated, but the reality is that they often have numerous other things to enforce throughout the city as a whole. We believe that the forced closure of Pomo Bluffs Park with a gate in addition to speed tables on Ocean View Drive and Cliff Way are the best solution for all. We have a lot of children, tourists, pets and wildlife we are determined to protect; we really do not want to see anyone or anything else injured or killed.

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