

From: Orna Malone
To: [Historic W. Grace St. Assoc.](#)
Cc: [Rich Weinstein](#)
Subject: Addressing noise concerns
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:27:19 AM

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Mayor Stoney,

I am a resident of West Grace Street in the Fan. and for the past 18months I have witnessed and listened to the illegal driving activities not limited to but impacting the Broad Street corridor. I implore you to take the following steps:

- Address police understaffing by increasing their salaries to be as competitive as the county
- Increase funding for RPD traffic enforcement technology
- Implement a new city noise ordinance that is easily enforceable
- Fully fund Broad Street Task Force traffic calming measures
- Support the creation of a Department of Mobility and Multimodal Transportation, as proposed in Res. 2021-R086

With thanks,

orna weinstein

From: Mark Wlaz
To: [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#)
Subject: Broad Street Unlawful Driving
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:44:08 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident homeowner on the 2500 block of West Grace St, backing up to Broad St.

For many months, we have been subjected to daily unsafe driving by individuals and groups up and down Broad Street.

When the inevitable happens and a pedestrian or other vehicle is hit and someone is killed or seriously injured - the city will be sued and be guilty for negligence and turning a blind eye to this problem.

It is very clear that these individuals feel there are no laws to prevent them, or no will to stop them, or no ability to stop them.

Some action must be taken by you.

Some appropriate actions include:

- Address police understaffing by implementing compensation increases for RPD officers to be competitive with neighboring counties, in accordance with the compensation study currently underway
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Thank you,
Mark Wlaz
2506 W Grace Street

From: Charles Repp
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: citizen comments for 1/26 GovOps Committee
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:11:07 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing to request that the following comments be read or passed on to the members of the GovOps Committee at tomorrow's meeting.

I currently live in the Fan between Grace and Broad Street. I've lived there for three and half years, and before that in various locations around downtown Toronto, and I've never been bothered before by street noise. Over the past year and a half, however, the noise coming from Broad has risen to levels that have not only made it impossible to ignore but that have seriously eroded the quality of life for me, my partner, and all the residents living in my building, who have been deprived of the ability to sleep, concentrate, and enjoy peace and quiet inside our own homes. The main reason for the dramatic increase in street noise is a dramatic increase in the number of vehicles with unlawfully modified exhaust systems. The noise that these vehicles are capable of producing can exceed 100dB -- well over the legal limits established by the City's noise ordinance and enough to cause permanent hearing damage to anyone within close range. On behalf of myself and all the residents in my building, I urge you to please take immediate action to curb this problem. It is not a mere nuisance; it is serious public health and environmental issue that impacts everyone in the city living anywhere near a major street.

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Repp

From: David Hettlinger
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Harmful noise pollution (Government Operations Committee meeting)
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:23:10 PM

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Greetings, I hope this letter finds you doing well and healthy. I'm writing to you to seek your assistance with an issue in my neighborhood (Fulton Hill). My property and home is on Williamsburg Rd. (in the residential stretch between Northampton St. and Government Rd.). I'm seeking relief from the boom (and zoom) cars that frequently drive by. I don't want to be forced to hear someone's music while I'm inside my own home, and yet, that's what happens 35 times per day on average. (Over the course of a week, I counted just under 250 instances.) Many of these instances rattle my house and/or change the air pressure in my ears, making it feel like I'm in an airplane. It's [harmful](#), disturbing, and [illegal](#).

I have tried other options for resolving this with so far limited success. At a cost of over \$1,000, I installed sound-dampening curtains in my bedroom and lined its walls with engineered sound-dampening material. I added more insulation to my house and consulted with insulation and window experts (who gave me conflicting explanations). I play a professionally-produced white noise soundtrack with noise-canceling headphones. I've reached out to multiple individuals and organizations, including Mayor Stoney, my Richmond city council member, Council Member Newbille, the Fulton Civic Association, and Richmond Police Department. When I discovered that one of the boom car owners was nearby, I talked with him (twice) while he outdoors with the stereo turned up. If money was no issue, I would renovate my house and make it sound-proof; but I'm years away from having enough funds saved up to do that.

Please don't get the wrong impression: I mean no harm to those who use their car stereos like this. I do not want them arrested, nor do I want to prevent them from listening to their music. I just don't want to have to hear their music while inside my own home, and I ask for your help with enforcing [Richmond municipal code](#). I'm not asking for round-the-clock monitoring and enforcement; instead, I'm asking for something because, at present, there appears to be nothing.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering my request, and thank you in advance for assistance in this matter. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments.

Best wishes,
David Hettlinger

From: Gerry Seeber
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Noise and crime
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:08:16 AM

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I am a new resident to the city from the suburbs. I love Richmond and have lived here for many years. It is very very disturbing to experience the crime , the noise and the poor condition of our boulevard and broad street.

I want to support our wonderful police department, give them raises , clean up Broad street and the diamond area and enforce the city noise ordinance. Let's make our city safe and beautiful again.

Gerry Seeber
2223 west Grace st
Richmond, va 23220

Sent from my iPhone

From: Juliette Landphair (jlandpha)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Cc: wgracestrva@gmail.com
Subject: noise from and safety issues on W. Broad Street
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:54:11 AM

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Dear Richmond City officials,

I am a resident of W. Grace Street and a member of the Board of the Historic West Grace Street Association. My partner and I moved to the 2000 block of W. Grace in the summer 2020 and love many aspects of living in the city and on this street in particular. The noise from Broad Street from unmuffled vehicles, however, is not one of them! In addition, the showboating of these vehicles is bizarre to us and obviously very unsafe for pedestrians and other drivers as well.

The noise often occurs at night and disrupts people sleeping and people with disabilities. These behaviors have become more than a nuisance; they are a real safety hazard. I have watched cars and motorcycles driving erratically between other vehicles and even on sidewalks. I think particularly about families walking their children on the street.

I support the actions below as outlined by fellow residents on West Grace Street. I want to emphasize my empathy for Richmond law enforcement officers, who are understaffed and themselves likely overwhelmed; therefore I particularly support measures that will best assist them in enforcing what we hope to see around traffic rules and possible noise ordinances.

Thank you for hearing our concerns and for your service.

- Address police understaffing by implementing compensation increases for RPD officers to be competitive with neighboring counties, in accordance with the compensation study currently underway
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- Support creation of a Department of Mobility and Multimodal Transportation, as proposed in Resolution 2021-R086

Juliette Landphair
804-426-8593
Resident, 2037 W Grace Street

From: Lisa Larkin
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Subject: Request to take action re: unlawful driving on Broad St
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:53:30 AM

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GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am a resident homeowner on the 1600 block of West Grace St and I am writing to request that you take action to stop the dangerous, unlawful driving that has been occurring daily on West Broad street for the last 18+ months. I've seen motorcycles racing up and down Broad St and neighboring streets at unsafe speeds, some even doing 'wheelies' where the front wheel was completely off the road - putting others in danger and creating an unsafe environment for everyone around them. Not to mention the disturbance with noise for our entire community. These occurrences happen around the clock - I've heard them racing down Broad at 4am. And the weather doesn't deter them, they were out again on a very recent morning when the roads were icy.

These behaviors are dangerous and have been going on for far too long! It is time to take action before someone is seriously hurt or killed. **Please take action to stop these unlawful behaviors:**

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Thank you,
-Lisa Larkin

From: Anna Bell
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Cc: wgracestrva@gmail.com; annaongrace@gmail.com
Subject: Unlawful driving & noise on Broad Street
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:54:12 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

Yesterday afternoon, we were inside our home (1824 W. Grace), all windows and doors were closed, when then, here we go again, the Broad Street biker noise permeated our quiet home environment. Today, in the news, we see the results of the issues we are confronting. It is not just noise. It is a safety. We have an injured person, in this case, as you know, it is a police officer. Who next . . . ?????

David Kreis, President, Historic West Grace Street Association, sent you an email today (1/26/22) detailing issues and solutions. **It is time to take action to remedy the problem.**

Broad Street is becoming more, and more residential. We need to accommodate a safe neighborhood for the residents.

Anna and Mike Bell
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1824 W. Grace Street

From: john@granitewm.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Cc: wgracestrva@gmail.com
Subject: UNLAWFUL DRIVING AND NOISE FROM BROAD ST
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:31:47 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am writing to you as deeply concerned resident homeowner of the 2500 block of the North side of West Grace Street, and more importantly, as a husband and father of 2 children. My wife and I have been residents in what used to be a quiet neighborhood the past 10 years.

Over the past 18 months or so, my wife and I have observed reckless driving behavior on Broad Street, literally behind our block. These drivers often come in packs and weave in and out of traffic threatening the lives of pedestrians and other drivers. This pattern undoubtedly emerged after George Floyd's death which unfortunately curtailed our police department's ability to police.

If we continue to let this grossly negligent behavior continue, our city is going down the gutter, and more lives will be put at risk. Please wake up, man up, and put a stop to this lawlessness. I do not know what the solution is, but for one, I would put a detail on the North side of Davis for a couple hours early Sunday PM and do it consistently. I would also show more appreciation to our men in blue as they are risking their lives to protect us. Anything we do to take that away from them is only going to disincentivize their ability to police.

Thank you in advance,

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From: David Kreis
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Subject: Unlawful driving and noise from Broad Street
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:08:51 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am writing to you both as a resident homeowner on the 2500 block of the North side of West Grace St, backing up to Broad St, and also as the President of the Historic West Grace Street Association, which represents residents in the 1100 through 2700 blocks.

We are deeply concerned, angered, and scared about the situation on Broad St over the past 18 months. Please prioritize solving this problem; it is a life or death situation.

The unlawful driving behaviors (**speeding, traveling in large packs that cut off traffic, doing U-turns in the middle of intersections during red lights to show off, driving up onto sidewalks and in bus lanes**, etc.) are out of control. They are not isolated incidents - the Broad Street corridor has become a stage for dangerous driving on a daily basis. A few weeks ago I watched one of these drivers in a convertible car zig-zag in and out of lanes to get attention from the pack of four wheelers before hitting a street light pole and driving off. He could just have easily hit me or any of the other motorists nearby. This is simply one of too many examples to email. **Yesterday reached a new low when an RPD officer was hit head-on and suffered a head injury that required him to be taken to the hospital. This lawlessness must be curtailed by all means possible before someone is killed.**

Meanwhile, the **noise from modified mufflers on many of these vehicles has become a round-the-clock terror to the children, pets, and older residents with cognitive disabilities on the North side of West Grace St**, backing up to Broad St. We can no longer enjoy our back patios and yards because the noise is too disturbing to children and pets, and precludes any relaxation for adults. And moreso, our family rooms and back bedrooms - all with historic windows appropriate for the Old and Historic District - are not at all immune to the constant noise, disturbing homework time and sleep.

We ask that you take the following actions, and any other actions that would help:

- Address police understaffing by implementing compensation increases for RPD officers to be competitive with neighboring counties, in accordance with the compensation study currently underway
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- Implement a new city noise ordinance that is more easily enforceable
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Thank you,
David Kreis

David Kreis
President, Historic West Grace Street Association
443.465.5204

From: monica glave
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Subject: Unlawful driving and noise from Broad Street
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:38:50 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident homeowner on the 2000 block of the south side of West Grace Street and to support what David Kreis, the president of Historic West Grace Street Association has already sent regarding the dangerous unlawful driving situations on Broad Street.

We are deeply concerned, angered, and scared about the situation on Broad St over the past 18 months. Please prioritize solving this problem; it is a life or death situation.

The unlawful driving behaviors (**speeding, traveling in large packs that cut off traffic, doing U-turns in the middle of intersections during red lights to show off, driving up onto sidewalks and in bus lanes**, etc.) are out of control. They are not isolated incidents - the Broad Street corridor has become a stage for dangerous driving on a daily basis. A few weeks ago I watched one of these drivers in a convertible car zig-zag in and out of lanes to get attention from the pack of four wheelers before hitting a street light pole and driving off. He could just have easily hit me or any of the other motorists nearby. This is simply one of too many examples to email. **Yesterday reached a new low when an RPD officer was hit head-on and suffered a head injury that required him to be taken to the hospital. This lawlessness must be curtailed by all means possible before someone is killed.**

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proposed in Resolution 2021-R086

Thank you,

Monica Glave'

From: Britney Smith
To: [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - CAO](#); [May, Jason P. - Budget](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Cc: wgracestrva@gmail.com
Subject: Unlawful Noise & Driving on West Broad Street
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:21:40 AM

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Dear GovOps Committee, City of Richmond Mayor and Administration, and City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident/homeowner on the 1600 block of the North side of West Grace St, backing up to Broad St, as well as a member of the Historic West Grace Street Association, representing residents in the 1100 - 2700 blocks.

We are deeply concerned, upset and scared about the situation on Broad St over the most recent 18 months. Our ask is that you please prioritize solving this problem; it is a life or death situation.

The unlawful driving behaviors (**speeding, traveling in large packs that cut off traffic, doing U-turns in the middle of intersections during red lights to show off, driving up onto sidewalks and in bus lanes**, etc.) are out of control. These are not isolated incidents - this corridor of Broad Street has become a stage for dangerous driving on a daily basis. I routinely witness drivers in the bus lanes, drivers traveling at unsafe speeds, large groups of drivers (motorcyclists) exhibiting dangerous and unsafe driving practices and far too many 'close calls' for pedestrians.

Meanwhile, the **noise from modified mufflers on many of these vehicles has become an around-the-clock disruption to children, pets, and older residents with cognitive disabilities on the North side of West Grace St**, backing up to Broad St. We can no longer enjoy our back patios and yards because the noise is too disturbing to children and pets, and precludes any relaxation for adults. Additionally, many of our homes - all with historic windows appropriate for the Old and Historic District - are not immune to the constant noise, disturbing work, homework time and sleep.

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Thank you,
Britney Smith