**Opposition to the Proposed Lenox Ave Re-Route - Petition**

We, the undersigned neighbors from the South Orange/Maplewood neighborhood encompassing Lenox Avenue, Thornden Street, Lenox Place Lenox Terrace, and Cedar Lane, ask the Trustees of the Village of South Orange to reject the proposed re-routing of Lenox Avenue where it meets Lenox Place and Thornden Street. We ask the Trustees to direct their advisory committees that the proposed re-routing of traffic is completely and definitively eliminated from consideration.

The proposal should be rejected because of the following flaws:

* The proposal would decrease the safety of Lenox Place, Lenox Terrace, Thornden Street and Cedar Lane without any demonstrable improvement to safety at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lenox Avenue, which is the issue that generated this proposal.
* The proposal would redirect traffic from a through street (connecting Wyoming / Ridgewood / Walton) onto short, quiet, narrow streets where many small children play. This would pose significant safety issues even during a trial of this re-route given how accustomed these children and their families are to the traffic patterns on these streets.
* The proposal does not address the larger problem of motorists driving too fast, nor does it encourage in any way drivers taking accountability for their own safety and for the safety of those around them. The proposal simply shifts the problem to other streets.
* A barrier on Lenox Avenue may affect the ability for emergency vehicles to access upper Lenox Avenue, Lenox Terrace and Lenox Place.

In summary, the Trustees should not consider this flawed proposal in any way. We ask that it be rejected by the Trustees and that the Village’s advisory committees and departments be directed to eliminate this proposal.

Respectfully,

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