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Safe Streets Initiative

Summary and Background Information:

The "Safe Streets Initiative" is a proposed addition to our existing traffic calming measures, specifically tailored for two-lane residential streets. This program aims to enhance the safety and quality of life for our residents by reducing neighborhood speeding through a structured, community-driven approach.

Program Objectives:

1. Education:

- o The initiative will start with raising awareness among drivers about the importance of adhering to speed limits in residential areas, emphasizing the safety of all community members.

2. Enforcement:

- o In areas where speeding persists, the program will include targeted traffic monitoring and ticketing by law enforcement to ensure compliance.

3. Engineering:

- o Should speeding remain an issue after education and enforcement efforts, residents can request further evaluation for engineering solutions, following the city's traffic calming guidelines.

Resident Participation Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be a resident of Commerce City.
- Must agree to and comply with the program rules.
- Must enlist at least four additional volunteers from different households in the neighborhood to help implement the initiative.
- Must be willing to collaborate with the Police Department and traffic engineers.
- Must engage with their neighbors to promote the program and encourage participation.

Examples of Similar Programs:

Several other cities have implemented comparable programs with positive results:

- **Austin, TX:** The "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program" empowers communities to take charge of reducing speeding through collaborative efforts.
- **Portland, OR:** The "Slow Streets Program" successfully combines education and physical measures to calm traffic in residential areas.
- **San Jose, CA:** The "Street Smarts Program" integrates community outreach, law

enforcement, and engineering to enhance neighborhood traffic safety.

- **Northglenn, CO:** The “No Need for Speed Program” addresses vehicle speed near their homes through education and outreach.

Councilmember Responsible: Charles Dukes

Co-Sponsor: Sean Ford

Suggested Motion: I move that city staff explore the financial requirements to establish the "Safe Streets Initiative," a program designed to address vehicle speeding in our residential neighborhoods through a combination of education, enforcement, and community outreach. I request that the cost analysis and implementation plan be presented at the September 9th budget meeting for Council review and discussion.