



## PETITION TO THE AUTHORITIES

We, the residents and abutters of Upland Rd. (from Massachusetts Avenue at Porter Square to where it crosses Raymond at the Park), and Buena Vista Pk. respectfully request that the posted speed limit on Upland Rd. and Buena Vista Pk. be enforced, both day and night.

We also request that consideration be given to a permanent warning light, speed bumps or other traffic calming measures be taken at the conjunction of Upland and Washington Rd./Buena Vista Pk. to impress motorists with the fact that we have children and other pedestrians crossing there and cars entering/exiting Upland Rd. from both directions, with many near collisions.

Cars and trucks of all sizes (particularly tow trucks rushing to/from Porter Square) and even city-owned vehicles, routinely speed up the hill from the light at Porter Square. Vehicles heading down the hill toward Porter Square will often enter the opposite lane to speed past a slow moving or turning vehicle (staying in the wrong lane for a block or more, nearly running head on into oncoming traffic), visibly demonstrating their anger in the process.

In short, the speed limit needs to be enforced and more permanent measures need to be taken to prevent a serious accident from occurring at this area.

We, the undersigned, request your assistance in making our neighborhood safer.

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Hyman Carrel	85 Upland Rd. Apt 6	11/16/03
Muhel Haros	79 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Dorothy H. Vetter	73 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Joe Mc Auldy	69 Upland Rd	11-16-03
<del>Peter P. Johnson</del>	<del>67 Upland Rd</del>	<del>11/16/03</del>
Cynthia J. Goensum	67 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Alexa Inc	53 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Stephen Janis	53 Upland Rd	11/16/03
W. F. N. Y. GRADBERG	51 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Bob Welch	105 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Diane Ganser	105 Upland Rd	11/16/03
Hayley Arnett	17 Buena Vista Park	11-16-03
<del>ANITA HOFFMAN</del>	<del>15 Buena Vista Park</del>	<del>11-16-03</del>
Jeanne Upton	23 Buena Vista	11.17.03
<del>John Upton</del>	<del>23 Buena Vista Park</del>	<del>11.17.03</del>

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**From:** Amanda Hurd [amanda.hurd@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2003 12:07 PM  
**To:** rryals  
**Subject:** Re: Upland Rd speeding on council mtg agenda Monday night

I will support this. Although we cannot be sure, we think we have had problems with cars entering Upland from Buena Vista Park and sideswiping our car(s). Not only do we have speeders on Upland but we get an occasional hot rodder.

When we first came here we had hopes that the Walden Street bridge would be repaired to allow for trucks, etc. That never happened unfortunately.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "rryals" <rryals@comcast.net>  
**To:** "Angela Hofmann" <werner.hofmann@prodigy.net>; "Amanda Hurd" <ahurd@attbi.com>; <vistapark@aol.com>; "Susan Berseth" <sberseth@yahoo.com>; <upjo@comcast.net>  
**Cc:** "Jim Cornie" <JCornie@mmccinc.com>; "Ruth Ryals" <rryals@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2003 11:06 AM  
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**From:** Joanne Upton [upjo@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2003 3:18 PM  
**To:** rryals  
**Subject:** Re: Upland Rd speeding on council mtg agenda Monday night

Hi Ruth-- we are in absolute accord with you regarding the Upland Rd. speed issue--Unfortunately, we cannot attend the council meeting as I am working, but feel free to use our names to support the cause. I am opposed to making BVP one way, however, as I think that only encourages people to go faster. Let us know what happens. Joanne Upton

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**From:** Vistapark@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2003 5:11 PM  
**To:** rryals@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Re: Upland Rd speeding on council mtg agenda Monday night

Hi Ruth, thanks for the update and the activism. I wonder if some of the other streets off of Upland that run parallel to Buena Vista have an even harder time with speed, etc. because they connect to directly to Walden. Anyway, I'm sorry to say that we have another obligation Monday night and will not be able to go to the council meeting. Keep us posted if possible. Thanks, Elizabeth

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**From:** Liz Moyer [moyer@huarp.harvard.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2003 10:27 AM  
**To:** rryals  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Upland Rd speeding on council mtg agenda Monday night

Ruth (cc Jim & Anne)

Thanks for the message about the council meeting discussion about Upland Rd. I am cc'ing this to Jim and Anne, who own 28 Cambridge Terrace - I shouldn't forward their email w/o asking them but maybe they will be concerned enough to write you. I am VERY glad that you're taking up the issue, as I was nearly hit the other day when I turned from Richdale onto Upland on my bike. If I can make it to the council meeting I will (though I'll have to leave at 6:30).

thanks!

Liz

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**From:** Ehemjh@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2003 11:05 AM  
**To:** rryals@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Upland traffic

Dear Ruth: My husband, Mike Harcz, indicated that I should write to you if I was supportive of your petition regarding Upland Road traffic. You can add my name to the supporters. Elizabeth Edmunds, 79 Upland.



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
November 17, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
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- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement of speeding on Upland Road; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with city staff to host a neighborhood meeting with residents on Upland Road to discuss traffic concerns; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on traffic calming efforts for Upland Road.

In City Council November 17, 2003  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

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**ORDER #11**

Requesting the City Manager to direct the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement of speeding on Upland Road, to coordinate with city staff to host a neighborhood meeting with residents on Upland Road to discuss traffic concerns and to report back to the City Council on traffic calming efforts for Upland Road.

**Mayor Sullivan and entire membership**

**In City Council November 17, 2003**

**ORDER ADOPTED**