

# Supervisors could restrict activity on North Richmond streets

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**NORTH RICHMOND** — Contra Costa supervisors are considering new restrictions to help reduce unsafe driving and loitering along a 500-foot section of North Jade Street near the Las Deltas apartments, and an adjacent stretch of Silver Avenue.

At their meeting Tuesday, the supervisors will discuss whether to outlaw “stopping, standing or parking at all times” on a 500-foot section of North Jade Street running north from West Grove Avenue. The section of Silver Avenue runs about 300 feet from Harold Street west past North Jade Street to Silver’s dead end.

The county’s Public Works Department is making the request in an attempt to combat the large, often noisy gatherings there that at times have turned into “sideshowes” with drivers spinning their cars in front of large and rowdy crowds.

“These restriction will help local law enforcement limit these gatherings,” a county staff report says.

“There is some significant loitering in that area,” said Robert Rogers, a district coordinator for County Supervisor John Gioia. “Most of the Housing Authority properties in that area (including the Las Deltas apartments) are vacant, and that’s created a bit of a vacuum.”

Added Gioia, “That particular area has been a hotspot for outsiders to come to North Richmond and engage in criminal activity.” Making that neighborhood safe for its residents, he said, is the top priority.

Making stopping, standing or parking illegal on that stretch of street will give Sheriff’s deputies more tools to keep the peace, Rogers said.

Other actions, including cutting back pockets of dense foliage, improving lighting, expanding “no parking” areas and putting in speed bumps and other traffic breaks already have improved the situation, Rogers said.

The supervisors’ meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the meeting chambers at 651 Pine St. in downtown Martinez.