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Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrera, 1630 W. 213th St., Torrance, May 5.

Valerie Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Reams, 506 Pauline Ave., Redondo Beach, May 6.

David Woodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil R. Griffith, 26006 Eshelman, Lomita, April 26.

Caryn Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Sheets, 22622 Fern Ave., Torrance, April 29.

Edward David, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fiddler, 1529 F W. 208th St., Torrance, April 29.

Cynthia Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Begando, 17502 Arlington Ave., Torrance, April 28.

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Daniel Frederick, son of Shirley and Richard G. Smith, 20608 Kenwood Ave., Torrance, May 9.

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Kathleen Renee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Belles, 2748 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, May 15.

James Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lowery, 2621 Ruhland, Redondo Beach, May 14.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bohner, 700 Meyer Lane, Redondo Beach, May 18.

Diana Lynn, daughter of Lad and Charlene Duarte, 1425 Wilmington Blvd. Apt. 4, Wilmington, May 21.

Mark Kent, son of Brian and JoAnne Gray, 1333 Roman Ave., Wilmington, May 19.

Mark Earl, son of Kenneth Earl and JoAnn Brubaker, 17213 So. Yukon Ave., Apt. "A," Torrance, May 21.

Debra Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Timon, 460 31st St., Hermosa Beach, May 17.

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Robert John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Villegas, 2337 Del Amo Blvd., Torrance, May 15.

## Official Opinion Given On Highway Speed Limit

**By ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES E. CHAPEL**  
Many people who live in Torrance, Venice, Playa del Rey, Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, and Portuguese Bend have written to me about the enforcement of speed limit laws on the portion of a state highway within the boundaries of a city. Specifically, they want to know if it is the responsibility of the local city police, the California Highway Patrol, or both.

For many years, I have replied that I believed that the California Highway Patrol and the local city police have concurrent jurisdiction. However, in order to be absolutely certain, I requested an official opinion from the Legislative Counsel of the State of California, Mr. A. C. Morrison.

**OPINION**  
His opinion No. 3872, is the same as the answer I have been giving my correspondents, but he then proceeds to present an excellent analysis. Unless otherwise indicated, all his references are to the California State Vehicle Code. Here is his opinion and analysis:

"Dear Mr. Chapel:  
Question: 'You have asked this office what agency is responsible for the enforcement of speed limit laws on the portion of a state highway within the boundaries of a city.'

Opinion: 'The California Highway Patrol and local city police have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the speed limit laws on a state highway within the boundaries of the city.'

**ANALYSIS**  
"At the outset it should be noted that the provisions of the Vehicle Code are uniformly applicable through-

out the State and in all counties and municipalities there in (Sec. 21, Veh. C.). As the regulation of vehicle traffic is a matter of statewide concern, the code is equally applicable to chartered and general law cities (Pipoly v. Benson (1942), 20 Cal. 2d 366, 369).

"This being true, the powers by the Vehicle Code to the California Highway Patrol may be exercised by its members in every city of the State as well as in unincorporated areas (Secs. 2400, 2409).

"The California Highway Patrol is given power to enforce the speed laws on highways (Sec. 2400). Since a 'highway' is defined in Section 360 as a 'way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel...' the California Highway Patrol may enforce speed laws on any highway throughout the State with no limitation as to whether the highway be a state highway, county road, or city street (Secs. 2400, 2409).

**LIMITED**  
"In the absence of legislative provision to the contrary, the jurisdiction of a city policeman to enforce the provisions in question is limited to the streets and highways within the boundaries of the city that employs him (62 C.J.S. 'Municipal Corporations' Sec. 574).

"Therefore, the enforcement of the provisions of the Vehicle Code relating to speed laws within a city is a matter for both State and local law enforcement within the boundaries of the city.

"Very truly yours,  
"A. C. Morrison, Legislative Counsel.  
"By Lloyd M. Harmon, Jr., Deputy Legislative Counsel."

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