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Subject: Driscoll St construction 2028

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Dear Jason Brown (and members of the City Council),

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]. I am writing to you today to voice my strong, unequivocal support for the full construction proposal for our road and sidewalks.

Our neighborhood is full of life. On any given day, you will see young kids on bicycles, parents pushing strollers, elderly neighbors taking walks, and residents out with their dogs. Because we have never had sidewalks, all of this activity is forced directly onto the street. With drivers becoming increasingly distracted, what used to be a minor inconvenience has become a genuinely dangerous environment for our vulnerable pedestrians.

We don't have to look far to see what a difference good infrastructure makes. The recent work done on Perkins Street is beautiful, and it completely transformed a stressful walking route into a safe, joyful space for the community. Driscoll Street deserves that same standard of safety. Furthermore, the school bus stop at Driscoll and Charles currently forces kids to wait in the road or in a neighbor's yard. A sidewalk here isn't just an aesthetic upgrade; it is a critical safety necessity for these children.

I know you have received a petition opposing this project, and I want to provide some crucial context on that pushback. Our street is beautifully diverse and home to several minority and refugee families. Sadly, these families have faced overt disapproval and hostility from a few outspoken residents—leading to instances where children have been yelled at just for playing in their neighborhood. The neighbor driving the anti-sidewalk petition is the exact same individual driving this exclusionary behavior.

I urge the Council to look past a loudest-voice petition that is rooted in exclusion, and instead choose equitable, safe infrastructure that protects all residents. Safe sidewalks should be a baseline guarantee for every single child and family on our block, regardless of their background.

I want to be a constructive part of this solution. Because I work a second-shift schedule, I am free during the mornings and early afternoons. If the city or the council needs localized,

firsthand tracking of pedestrian and bicycle traffic to support this project, I am more than happy to volunteer my time to gather those numbers.

Finally, on a quick logistical note regarding my own property: looking at the proposal map, I noticed my driveway is one of the few designated for asphalt while the majority are slated for concrete. I would gladly pay the cost differential to upgrade my driveway apron to concrete during construction (the shoveling alone would be worth it, as well as the longer lifespan). I would appreciate it if city staff could reach out to me regarding how that assessment process works.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe and welcoming for everyone.

Sincerely,

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