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Hello City Council Members,

My name is Janice Bedayn, I live at 311 Bernice Drive in Grass Valley. My house is located in the North Church St./Doris Drive neighborhood, which has recently become a part of the Washington Hill Neighborhood Fire Coalition. Our neighborhood has significantly increased efforts to protect our homes and ourselves from fire using our own resources, however, there are certain things that we cannot do without the help of our city, and I am adding my comments to those I know you will hear this evening.

The recent road improvements on North Church Street are appreciated and welcome, and I thank you. Unfortunately, North Church Street is the only reasonable access into and out of our neighborhood, a one-lane spur that is often tangled up by 2 way traffic. This road will become our nightmare in a fire. You may be aware that Doris Drive turns into a dirt road between the North Church St./Doris Drive neighborhood and the Cypress Hill development which is accessed primarily off of Hughes Road. Although the city annexed this area into the city limits many years ago, it did not take responsibility for the road, leaving it a rutted mess that is mostly impassable. This road will also become our nightmare in a fire.

Currently the responsibility for this road hinges on a property owner's building of a home, at which time he/she will be responsible to maintain the road. This is unreasonable. My neighbors are in agreement that this should not become a paved road (for other safety reasons), but it should be maintained by the city as a gravel road that will allow cars to pass in an emergency. While this isn't a big ask, it could save untold lives.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Janice Bedayn