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Subject: opposition to ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 11.16.150 STREET INDEX OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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Hello,

I was unable to look into this matter in time for the first reading and discussion on 8/15 of the proposed: ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 11.16.150 STREET INDEX OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS. However, I have now reviewed both the Vimeo recording of the meeting and the proposed ordinance amendment wording.

I join Brienne Brown and Neil Hicks in opposition to this proposed ordinance amendment. I hope my opposition as a property owner at 429 S. Elizabeth St. will be considered during the second reading, presumably at the next scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, 9/5 (?)

I have owned this home for approximately 17 years, so have had ample opportunity to observe traffic and safety concerns in the area. I agree the traffic flow is unsafe, particularly during dismissal and pick up times.

However, I do not believe the answer is to remove on-street parking access at all times, including for occupants of the residences on the east side of the street from the middle school up to Walworth Ave. As it is, leaving or returning to our driveways during drop off and pick up times is dangerous for us and cannot always be avoided. Imagine backing into that traffic flow from a driveway safely as people speed around the corner (despite the 4-way stop). Even turning into our driveways with a signal on can be treacherous. To completely eliminate the option for us to park in front of our homes when we need to exit during that time (especially after school pickup) more safely and to not allow sufficient room for our visitors to park in front of our homes (or even within a close, safe distance) when school isn't even in session is unnecessary and an overreach. Most importantly, for various reasons including those noted by Brienne Brown and Neil Hicks, it will not improve safety of students and is likely to further endanger safety, including for my own children who are enrolled in WWUSD. I urge you to consider alternatives to this drastic and likely ineffective proposed "solution".

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