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Subject: parking permit area on Chatsworth Ave

Dear honorable representatives,

As a resident of Ward 1 and homeowner on Portland Avenue just east of Chatsworth, I was alarmed last week to observe an officer ticketing an entire row of vehicles on Chatsworth Ave between Summit Ave and Portland Ave. This was the first indicator that some parking permit restrictions had recently been assigned to this block without my knowledge as a 27 year resident in the neighborhood. My concern is that available parking has now been severely reduced on the block feeding into our street, which has been one way entered only via Chatsworth for many years. During seasonal events when drivers have to compete for open parking spaces our neighborhood already suffers for days at a time from the challenges of snow emergencies, William Mitchell student needs, Grand Old Day visitors and marathon race traffic. The new restriction will push additional cars onto the surrounding streets book cased by multiple dweller residential addresses on Chatsworth and Oxford. It is already a extremely tight situation and a reduction in parking spaces will immediately aggravate curbside options.

I understand that a hearing will be held this evening, August 17, 2011, to discuss the validity of the permit parking area. While I am unable to attend, this note to you is to raise a reasonable concern that local residents were not sufficiently informed or involved in the actions to create this new restriction. I encourage a review of the entire process and the opportunity to reconsider this permit parking zone.

Peace

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