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Subject: Objections Street Assessment Woodlawn Ave
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City Council,

I along with several neighbors on South Woodlawn Ave, have strong objections for an upcoming estimated assessment of \$2,000 for our small block to have a new mill and overlay. I find myself again being outraged how the city is overcharging property tax owners for basic city services. Mayor Melvin Carter just raised our property taxes 15% for the sole purpose of street maintenance and wants another sales tax for streets yet he imposing an assessment on each of our homes for \$2,000 in addition to what we are paying in property taxes. How many times are we supposed to be charged for our streets to be maintained? It is not a lack of money, it is misguided use of tax dollars

For me, this is a step too far. Street maintenance is part of our property taxes. I see over the years that city politicians have lost focus on the core mission of the city: safe streets and sidewalks, public safety, preservation of the environment, trees, historic buildings and institutions and neighborhoods, library services and regional parks and recreation services. Where are you spending our money on? Top priority is basic city services, not social services that the county is responsible for. We are being charged for ideas not services.

With the poor decision not to immediately plow the side streets at the beginning of the snow storm, it iced up our street so bad that Public Works needed to come back to Woodlawn with graters which chewed up sections of the block. So Public Works did their damage and now we are paying for their incompetence. Why isn't Public Works hot patching what they damaged and leave it at that. Just because this is a part of the major master plan to compliment the Highland Bridges that doesn't mean it is a necessity. Why are we being overcharged \$2,000 for our small block. Why are we being charged at all?

This creates an undue hardship when the City keeps taxing and assessing for basic city services that by all account should be part of regular property taxes. What was the additional 15% property tax increase for, recently approved by you... street maintenance. For those of us retired on fixed incomes, this is at a tipping point! Please listen to what the people that you represent are trying to tell you what we want. Thank you

With strong objections,
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