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**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** sidewalk repair allocation on March 15th

Dear Councilmember President Stark and Legislative Aid Samantha Henningson:

I am writing to urge you to support the maximum allocation for sidewalk repair during the upcoming discussion/vote regarding the sidewalk repair budget on March 15th.

The sidewalks in my Midway neighborhood are in hazardous disrepair.

We have completed a complaint with the City and it is my understanding that the issue is whether the budget for the sidewalk repair will be large enough for the repairs to be completed this summer.

I live near an elementary school, public park and group home. I also live next door to an in-home child care business where parents are dropping off infants and toddlers. Lots of Hamline University students also walk through this neighborhood to go back and forth to class. My 70 year old mother has a hard time crossing the city side walk to visit her grandchildren. The sidewalk is buckled in such a way that water pools and then freezes over in a deep pool each night causing a serious hazard for anyone passing by.

It is also my understanding that the length of time that it will take the city to fix this side walk at will depend on the outcome of an upcoming budget vote/discussion. If additional funds are allocated then sidewalks in my area may be repaired this summer.

Thus, I think it is very important that the Council be informed of the hazard that these sidewalks pose. I have attached three photos of the icy sidewalk in front of the house.

I am not sure I can attend the city council meeting on March 15th. Please feel free to use these photos to show other Councilmembers the dire need for the maximum allocation for sidewalk repair funds.

Thank you.

Shireen Rahnema

Resident of Ward 4





