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I never realized how Permit Parking could affect so many people. I originally signed up in favor of the Permit Parking on the 1 block of Chatsworth between Summit Ave. and Portland Ave. Since my husband and I live on the corner of Portland and Chatsworth, we already have permit parking on Portland.

Now that I see how many people are inconvenienced by the Permit Parking on the 1 block of Chatsworth, I have reconsidered my view and I AM OPPOSED to the Permit Parking and would like to see it taken away.

For those who do not use their garage for parking their vehicles, it may seem like a bigger problem to them. But we find it is nice to have our cars in the locked garage to prevent vandals from breaking windows of our cars to steal CD's, then to find the music isn't to their liking and leave the car with the broken glass laying on the street. We knew when we moved to our home 15 years ago, that we were in the city and there were lots of patrons parking on Summit and other streets when they were shopping, dining, etc. on Grand Ave. We also have many students from William Mitchell Law School who park on Chatsworth. It isn't a perfect world. BUT, we love it here and I don't own our street outside of our home, so anyone can park there when they need to. If the time comes where it is impossible to walk out to our car, we will decide about getting handicap parking in front of our house, but for the time being, it's 1st come, 1st served. If cars park in the way of alleys or driveways, the police can be called to have that car impounded or ticketed. Those driveways may need to have a sign posted stating not to block the driveway. The fact that Chatsworth is a Night Snow Plow Route, the 20 homes on our 1 block of Portland Ave. have to move their cars so the plows can get thru on Portland. Since there is a condo building directly across from us, they do not have garage or off street parking, so they have to park on Chatsworth when plowing is being done in Portland. I think NO PARKING PERMIT on Chatsworth would be better for the majority than it is for the 6 families that live on that 1 block. Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Let's go back to free parking for our block. No permits, no stickers, no dealing with visitors having to run back to put a VISITOR PARKING SIGN on their dashboard when they come to visit us. It's really much simpler for everyone without PERMIT PARKING.

Sincerely,

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