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Good Morning Ms. Bonenfont,

I would like to thank you for taking my call yesterday, I appreciate your assistance with this matter. I would like the following issue to be addressed/added to the agenda for the next city council meeting. Please let me know if there is anything further you need.

I have also directed my neighbors with similar concerns to do the same. I have sent emails also to Matt Walsh and Keith Nyhan with no response as of now. See below.

I am reaching out regarding the recent parking changes to Spruce Street (between West Street and Allison St). I have been speaking with neighbors about how this has negatively impacted our lives. We received no notice of these changes beforehand and have been scrambling to figure out what to do.

I am a homeowner of 18-20 Spruce Street, and we were given bad information from the sellers of the building which has caused great harm to our lives. Our property has a right of way area that was graveled in by the previous owners. They advised us upon purchase of the building that they had received permission for their tenants to park there. The parking is extremely limiting in our backyard, and we are going to spend thousands of dollars to fix it to give our tenants a safe place to park. Additionally, my partner is an electrician and has a work van that he brings home. He now must park it in the street due to these changes. The van has been broken into in the past when parking it in the street. This means we are now causing more clogging up of the street as we are forced to leave our van out with thousands of dollars in tools in it.

I do understand why there is a need to limit parking on our 'narrow' street, though this has not been an issue with our leg of Spruce St to anyone's knowledge. We reviewed the original plan for the narrow street project, our part of Spruce Street was not even on the map. It feels very much like this is creating a problem to fix a problem for other neighborhoods, not ours. The change moved the parking to the east side of the road and it is unclear why that decision was made. Prior to this, hardly anyone parked on the east side of the street because of the way the curb was set a few years ago. Apparently, homeowners were given the option to pay to have curb installed to the end of their properties and this did this to deter parking on their side. Now, they've lost that benefit that they paid for. The west side of the street has much more space and it would make more sense if the parking was moved to our side instead.

I have spoken with my neighbors on both sides of the road, and we are looking for ways to have our voices heard on this matter urgently. We should not, as taxpayers, be forced to endure this with no notification or consultation. My partner and I would never have bought this home had we known this would happen to us. This can be resolved by moving the parking

signs to the side of the road (alternatively, removing them altogether or setting them for winter parking bans only). Please let me know if there's any further information I can provide to clarify the issue. Thank you for your time.

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