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Subject: Proposed Riverview (off Geddes) project

Dear Ms. Gosselin,

Thank you very much for your time on the phone this afternoon. You were very helpful. I am following up to give you my thoughts on the proposed Riverview project as you indicated that an email would be good to express my opinion with the planning commission.

Every resident of the Riverview area accesses the neighborhood from Geddes. We have all been subjected to an unbelievably long, inconvenient, and personally costly construction project for two years now. We are barely two weeks into accessing our neighborhood normally and we hear that the city is considering tearing up Riverview in 2018 for another major infrastructure project. I wonder how much of this the city thinks is reasonable for a resident to have to tolerate. I know for a fact that more than 1/2 of the residents that would be effected by the sewer/water availability do not want this project to move forward now. I can share the breakdown house by house if anyone is interested.

We moved to Dover Place (off Riverview) from a Burns Park area very close to the students. The point of the move was to get away from the student noise and find a peaceful neighborhood. Ours is just that. However, for two years now we have had a constant stream of construction noise, dirt, beep beep beep of construction vehicles, extremely inconvenient detours lasting over a year, clouds of dirt flowing through the neighborhood and into our homes when the windows are open, rude contractor's flagmen ordering us around like children, the mud slalom down Geddes when it was dirt and water, sewage spills multiple times into Gallup Park, I could go on. Construction is one thing, the Geddes project duration and management was not reasonable. I noted that in 1931 the Empire State Building was built in 13 months. But, the city and that contractor needed three construction seasons to do this work on Geddes.

I am not objecting to the eventual installation of water and sewer in our area. That's not the point. The point is that we need a break. To start this whole thing up again in spring of '18 and expect us to slog through a similar scenario again this soon is not reasonable. I wonder how many years while living in my home I have to deal with these conditions. At this point it could be a major portion of the time in that home. That's just wrong.

I am sure there are other projects that can be addressed before this one. I am suggesting that the city leave us in peace to enjoy our homes and neighborhood for a couple years.

Regards,
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