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Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
City of Ann Arbor
301 E. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

RE: Objection to Special Assessment District 64 and "Stone School Road Sidewalk Project"

Dear City Council:

We are City of Ann Arbor residents who live at 2883 Stone School Road. We recently became aware that the City has created a Special Assessment District ("SAD"), Special Assessment District No. 64, File Number 23-1900, to fund the City's proposed Stone School Road Sidewalk Project (the "Project"). While we are not included in the SAD, the proposed sidewalk will run in front of our house, on the easterly side of Stone School Road between Eisenhower Parkway and Packard Street.

We write to express our objection to this Project, as it is not necessary and not a good use of our city resources. This is because there is already a sidewalk running along the westerly side of this portion of Stone School Road, and based on our observations, it is infrequently used, such that there is no need for a sidewalk on the east side. As far as we can tell, the City has not conducted any study or assessment of pedestrian traffic or pedestrian safety along the portion of Stone School Road at issue that would support the building of a second, parallel sidewalk. We are also concerned that there would be no practical mechanism to safely maintain the proposed sidewalk once installed.

In addition, most of our neighbors along the easterly side of Stone School Road are Pittsfield Township residents, not Ann Arbor residents. It is these neighbors who have been included in the SAD. We do not feel it is ethical or fair for the City to charge them, collectively, over \$144,000.00 for installation of a City sidewalk, which they will then have to pay if/when their properties are ever annexed by the City. This is especially true where there is no need for a new sidewalk on the easterly side of Stone School and there are likely other locations in the City that could be genuinely improved by the installation of a sidewalk. Many of our neighbors are seniors and retirees, and they will face a real hardship from this assessment, which is not right.

Sincerely,

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