

Kenneth and Melanie Cameron
3415 Jackson Ave
Ann Arbor, MI
May 15, 2020

City Clerk
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**RE: District #61 Special Assessment Roll
File # 20-0475 and 2019-034
Resolution No 4 Establishing a Public Hearing for the Proposed Jackson Ave
Sidewalk Gap Project**

Dear Ann Arbor City Council:

We are writing in objection to the Jackson Rd Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project. We strongly disagree with the special assessment that is scheduled to be imposed upon us.

We have no any interest in a sidewalk being built on our property. We see little benefit of a sidewalk to us or our property. The additional burden of having to shovel it the winter and must maintain if there is a crack or issue is not welcome. In addition, a 5 ft. wide sidewalk is extremely intrusive and would be an eyesore on our property.

If this sidewalk is considered “beneficial” or necessary to the general public as a public safety issue, then the cost of building the sidewalk should be primarily on the shoulders of the city. We certainly pay our share of taxes. It is not reasonable for it to be the exclusive responsibility of the 5 properties owners whose properties the sidewalk is being imposed on.

We can ill afford the proposed \$15,259.31 assessment during normal times, much less now during these uncertain economic times the Covid-19 pandemic has created. There is the distinct possibility that if we are made to pay this assessment, we may lose our home...all for what, a sidewalk someone thinks is necessary?

The first we heard about this project and the financial burden we are asked to bear was on Thursday when our neighbor braved the COVID fears to knock on our door and inform us of this. We never received any letters or notifications from the City of Ann arbor informing us of this.

We are astonished to find out how quickly things are moving along during this national crisis and shutdown. Is it really necessary to move this project at this breakneck speed?

As a nurse, I am doing as much as I can dealing with the Covid virus. I do not think that it is too much to ask for some time to digest, understand and be able to respond to something that will have a tremendous financial impact on me and my family.

Please submit this letter as our formal objection to the project and the special assessment that is being imposed upon us for this project. Please include it in the materials to be presented at the May 18, 2020 Ann Arbor City Council public hearing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie and Kenneth Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melanie and Kenneth Cameron
Parcel # 09-08-25-200-018