My name is Rabbi Mendel Matusof. I am president and director of the organization, Chabad at the University of Wisconsin, Inc. which owns 223 W Gilman St. I am requesting removal of my property from the State Street Mall Concourse Maintenance Area.

We spent three years trying to come up with an expansion plan for our facility. Easiest would have been to demolish everything and build up from scratch. However, we never did consider that, because we are part of a residential neighborhood, Mansion Hill. We did request to take down the adjoining dilapidated property, and permission was eventually granted, but not to build a large commercial space, simply to expand our facility to the scale of a home.

The State Street Mall is extremely important to the businesses in its district. We believe that we are unfairly being asked to shoulder the cost of which we do not seek and receive benefit from. We are a residential space, part of Mansion Hill, servicing students primarily from Langdon, and asked to pay for our proximity to State Street businesses.

We have a small garden in front of the property. The litter blowing simply gets much of the trash in the garden which I must then collect regardless. I need to shovel my snow with a wide path, as every other owner in town. The snow brush truck which drives thru does not make a wide enough path, and we need to do it after each snow fall. When there is ice, I need to salt the walkway, no one does that for me.

In addition, we are directly across the street from the Lutheran Center. There is no way in which the Jewish Center is more relevant to, or seeks to be a part of this important business district on the adjoining State Street more than the Lutheran Center.

I ask that the State Street Mall Concourse Area be revised to exclude 223 W Gilman St from the area. Or at the least, that the fee me substantially reduced, with services for us clearly defined and provided.

Thank you.

My name is Eileen Bruskewitz, 5134 Reynolds Avenue, Town of Westport. I am the owner of 225 W Gilman and I am requesting removal of my property from the State Street Mall Concourse Maintenance area.

Several years ago, my property, along with the adjacent two properties were condemned by the City of Madison to develop a mid-State Street Parking Ramp. When that initiative failed and the condemnation order was lifted, I asked on behalf of my partnership that we be removed from the Maintenance Service Area because we do not receive any benefit for the fees we are charged. My copy of the 2015 Mall Maintenance Service Area, prepared by the Parks Department on the City website, shows that we were not included. The new 2017 map includes us in the designated area and we are requesting again to be removed. I don't know of any other totally residential property included in the entire service area except mine.

The services provided: picking up litter, snow shoveling, removing graffiti and pulling weeds are done on an ongoing basis by our maintenance staff.

We do not want any Mall furniture at our property because that would encourage loitering. We have never seen anyone do power washing in front of our buildings because it really isn't necessary. We do not rely on Mall Maintenance for any of their services and common sense says we should not have to pay for them.

The State Street Mall Concourse area has all commercial properties including many restaurants and bars which require the kind of services the Mall Concourse Staff needs to attend to. But, that is not who we are. 225 W Gilman Street is a private residential 3 flat which houses UW students and there is no commercial activity on the premises at all. Yet, we are being charged for the same services as those commercial establishments.

Copies of the 2015 and the 2017 maps are handed out.

I would ask that the maps be revised and remove 225 W Gilman Street, or at the very least that the fee be substantially reduced with a delineation of services that would be provided for the fee.

One other item. Since Gilman Street is blocked off for Halloween and for the outdoor State Street Markets, our tenants cannot access their private parking spots. The city is essentially expropriating our private property for a public use without compensation. I'm asking on behalf of our tenants that they be permitted to park in the Buckeye lot without charge.

I would be happy answer any questions.

Thank you.

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