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Patrick:

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday to discuss the upcoming public hearing by the City Transportation Commission.

Since Barb and I will be out of town next week, we appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments for consideration by the Commission members.

Attached please find our comments in opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace.

Please let us know if you or members of the Commission have any questions about our statement.

We would appreciate being kept informed about any further developments regarding the request for residential permit parking on Virginia Terrace.

Thank you.

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DATE: AUGUST 5, 2019

TO: MEMBERS, CITY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RE: REQUEST FOR 2-HOUR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ON SCHOOL DAYS
400 & 500 BLOCKS OF VIRGINIA TERRACE

Thank you for this opportunity to provide these written comments in opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace. We are unable to attend the public hearing on August 14 because of prior commitments.

We have lived at 453 Virginia Terrace since 1978. We are opposed to the request because designation as a residential permit parking street will not address in any way the issue of the narrowing of the street in the winter. However, it will result in additional expense to residents required to purchase parking permits, inconvenience and confusion for residents, visitors and guests attempting to understand and navigate the new parking rules, and increased risk for damage to cars parked on the street as commuters and others try to avoid parking violations by moving their vehicles every two hours.

The request fails to address the big issue, which is the lack of on-campus parking for faculty, staff and students at West High School, Edgewood and the University of Wisconsin. If approved, the request will simply push the issue to other streets. For example, the request for residential permit parking for the 500 block of Virginia Terrace appears to be a self-protection reaction to the request for such restrictions for the 400 block.

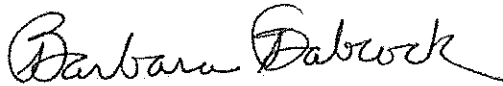
In our opinion, it makes sense to wait and see what changes are proposed for parking regulations for the entire area in late fall as part of the expansion of the Clean Streets/Clean Lakes program and Snow Emergency Zone.

Thank you for your consideration of our opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 block of Virginia Terrace.

Sincerely,



William Babcock



Barbara Babcock

cc: Shiva Bidar
Alder, District 5