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Hello,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposal to eliminate parking on Midvale Blvd. My family and I live at 33 S Midvale Blvd and we, like many other residents of Midvale, are opposed to this change as it would cause significant impact and undue burden on us.

We rely on street parking nearly every day for any visitors we have to our house. Without this flexibility we would simply not be able to have friends and family visit.

We are located between Bagley Parkway and Regent with no side streets in between. That means that the nearest safe street parking would be about a quarter mile away. Our other option would be to park on Merlham and encourage/increase pedestrian traffic across Midvale at an intersection without a crosswalk or light.

Because of our lot and driveway sizes, trades service vehicles (electricians, broadband, plumbing, yardwork, construction) do not fit in our narrow driveways. Or they have to take a wide turn to get into the driveway blocking traffic on Midvale, which creates a dangerous situation. Street parking allows for a safer way for us to have these services provided.

I can also see the scenario where businesses refuse to perform work on our house if they are unable to use street parking, which would be a severe detriment to Midvale residents.

The alternative I would propose is removing or narrowing the Blvd to allow room for both parking and a bike lane.

I also am disappointed with how this was presented to residents. We received a postcard titled Midvale improvements and upon learning more feel like that is misleading. In addition to the misleading title, there was very little notice to make the Sep. 13 meeting. We will try to attend another meeting, but typically these are held at 5:00p.m., which is a very inconvenient time for working families with little children.

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