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Dear City Engineering Staff:

I live on the 800 block of Jenifer Street and am very concerned about the plan to destroy about 40 trees on the street. These big old trees are an irreplaceable asset to the community. Please consider the Marquette Neighborhood Association's proposed alternative, as follows:

1. **Put electrical line underground:** A critical component of the plan calls for putting only the high-voltage electrical line underground at a price that's fair and reasonable to residents. This does not affect existing service between the pole and houses. This alone will end the brutal pruning we've witnessed in recent years and permit the planting of canopy trees, which otherwise would not be allowed beneath these lines.
2. **Increase the water permeable soil volume** to ensure greater tree health and improve their likelihood of surviving droughts and heatwaves by providing a slightly wider terrace of a foot on each side of the street. This increases the soil area of the street terraces by almost 17 percent. The new curb locations will decrease the damage to existing tree roots and enhance their survivability.
3. **Retain existing, healthy ash trees where possible.** Treat and protect the healthy well-branched ash trees presently designated for removal. Presently, adjoining property owners are not permitted to adopt the trees to have them treated. They should be treated, and they should be allowed to be adopted by nearby property owners or other entities.
4. **Re-plant canopy shade trees** rather than short tree varieties to replace those lost, throughout.

Please spare these majestic trees!

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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