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Alder Keith,

I just read your blog post and did not find any evidence of "emphasizing priorities you hear directly from District 19 residents," as you promised when running for office. To the contrary, your message below states that clarifications on the blog summarize your position—a direct admission you are doing what you want. You do not respect public input from hundreds of constituents who have other views, which raises serious questions about your ability to serve as an Alder.

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/documents/Alder%20Role%20Brochure%202012\(4\).pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/documents/Alder%20Role%20Brochure%202012(4).pdf)

To make matters worse, you imply that constituents with opposing views do not care about equity, accessibility, and safety. This is totally wrong and unfair, even insulting. If you would carefully read the voluminous public comments we have sent to you and the City over the past two months, you will find an intense focus on protecting the environment and combatting climate change for the entire Madison area. You seem hellbent on preventing hypothetical pedestrian accidents and providing sidewalks to local stores that don't exist. We want the LMD project to promote equal access to safe drinking water, a healthy lake, surroundings of natural beauty, and honored sites of Native heritage.

There are no historical data suggesting that pedestrians are likely to be killed while walking on LMD, but there are lots of scientific data predicting that hundreds of people will die from drinking Well 14 water. Really, Keith, how should the City spend its limited resources on this project for the benefit of all? How about using the money for modern traffic management and resource conservation practices, all engineered into a shared-use street? Do a benefit-cost analysis from social and economic perspectives; the answer is a no-brainer.

I have lived 75 years in seven states, a dozen cities, and four countries. I have never found a more socially and environmentally concerned citizenry than residents of Spring Harbor. If you are looking for equity, access and safety, you will find them abundantly in every proposal we have submitted. We truly believe that LMD renovation offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the City of Madison to join other local organizations in recognizing that environment and climate are critical foundations of social justice for the future.

<https://carhday.nelson.wisc.edu>

<https://www.instagram.com/onewatermadison/>

<https://www.wisconsinacademy.org/climate-fast-forward-2022>

Your focus on sidewalks is so 20th century. Our difference of perspectives on LMD's future brings to mind a ubiquitous banner from protests back in the sixties: Lead, or get out of the way.

Voter Jeff

On Mar 28, 2022, at 11:14 AM, Furman, Keith <district19@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for your feedback. Please take a look at my blog post. I believe it clarifies the facts on some of the issues you raise and it summarizes my position, which prioritizes equity, accessibility, and safety. I am extremely grateful for the ways that City staff work to customize plans to preserve existing character in neighborhoods when they undergo these projects. I am confident that the plan, especially as it evolves, will preserve character, but most importantly, will make this neighborhood more accessible to all.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district19/blog/?id=25136>

-Keith F.

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Mr. Furman,

I voted for you in the last municipal election because you said during the campaign (<https://www.wortfm.org/join-us-district-19-debate-friday-at-5pm/>), "I work hard every day to connect people with resources and learn as much as I can about the options before Council so that I can best represent my neighbors...the issues that I emphasize are the priorities that I hear directly from District 19 residents." The way you are handling the upgrade to Lake Mendota Drive completely contradicts this promise you made as a candidate. You are not representing hundreds of Spring Harbor residents who have spoken out against your pet project, and you are actively working against neighbors' efforts to publicize options to it.

You did not even inform us about the project until a few days before the first public information presentation on January 11. Your excuse was that nothing had really been done on the project, but subsequent comments from the Mayor, City engineers, and surveyors prove that work had been underway for months. When called to task for this deception, you urged us to wait until we saw the proposal in hopes that we would like it. Well, hundreds of us did not like what we saw on January 11. We immediately asked for a delay so that we could become meaningfully involved in the planning process, but you have done absolutely nothing to delay and revise the plan based on what you heard from your constituents.

In spite of your efforts to suppress our input, dozens of Spring Harbor residents—including top-flight experts in key project areas—worked with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association to develop a proposal in accord with City policy. Hundreds of volunteer hours went into preparing this report over a period of two weeks—but you have consistently thwarted official consideration of its well-documented alternatives on the grounds that the City cannot modify existing policies to reflect unique attributes of Lake Mendota Drive. Your one-size-fits-all, my-way-or-the-highway approach is offensive because

exceptions have been made on similar projects in other districts where Alders actually work with their constituents.

Perhaps most offensively, however, you personally had a City employee remove front-yard signs that promoted taking the time to do this project comprehensively and collaboratively. Your petty action was clearly designed to silence dissent. Elected officials may do this in Hoboken (the city where you got involved in politics, you said on WORT), but it is conduct unbecoming an elected official in Madison. Given the promise you made as a candidate, you have an ethical obligation to inform the Common Council on March 29 that your motion, "Approving roadway geometry for the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive from Baker Ave. to the City of Madison Limits," is strenuously opposed by a large number of constituents who are eager to help the City develop a plan that improves the environment, climate, and public health—goals not adequately addressed in the current plan. Please practice what you preached when you ran for the privilege of representing us, or resign.

Jeff Bauer