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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