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Sent: To: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 9:02 PM Smith, Brian; Langer, Scott; Pien, Janet

Subject:

FW: Traffic Signal at Old Sauk and North Westfield Roads

I didn't get this one in time. You could attach it to the legistar file.

From: Patricia M. Devine [mailto:pmd@dewittross.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 12:54 PM

To: "district 9"@cityofmadison.com

Cc: Mayor; Engineer

Subject: RE: Traffic Signal at Old Sauk and North Westfield Roads

Dear Council Member Skidmore:

As an owner residing in the Epernay Condominiums located on North Westfield Road, I fully support the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Sauk Road and North Westfield Road. Crossing this intersection, whether as a pedestrian, bicyclist or motorist, has become a matter of placing one's life in peril, and I appreciate your efforts in support of this project.

I understand the need to assess the property owners who will benefit from the use of this traffic signal, and I am most certainly willing to pay my fair share toward installation of the traffic signal. However, I was astonished to note that single-family residences are exempt from the assessment and the reasoning therefor. It is appalling that the City of Madison, known for its policies of fairness toward residents, would support an ordinance that is blatantly discriminatory toward condominium and business owners located in an assessment district. <u>Each</u> person and business within this assessment district will benefit from the installation of the traffic signal, and assessments should be levied on that basis.

Thus, while I endorse installation of the traffic signal and paying my fair share of the assessment, I strongly object to the exclusion of single-family residences from this assessment. I trust that you, as well as other council members, will seek to remedy the discriminatory manner in which such assessments are calculated.

I shall look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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