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Dear Rob Phillips, Marsha Hacker and Marsha Rummel,

We fully support the Street Tree and Traffic Committee of the MNA's alternative plan to preserve and enhance the existing canopy on Jenifer Street. As residents of the Marquette neighborhood who live on a shade tree-lined street, we understand the importance of these trees in our daily lives. They provide shade, protect from wind, lower energy costs, absorb storm water and add greatly to the character of the neighborhood. Removing trees on this historic street is short-sighted. These trees were planted for many important reasons. Taking them out for one reason (power lines) is unfair to residents who wish to keep the trees and preserve the landscape of their neighborhood. The good of having the trees far outweighs the inconvenience of them.

We believe the MNA's alternative plan should be a template for the way the city should be treating all the city's shade trees. Instead of a burden, they should be seen as what they are, a valuable resource. Replacing these mature shade trees with ornamental trees is not the answer.

The city's current plan to remove over 10,000 ash trees on the Isthmus (including all the trees on the north side of Spaight Street) is, in our opinion, expensive and wasteful. Emerald ash borer is already here and has passed through. Not giving people the option for adopting and treating the trees is missed opportunity. Assuming it costs, \$1,000 to remove a tree and \$1,000 to plant a new one (\$2,000x10,000 trees=\$20 million.) The city will be spending an exorbitant amount of money removing healthy, wanted ash trees.

We respectfully ask that you give the MNA Street Tree and Traffic Committee's alternative plan the consideration it deserves.

Sincerely,

Henry Doane and Jackie Suska  
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