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Hello Alder Abbas,

I'm a resident and owner of a 3 unit building on Tokay Blvd (5119/5121/5123). I would like to state that I'm strongly apposed to losing on-street parking in front of the multifamily housing on Tokay Blvd. My family, tenants, and neighbors use on-street parking on a daily basis. Without on-street parking, residents (elderly an young children) and our visitors would be forced to park blocks away from their home. In my unit, 5123, my wife, my elderly father, and myself have our own vehicles (three cars). Our multigenerational living situation is a result of the pandemic where we lost my mother and brother in 2021. My father had to sell our childhood home in Madison and now stays with me, my wife, and our young child. We are storing the my parent's and brother's precious belongings in my garage so we need to park one car in the driveway and two on the street every night. Losing on-street would be devastating to our family. I can't imagine my father or my wife and child walking blocks up hill in inclement weather or at night. Nor would I want to see that for my tenants, neighbors, or visitors.

During the Transportation Commission meeting on March 23rd the City's Engineering Team proposed a plan the would allow for a bike lane in addition to on-street parking. They proposed this plan due to numerous residents voicing thier opposition to losing on-street parking, but unfortunately the Commission did not support that idea. I please ask that you support families like mine and retain on-street parking and reconsider the proposed solution that would benefit everyone.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to chat before the final meeting tomorrow.

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