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At.: Larry D. Nelson P.E.
City Engineer

I am responding to a "Notice Of Special Assessment" that I received last week-end. I would like very much to attend the hearing on Feb. 7Th at 6:30 P.M. but driving downtown at that time of night is not in my best interest. So I will try and express my opinions this way.

The repairs that are being recommended are on city property and the damages caused are through no fault of mine. Although I have no control over said property it is my responsibility to maintain it. Such as keeping it shoveled in the winter and mowed in the summer. I even clean the sewer drain when it clogs up because nobody else cleans it out and it causes very serious flooding on the corner and up the street causing hazardous driving conditions.

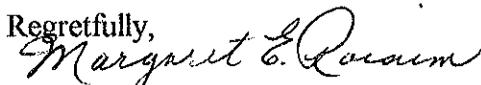
Much of the damage that has occurred has been caused by the snow plows. They drop the plow right at the end of my driveway(Apron) jarring and sometimes breaking the gutter. Last summer the grid on the sewer had to be reset and the broken gutter replaced on both sides of the street and I had to reseed my side and keep it watered.

The heavy traffic due to Elvehjem School just a block away also puts a lot of stress on the area. School buses travel the area at least twice a day and the street is lined up with parents vehicles dropping off their children and picking them up. So you see my lone auto puts very little stress by comparison.

My husband and I bought here in 1962 and raised our family here. We did have to replace our driveway of course at our own expense. We have had sidewalks replaced at our expense, a tree that was knocked down by a passing vehicle and numerous grass repairs caused by cars loosing control and ending up on the terrace and onto our property. The city does not repair the damage, I do. I am a widow now and I realize that I have nothing to say about the streets (Academy Dr. & Ellen Ave.) , gutters, aprons, sewers but I do have to mow, shovel and care for them if they are going to get cared for at all. I have damaged my mower trying get around the broken curb to mow the terrace. Somehow there seems to be an inequity here. My Total Estimated Assessment is for \$1,288.50 I realize that not everybody is assessed at that amount and I also realize how helpless one feels when they have nothing to say about what happens in their immediate place of residence.

An acknowledgment would be greatly appreciated.

Regretfully,



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