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To whom it may concern at the Board of Public Works:

My name is Erin Eagleman and I live on the 500 block of South Paterson Street in the Marquette neighborhood. I am writing in support of undergrounding the power lines that line Jenifer Street.

I understand that work will begin this year to update the existing sewer lines, and that with this construction will come the removal of many of the street's large canopy trees, followed by the planting of small shrub trees. The trees in our neighborhood are not just a beautiful part of what makes this historic area so special; sure they look amazing, but they are so much more to so many of us.

First, as someone who is relatively new to the Madison, the Isthmus and the Marquette neighborhood, I'd like to make clear how amazed my family and I were with how very lush and green the great, mature foliage in this neighborhood was when we moved here. It was one of the top remarks we continually made after visiting Marquette, and then another neighborhood, and then back to Marquette, and then over to yet another neighborhood. And finally to settle in Marquette! My family and I walk and bike Jenifer Street daily, and the canopy trees provide shade to the street's numerous pedestrians, bikers and drivers. As someone who is on foot or bike daily with young children, I can also appreciate how the canopy trees provide drivers an excellent blockage from the sun, therefore making the street safer for everyone. Small shrub trees will provide no safe shade for pedestrians or drivers.

As a resident of the neighborhood I can appreciate how the large canopy trees provide my home with thick shade in the summer, therefore keeping my home considerably cooler than if the hot sun beat through my windows each day. In comparison, small shrub trees will provide our homes with no protection from the sun.

As a nature lover and as a parent of nature lovers, I'm amazed at the awesome wildlife we see in the canopy trees on our neighborhood. In a city! These old, huge trees provide refuge to so many living creatures, creatures that couldn't live in shrub trees. If we don't replant canopy trees we will likely lose an unfathomable amount of nature right out our front doors.

Undergrounding the power lines along Jenifer Street will allow for the replanting of large canopy trees that will let our beautiful, historical neighborhood keep it's original character. Jenifer Street and the Marquette Neighborhood will be a different place all together if shrub trees replace canopy trees.

Thank you for your time. I truly hope you take into consideration the impact that undergrounding the high voltage lines on Jenifer Street will have on our neighborhood for generations to come.

Best,
Erin Eagleman