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Project name:

Dunning Street, Jackson Street, Lafollette Avenue Reconstruction Assessment District - 2020

Hello Mr. Phillips, Mr. El Musa, and Board of Public Works,

First I would like to thank you for all the hard work you and your division are doing for our area of the city. This seems like an enormous task.

I'd also like to thank you for providing us with such detailed information regarding your plans and our involvement.

You probably expected to hear from us as one of the highest assessed properties regarding this project, at almost nine thousand dollars (\$8,576); quite a lot of money for a retired couple on a fixed income. We feel that a number of the quotes regarding our property are confusing at best, and unreasonable at worst. Here is our list of concerns.

1. "Remove sidewalk" is quoted as \$250. "Replace sidewalk" is quoted as \$702. These quotes are based on 234 square feet of sidewalk. We have noticed there is a white "X" on ONE SQUARE of our sidewalk, on Lafollette Avenue. This is hardly 234 square feet.

2. "Remove and replace terrace stairs." This is quoted as \$3,000. Since we are planning on doing away with the retaining wall entirely, and the slope from the sidewalk to the curb is not great at this point. we would rather not have any steps at all.

If for some reason we are still required to have these unnecessary steps, we will install them ourselves. But we would like to know the rule or ordinance that requires steps here.

3. Why are we being assessed for TWO "Sanitary Sewer Reconnections" at \$1,200 each for a total of \$2,400 when everyone else seems to be assessed for ONE such reconnection? How could we possibly need TWO Sanitary Sewer lines? We are only one small house.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am attaching a copy of this letter in PDF format in case you prefer it that way.

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