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Dear Board of Public Works Members:

I am writing this note in support of Item No. 5 on your agenda tonight, a request for your approval of a report regarding the potential of providing city services to some private streets (with qualifications and processes) and further supporting a pilot to test the system.

In District 3, there are several private streets or carriage lanes that receive a mix of city services while they pay for additional private services. Residents have asked consistently over the years about the possibility of becoming full members of the city services club. While they understand that their homes have always been part of this hybrid service, they are anxious to explore the provision of full city services through the city's public examination process.

One neighborhood is recommended to be part of the pilot program and neighbors have had several discussions with me and are very willing to work together with the city to explore solutions that provide services with reasonable safeguards that respect liabilities and expenses, and citizen interest and equity.

Thank you for your consideration of the item and your approval.

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