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**To:** [City Council](#)  
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Hello City Council Members,

Today you will be discussing sidewalks in the city. As a resident who walks quite often I was in favor of the much needed work to be done. I then saw a proposed increase in car tabs to fund this. I know the money has to come from somewhere, but residents have already had a property tax increase for the school district and also the levy lid lift that went through. People can't afford to constantly be asked to pay for more and more. Perhaps you should consider not giving the property developers 12 years of property tax breaks for the "affordable" housing and then the city would have some money. I put affordable in quotes because anyone who sat down to do the math on this could clearly see that this metric for "affordable" was not truly affordable to anyone making the salary of a nurse or teacher. I was vocally against the rezones when they happened, and this is part of why. The city needed that money that these developments would bring in and now here comes yet again another issue that the city is asking me (as a homeowner) to pay for when developers get off free for 12 years. You continue to plan for a city of some future residents while punishing those of us who live here.

Sincerely,  
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