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Dear Council Members.

First, thank you for listening to our concerns around the sidewalk design at 5th Avenue. I was one of the folks who spoke in a recent Council meeting, and am heartened to know the message was received.

Second, I would like to ask again that the trees along 5th Avenue be preserved. There are ways a sidewalk can be designed that would allow this happen.

I know there are members of the Council who are eager for the city to grow and increase housing density. Your views have been made very clear. Sidewalks however, do not need to become such a bone of contention. They do not need to be 6 feet wide. They can be designed in such a way that no healthy trees are destroyed. Now is the time for creative solutions, not the same stale ones that have brought us to this place of climate catastrophe.

We are at a critical juncture on the planet. Each decision has impact. I don't know how to design sidewalks, but there have to be companies that do know how to design them in such a way that perfectly healthy trees, which are an asset to us all, do not need to be destroyed.

I am asking you to choose a design for the sidewalk along 5th Avenue that allows for pedestrians **and** trees to cohabitate.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

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