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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my displeasure and strong objection to the proposed reclassification of 9th Ave SE to a "Collector Distributor" street. City staff proposed this change without any consideration of the public's outcry against their overreaching recommendations starting with the specific designation of the MEDELA site as part of the "urban corridor".

The only entity benefitting from the inclusion of the MEDELA site within the "urban corridor" is MEDELA. The only entity benefitting from a change of the classification of this one block of 9th Ave SE is MEDELA. The only entity benefitting from any zoning, changes and/or adjustments to anything in the general area of this one block of street is MEDELA.

Why is city staff making recommendation for changes that only benefit a single property owner and in fact will be detrimental to all of the residents along the one block of street proposed for reclassification. It makes one wonder who on the city staff is benefiting from helping MEDELA reduce the potential costs of developing the property at the expense of the city and the tax payers within the city. Please explain how anyone except MEDELA benefits from this city staff recommendation.

Tell me, who will pay for the reclassification of this one block of street if it is reclassified. If the city reclassifies it, would MEDELA really be financially responsible for implementing a city change. MEDELA representatives adamantly stated they would not be responsible if the city changes the classification of this block.

Now lets talk about the real issues. City staff have already said they cannot meet the criteria of collector distributor as the existing ride away is insufficient and in reality to develop the street to this level would require eminent domain and taking of resident's property. City staff have said they could do a design but it would not include bike lanes, which is the exact reason for reclassifying this block of street, to aid MEDELA in their argument that apartments would increase bike and pedestrian commutes from the existing site if rezoned to RM18.

The existing street has only one lot of sidewalk out of six homes adjacent to it. The street is already in disrepair. City Council has already said they don't have the funds to maintain existing infrastructure, how are you going to pay for this one block even and what is the projected cost. Without answers to these simple questions, how can you responsibly consider yet alone vote to change the classification of this street.

I respectfully urge you to vote no on the proposed reclassification of this one block of street. It would be absolutely irresponsible to vote in any way by no.

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