

**From:** [Jill Godici](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SE 89th and Taylor LID  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 12:04:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [WhiteDominantCulture.pdf](#)

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Hi, My name is Jill Godici. I live at 1165 SE 89th. I am hoping to convey to Portland City Council that we do not want the sidewalks or pay for the sidewalks. We have talked to our neighbors and they all have the same reaction, we don't need it, we don't want to pay for it, its not worth it. We also understand that this opportunity might not come for another 40 years and we are ok with that. I will speak for myself in this email, however, we have another email with an attached petition with 10/14 signatures in opposition and we likely will have more by this evening.

The area that they want to do sidewalks in does NOT need this improvement. Its flat and has gravel, this wont improve things significantly. Bottom line for me, I dont want the debt at 20 years 165\$ a month. Ive been a single parent for 20 years with minimal child support, my daughter will be going to college in 2024. I drive a 2013 subaru that I finally paid off. Ive been a social worker for 20 years. I work hard, very hard and I am doing ok, but having a 24k debt with interest is the last thing I need to add to my plate. Being a homeowner comes with the freedom of not being in a HOA. The city billing us and putting liens on our homes feels like an HOA. I am not sure if the council has done any trainings on equity. There is a great article on White Supremacy values and how this country has been colonized. One of those is the value is perfectionism. Just because most of the people in this country value perfectionism, it is NOT a value of mine. I chose to live in Portland Oregon because things are NOT perfect, because the colors, size, conditions of homes are different. Making us pay for sidewalks that we do not want reeks of the White Supremacy value that I do not hold. Forcing your values upon me does not sit right with me at all. Its controlling, its brutish, its wrong on so many levels. We just came off of a pandemic, the last thing we care about is perfect sidewalks. Two doors down I have a neighbor in the same boat, this poor guy, probably in his 80s lives in a home that needs many improvements, on a fixed income and simply cannot afford this bill. Montavilla is a mix of different economic status. We are all different and unique, but we moved into our street knowing that is did not have sidewalks. We like is the way it is. Please dont force your ideas or plans upon us. Thanks but no thanks. VOTE NO on the LID for 89th and Taylor. Its ridiculous and we cannot afford it. Thank you

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**From:** [Diane M](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
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Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on the proposed SE 89<sup>th</sup> St and Taylor LID.

We would like to address two issues; the sidewalk on the north side of 89<sup>th</sup> St and related parking, and the expense of these improvements.

Having attended the meeting on 9/6/22, we were surprised and dismayed to find out in a follow-up letter that a sidewalk would be added to the west side of SE 89<sup>th</sup> St. A sidewalk on one side is an asset, but adding the other side is redundant and an added expense. We only have space for one off street parking space. We are very concerned about parking possibly being disallowed on the west side of SE 89<sup>th</sup> St.

We understand the estimated cost per property to be in the range of \$24,000 for the proposed improvements. It seems to us that there is not value in the expense to our property, and we do not wish to see our yearly property taxes increase because of the improvements.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

Ed and Diane Miska

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**From:** [Tracy Zapf](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SE 89th & Taylor St LID written testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:10:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [89th & Taylor LID testimony.pdf](#)

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Thank you!

Best,

Tracy Zapf *she/her*  
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October 11, 2022

Dear Portland City Council Members,

We, the residents of the proposed SE 89th Avenue & Taylor Street Local Improvement District (LID), are writing to express our opposition to this project.

The project was first introduced to us via a mailer from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), inviting us to a community meeting on September 6th. There was no mention of the LID in that mailer, simply that they were "seeking [y]our input in addressing ... infrastructure deficiencies..." and "your feedback will help guide the extent of future work in the area". At the meeting, however, we learned that a plan had already been developed, and that we would be responsible for paying for it. We were told that it would cost each resident approximately \$23,000, and that we essentially had no choice in the matter; Andrew Aebi, LID Administrator, informed us that because the project would be in coordination with the Portland Parks & Recreation's Berrydale Park Improvement Project, and because they were paying for the majority of the overall project, they would have majority vote on the approval of the LID (which, according to Exhibit B is very confusing, as Privately-Owned Properties is listed as 57.7% of the project, and all others as 42.3%). We all left this meeting in shock, feeling misled and anxious over the \$23,000 of debt (plus interest) that we didn't ask for. To be clear, no one that will be paying for the LID expressed interest in it, despite what is written in the resolution. All those that are responsible for paying for the LID contributions have been against the project, or neutral, from the beginning.

Approximately a month later, on September 21st, we received another mailer that included the final details of the project. We were surprised to learn that there were additions to the project beyond what was proposed at the meeting (such as sidewalks on the west side of 89th), and were given the final amount we would all be responsible for paying for, along with financing options. In this letter we were informed of the October 12th city council meeting, which was our first opportunity to actually share our opinion on the project. Unfortunately for a handful of our neighbors, this city council meeting is inaccessible for a variety of reasons; we spoke with many neighbors who don't have an email address, eliminating them from being able to submit individual written testimony. And due to other barriers such as transportation, working schedules, or access to technology, many of us are unable to attend the meeting virtually or in-person. Out of the 15 houses included in the LID, **86% are against the project**, and yet many have been eliminated from the opportunity to share their opposition. Additionally, it appears this meeting may only be a formality, and we will have to deal with these same barriers on the November 30th LID Formation Hearing.

Our 15 houses include a diverse set of residents, including first time homebuyers, retired folks on a fixed income, and families raising their small children. When talking with our neighbors, no one feels they can afford this financial burden. We appreciate that improvements will be coming to our area, but we don't feel that shouldering our residents with a large amount of debt is the way to put the finishing touches on what PP&R is starting. Additionally, we are concerned by the statement in the resolution that, "the [LID] Administrator's level of confidence in the cost estimate for this project ... is "Low"...". We are already worried about the cost to each of us, and reading that the confidence in this cost is "low" only creates more stress for our neighbors. In reading the resolution, it appears street trees have now also been added to the plan. How many more things will be added, driving up our costs without our consent? And what happens if one of our neighbors can't afford this LID? Do they just have to move? We all know that housing mobility in Portland is tight, and that moving is not a feasible solution for so many. Also, we were informed in the second letter that the project date has been moved up a year, giving us one less year to save for this large (unwanted) expense.

Lastly, our neighborhood has been dealing with issues of nearby homeless camps, on property we are told is the responsibility of PBOT. It's almost laughable that PBOT is putting their effort into forcing each of us to spend \$23,000 on a project that we don't want, when they can't even support our neighborhood in the ways that we are asking.

We urge you to vote against the initiation of this proposed LID.

Sincerely,

The neighbors of the Proposed SE 89th Avenue & Taylor Street LID  
(signatures attached on next page)



**From:** [Stuart Heath](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 844  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:05:21 AM

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Hello Council!

My name is Stu Heath and I live at 8711 SE Taylor St, Portland, OR 97216, the proposed sidewalk improvements would greatly increase the safety and security of pedestrians and families in the neighborhood. I rely on a manual wheelchair to get around the neighborhood, our current sidewalks and curb cuts are decades old, and in most cases in need of extreme repair. The proposed path would also offer greater access to the park and grounds in the area. I'm hoping this will be heard in a positive light, for people with disabilities, lack of access can discourage them from venturing out at all if they are afraid of their environment and the safety of their travel, I'm reminded of this, "it isn't the individual, but our society that disabled the physically impaired"

Best regards

Stu Heath

**City Council Meeting - Wednesday October 12, 2022 9:30 a.m.**

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