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To who it might concern:

I am advocating for NE 7th Ave to be designated as the greenway over 9th Ave. 9th Ave currently doesn't have a traffic problem. On the other hand, 7th has over 5000 cars per day driving between Knott and Broadway. Ninth is not currently preferred by cyclists as a greenway, 7th is preferred. Even if 9th were turned into a greenway, cyclists would continue to use 7th since 9th runs into Irving Park and has poor pavement, and has too many steep inclines. Converting 9th to a greenway would cost more than twice what it would cost to convert 7th. Please use the tax payers money responsibly. The traffic conditions on 7th are currently very dangerous for everyone involved. The amount of cars on 7th has to be reduced. Conditions for cyclists and pedestrians have to be improved. Even if 9th were converted to a greenway, the City would still need to do something about 7th, adding additional cost. The current plan calls for a pedestrian bridge over I-84 at 7th. It makes more sense for a north-south greenway to be on 7th vs. 9th, which again, is why every other organization voicing an opinion prefers 7th vs. 9th. The 7th ave. residents are almost unanimously in favor of turning 7th into a greenway. Turning 7th into a greenway should have a minimal effect on the residents of 9th as most cut-through traffic will end up using MLK or taking entirely different routes which don't dead-end at Irving Park. I think the above rationale shows that, objectively, 7th is the superior choice.