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I am writing in reference to File #19277 regarding the proposed Wheelock Parkway/Grotto Street (2026) Street Reconstruction Phase II.

I feel that the proposed assessment is excessive. I live in a two bedroom house as a divorced single-earner homeowner, and my assessment is \$10,722 after the Special Benefit Cap. My property taxes have increased from \$3354 in 2021 when I purchased the house to a proposed \$5634 for 2026, an almost 70% increase over 4 1/2 years. As a single earner working in education I am pushed to my limit already by the tax increases, my homeowners insurance increases, and the cost of living due to inflation. To levy an almost \$11,000 assessment on top of these increases feels back-breaking to me.

I would like to know how the assessment total was calculated, and how any relevant policies and procedures were taken into account in arriving at the amount being assessed for my property.

I do not believe that the improvements will increase the value of my house. I believe that I will simply end up absorbing the cost of improvements the city should be doing as regular maintenance. I would like to see some proof of the financial value of the improvements in terms of home sales after such work is done. Considering the financial burden such a high assessment puts on an individual - or a family - during difficult and uncertain financial times, I object to the proposed assessment amount for my property at 770 Parkview Ave.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Williams