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In the words of Yogi Berra, this topic is like "deja vu all over again," as we have visited this problematic issue in the recent past.

As I see it, the main problem is Salem Heights Avenue itself, a narrow street with poor lighting, no sidewalks or bike lanes, and no visible improvements with the exception of fog lines, which were painted in the fall. The addition of 34 new single-family residences will add an estimated 315 more car trips per day along Salem Heights. This development will also result in cutting down 122 trees, some of which have been on the property for more than 70 years; they will not come back again, once they are gone.

While I realize that the Harvey Family Trust and its representatives are determined to sell the property for development, as is their right, the problems presented by Salem Heights Avenue and the inability or unwillingness of the City to deal with the hazards this street presents strike me as irresponsible in the extreme. Before any development occurs, the street should be made safe for increased automotive, cycling, and pedestrian traffic.

I am adamantly opposed to this development, as were many neighbors living close to Salem Heights, just as we were in the fall of 2018, when this topic was initially debated. Almost nothing has been done to improve Salem Heights Avenue since that time, and until that is the case, the development of so many residential properties seems both premature and foolish.

Sincerely yours,

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