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MESSAGE:

Name: KarenThurston
Department to Contact: City Council - Lodge a Public Comment to the City Council [REDACTED]
Submitted: 2024-06-11 20:30:49
Reply to: [REDACTED]

Message: Good evening,

I just acquired Sweet Laundromat on Washington Street, a thriving self-serve space with pickup and delivery service. I expanded to include drop-off services and soon hope to hire a driver if I can expand the business. We care about the community, and my personal passion is advocating for the homeless. As such, we offer a standing 10% off services to organizations who are working to end homelessness in the greater Boston area.

My comment: the city is putting in new sidewalks, and on our block, they are removing all parking. Removing parking! They're placing 2 handicap spaces in front of the laundromat. There is literally NO need for this. Additionally, they're replacing the other street parking with loading zones. Loading zones? So no one can stay in the laundromat to do their laundry? Where do I park? Literally - that's a question: where do I park?

There's a cooking school, Shiso Kitchen [REDACTED] next door to me. Where will their customers park? Why would you put a loading zone in front of a cooking school?

All day from morning till night, the street is lined with cars. Why would you take this away?

We've emailed with Jesse Moos [REDACTED] and he says that "stakeholders" were consulted and all agreed to this plan. I know the former owner of the laundromat wasn't involved, and the owner of Shiso Kitchen wasn't involved. So who else were the primary stakeholders?

Please help us before this project is completed. Support your small businesses, don't take our business away!

Please respond back to:

[REDACTED]
Shiso Kitchen [REDACTED]
Jesse Moos [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Best

Karen

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