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59 Marshall Street, Unit 2
Somerville, MA 02145
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Alderman Walter Pero
392 Medford Street
Somerville, MA 02145

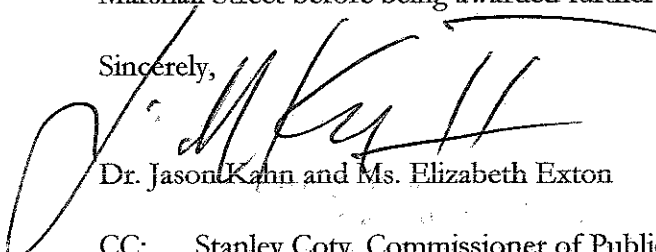
Dear Alderman Pero,

We are the homeowners of 59 Marshall Street, Unit 2. Over the past two weeks Newport Construction has started a project to repave our sidewalks and street. We support efforts to keep our city's sidewalks and roads in good condition. However, this particular project has had a number of problems that should be brought to your attention.

- The flier notifying residents of the project was inaccurate. One part of the flier listed the dates as "Wednesday, August 30th to Thursday, September 2nd." On another part of the flier, the dates were listed as, "Thursday (3/03/10) – Thursday (9/09/2010)." Wednesday, August 30th is not an actual date in 2010. Thursday (3/03/10) is in March. To resolve this discrepancy we called Somerville's 311 line. The dates of the project stated by the 311 operator were "Thursday, September 2 to Thursday, September 9."
- Newport Construction and the City of Somerville put "No Parking" signs on Marshall Street stating there would be no parking on 9/1-9/3. During these three days, no work was done on Marshall Street.
- Newport Construction and the City of Somerville led residents to believe that we would have access to our driveways, although it would be "limited." The access to our driveway has been completely blocked from Thursday, September 9 until the present, leaving us without driveway access for at least five days.
- Newport Construction has not completed this project within the specified time frame, and we did not receive notice of the extension of the project.

As voting, tax paying residents of the City of Somerville we feel that the handling of this project has been unacceptable. We suggest Newport Construction make some sort of gesture to the residents of Marshall Street before being awarded further city contracts.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jason Kahn and Ms. Elizabeth Exton



CC: Stanley Coty, Commissioner of Public Works
Mayor Joseph Curtatone
Alderman John M. Connolly
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee