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To: Public Comments
Subject: Eversource Grant of Location to 29 Thorndike Street

Greetings!

I received a public notice about Eversource's request to lay conduit to 29 Thorndike Street for an EV charging station. I strongly support this Grant of Location and any expansion of EV charging capacity.

I am concerned that the need for City Council approval and public comment adds cost and time to necessary electrical work, including adding EV chargers, hooking up new homes and businesses to the grid, adding capacity to decarbonize HVAC and appliances, and undergrounding existing lines for resilience. It also seems like a waste of the City Council's time.

I would suggest streamlining this process, granting blanket permission for most or all work underground and on existing poles, and reserving a cumbersome approval process for types of work that have been questioned in the past or which should be discouraged (like adding new poles). (I'm having trouble imagining what might be questioned underground, given Dig Safe notification requirements.)

I'll also note we experienced a brief power outage in connection with this installation, with no prior notice from Eversource other than "no parking" signs. (I do get SMS alerts from Eversource when there is a major outage or storm.) Shards of what look like plastic sheathing were left scattered on the sidewalk around the bottom of the pole where the work took place.

Thanks for reading,

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