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Fwd: Residential Street Repair

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Dear Mayor Lewis and Members of the Charlotte City Council,

I read Travis Silvas' June 2nd article in the County Journal about the 2018-2019 budget. I realize that it did not cover every detail of the budget but I was not able to find any better information in the city's website.

I believe you are all aware that repairing our streets is probably the highest priority for the residents of this city. I know that there has been planning to address that with the limited funds available. At one time there was some effort to fix residential streets, but now it appears the sole priority is the business community. I saw nothing addressing residential streets in the proposal.

The great majority of businesses in Charlotte are along state maintained roadways. The overwhelming majority of residences are not. The overwhelming majority of voters live where the streets are apparently not a priority.

My street has not been repaved in the 47 years I've lived here. Based on the way the limited funds have been spent on road reconstruction rather than surface paving, I doubt I'll ever see it paved. A new subdivision down the street from me has added significantly more traffic over the years. My street and many others like it are tributaries to the state roads.

Stating what I believe is obvious, the way the limited funds are being used there will only be a small fraction of streets resurfaced. The rest will degrade to dirt streets. The current method of reconstruction takes too much money for too little results. The most basic surface paving would provide the most coverage. The argument is they won't last. The counter argument is it's much better than not doing anything which is what is happening now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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