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Subject: Ordinance of proposed transfer of "full" responsibility to maintain sidewalks to property owners.

Reference: Report 21-0468

Mayor Massey and Council Members:

First, I'd like to compliment all members that took a firm stand against Senate Bill 9, written by Toni Atkins. This bill would create more problems for all cities in California!

The proposed ordinance does a great disservice to the property owners by shifting maintenance of sidewalks and all of the responsibilities associated with it. Many that are unknown and unknowable. Perhaps requiring additional Personal Liability insurance, "if" an insurance company would agree to insure.

Water; cable tv; and street signs are buried in these sidewalks and unforeseen accidents that occur from time to time. Repair work that may require city permits and inspections.

At the end of each sidewalk, curb cuts that allow Handicap use may be changed due to new laws? Only owners of corner lots are involved with these situations. Should only those owners pay the costs or are all the owners on that block assessed? I'm sure there are things that I haven't considered.

In my walks I've noticed a cable box along Hermosa Ave, just north of 22nd street, missing a cover. In

its place are some plastic bags and debris used to fill the hole. It's been this way for over a year. No one, as yet, has tripped. My point is that apparently, the city, has difficulty maintaining "their" sidewalks. What about us? Do we need "Big Brother" haranguing us that we need to do "X, Y or Z" or else...?

How much does the city budget for their current cost of upkeep and repair? Our taxes are supposed to cover these things, aren't they?

The city hired a City Manager for a great deal of money and upon her request, an assistant that is also expensive. Add to that we have Unfunded Pension Liabilities that require action of some kind that shouldn't include "kicking the can down the road!"

Are our sewer repairs on schedule and on budget?

My last comment is this, something of this magnitude should require more notification. Then, perhaps a vote from the homeowners. This shouldn't be something foisted upon us on short notice!

I didn't receive any notification, other than from a neighbor! Why?

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