

**From:** [Linda Jo Stern](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Public hearing  
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Good afternoon, June. I just wanted to submit a positive comment for the public hearing that is to be held regarding the removal of wires and poles on Chestnut Street. I think this is a wonderful plan. It will allow for more space on the sidewalks and roadways and will improve the look of this main thoroughfare and will also improve the safety of the area by having the wires be put underground. We live right off Chestnut and would welcome this improvement.

Thank you.

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Hello City Clerk Lemos;

My wife and I own property at 501 S. Franklin St. at the corner of Chestnut, in the Option 1 area of the proposed Underground District. We appreciate the work the city has been doing in recent years to improve the safety along Chestnut Street, especially in relation to pedestrian and bicycle use. Removing overhead lines (and the poles supporting them which crowd the street) continues this effort and we think that's a good thing. It's too bad it costs so much to do this kind of work, as it would be nice to complete all of the options rather than having to just choose one!

We don't have strong feelings about which option would merit the highest priority, and I'm sure there are more considerations that haven't occurred to us about each one. However, it does seem that options 2 through 4, being closer to the schools and therefore having more student pedestrian and bicycle traffic than in the option 1 area, might be of higher priority, and of these, option 3 from Susie Court to Wall Street, with three poles actually out in the street and another at its edge on the north side might deserve to be the first choice. While there are many more poles crowding the street on the south side in all of the option areas, it is obvious that pedestrian and bicycle use is encouraged on the north side with its wider sidewalk, and getting those four poles out of the way on the north side in option 3 would improve safety there.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Underground District, and good luck making your choice!

David Linkhart and Lisa Harvey

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City Council,

I am excited to see forward progress on undergrounding more of our existing above-ground infrastructure and agree that Chestnut Street is the highest priority. I encourage the City to develop and adopt City-wide undergrounding policies as well, which are different from an undergrounding district. It is too bad that this work couldn't have been done in conjunction with the Chestnut Street project but it will allow for another step in the right direction for that important corridor. I encourage the City to incorporate additional ADA accessibility improvements as part of any implementing work on this project.

Moreover, I support all staff recommendations and encourage the City Council to direct staff to approach the implementation phases in the numerical order shown in the staff report, with the first portion at the highest-visibility location closest to Main Street. If a different order is selected, I would start with Area 2 at the east end of Chestnut.

Regards,

--Jacob