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August 3, 2015  
Rasheed N.C. Wyatt  
University District Councilman  
City Of Buffalo  
1508 City Hall  
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Dear Councilman,

On July 28, 2015, a meeting was held for our organization in regard to the removal of medians and safety concerns on Main Street between Hertel and Bailly Avenues. These medians are dangerous and have led to many reported and unreported accidents. They also block sight lines for both pedestrians and motorists. There is not funding to repair and maintain medians. During winter, medians are struck by city plows and can reduce road area needed due to snow storage issues along curb/sidewalk. Medians that were intended for beautification have been a cause of urban blight.

In a unanimous vote, the following changes to Main Street are respectfully requested:

1. Removal of Medians
2. Install center turn lane to provide jersey left hand turn and oasis for crossing pedestrians
3. Maximized on street parking with combined bike lane or designated separate lane if room
4. One lane in each direction with the prudent driver setting the speed
5. Bus stops installed beyond intersections
6. Retime traffic signals
7. Additional Sidewalk lighting

We would like a prosperous walkable pedestrian friendly community similar to Elmwood and parts of Delaware and Hertel Avenues. Main Street is not currently bike friendly and is considered dangerous. We believe that improvements to our district will enhance the Rails To Trails project, link shoshone and mccarthy parks and revitalize this important corridor and entrance to our city.

Sincerely yours,

Tucker Curtin (PRESIDENT)

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