

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER PROPOSED PARKING GARAGE

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Members of the City Planning Board,

My husband and I own 4 rental buildings consisting of 11 units in Portland. Three are located at 201, 205 and 167 St. John Street, directly across the street from the proposed MMC parking garage.

We pay \$23,545.56 in taxes, \$17,735.00 of which are on St. John Street. We rely on rental income and have invested thousands of dollars in refurbishing our apartment buildings and keeping them affordable and very well maintained

We do have limited off-street parking for two vehicles for each of our 6 three-bedroom units. However, of these 3 bedrooms, each tenant has their own vehicle.....meaning there are 6-7 needed street parking spots. The 2 unit building does not have off-street parking so therefore relies on 3-4 street parking spots.

Purportedly, MMC said they would be eliminating 13 spots of street parking on St. John Street. This would a great disservice to our tenants and the neighborhood. People should be able to continue to park on the street in front of their homes.

The current state of this area does not lend itself to being walker friendly. People do not want to walk any distance from their cars to their homes. They have children, baby carriers, and groceries to transport. Our tenants professions range from waitresses, nurses, night time cleaners and some who work from home. Due to their jobs, many return to their homes late at night and have the right to feel safe and to easily access their cars.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

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