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Dr. TIO Committee,
I am writing to let you know of my opposition to 210966. This ordinance, while well intentioned, does nothing to make the 3rd District or any other district safer for pedestrians or bicycle users. What it does is pits pedestrians against users of bicycles for transportation to fight over crumbs while doing nothing to address the real menace that is drivers and their cars. . CM. Robinson has used the fact that the 3rd District is the deadliest district in the city in terms of traffic fatalities to bolster her ordinance, but what she fails to address is that those pedestrians and bicycle users are killed by drivers. Yes, the 3rd District needs and absolutely deserves sidewalks, but holding bicycle lanes hostage is not the solution. She fails to listen to her own constituents who turned out in numbers at her three public meetings demanding bike lanes. Most of those who showed up were families without cars who use bicycles as their primary transportation. She and this ordinance flat out ignores their concerns and needs. While the city repaves roads, they can add bike lanes for just a few thousands dollars. This is a very cheap way to help provide safe alternative means of transportation to those without cars or those who choose not to use cars. These bike lanes do not mean neighborhoods cannot and should not have sidewalks and the users of bicycles fully support those sidewalks, but if we are to have a fully networked and connected bicycle transportation infrastructure, then we have to have exactly that. Networks of connected lanes. CM. Robinson has also voted with her colleagues to declare a Climate Emergency. It must not be much of an emergency if bike lanes are being held hostage as we all know the science shows that cars are a full 35% of our current GHG emissions and without converting some drivers to cyclists, we will never reach our goals set forth by this city and CM. Robinson herself.

This ordinance is flawed and misguided, and I ask that you vote no. There are better simpler ways to get sidewalks and investment in the 3rd District than this ordinance.

Thank you
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