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Memorandum

DATE June 13, 2024

TO Council Member Omar Narvaez and Council Member Jesse Moreno

SUBJECT **Housing Developments with Alleys**

At the April 15th Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting, there was a memo presented, Agenda Item E, discussing fees associated with various activities. One item included Sanitation costs for alley pickup. I respectfully request an agenda item for the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee to discuss prohibiting new developments with alleys or requiring a reasonable means for front street pick up, since there has been extensive City Council discussions regarding the negative impact on the Sanitation department, sanitation equipment damage during alley pickup, and cost savings associated with front pickup. All of these items can be addressed by requiring thoughtful housing design that accommodates a reasonable standard for residents to participate in front pickup in future developments.

Alleys in some parts of Dallas have become so problematic from a public safety perspective that we initiated a program to convert them to trails. Eliminating future alleys could result in a reduced cost to taxpayers for pavement maintenance, extended useful life of sanitation trucks, reduced overall sanitation costs, and reduced public safety and nuisance issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cara Mendelsohn'.

Cara Mendelsohn
Council Member – District 12

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