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Dear Council,

I am Paulo, a former resident of Eastpointe and a current property owner maintaining residences in both Detroit and Chicago. I am writing to have this letter read at the forthcoming public hearing concerning the proposed Road Diet on 9 Mile.

Having lived in Eastpointe for several years, my decision to relocate was influenced by the lack of progressive infrastructure that could cater to a more pedestrian-oriented lifestyle. The prospect of a Road Diet on 9 Mile presents an exhilarating opportunity—not just for me but for my friends and family who call this community home.

Cities that create an environment prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists over vehicular traffic cultivate vibrant neighborhoods. Living in Chicago has shown me the undeniable benefits of such an urban design: traversing the city without relying on a car adds convenience, promotes healthier lifestyles, and fosters local business growth. Data substantiates this: cyclists tend to shop locally more often, driving consistent patronage and economic development (Momentum Mag).

I urge you to envisage the future we can build with a more walkable foundation—a future where accessibility and prosperity go hand in hand. The Road Diet on 9 Mile stands as a catalyst for such change, encouraging safer travel,

reducing environmental impact, and leading the way to a revitalized community dynamic.

I left Eastpointe in search of a community that put its residents' well-being at the forefront. Now, Eastpointe has the chance to transform into that kind of neighborhood—a place where the future generations, our children, and their children, can thrive in what can truly be called a "family town."

In earnest anticipation, I ask you to vote 'yes' on the Road Diet. It is time for this beloved city to pave the way towards a promising and sustainable future. Please, consider the legacy you want to leave behind and take a step forward in creating an environment that nourishes its community members in every aspect.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint. I am hopeful that you will embrace the proposed Road Diet and the benefits it will undoubtedly unfold for our community.

Sincerely,

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