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Mayor and Council:

Please forgive the informality of this email. I am in Turkey and wifi here is a little sporadic. I was just informed of the Council Agenda for October 23 regarding the above item.

I object to the proposed list of locations on the "Scheduled Sidewalk Repair Action", Attachment 3. If I'm reading Attachment 1 correctly, Ward 1 has 663 Hazard Service Requests, twice as many as the next closest Ward, and five to six times as many as some of the other Wards. Yet Ward 1 does not even appear on the list of those scheduled in the next 6 months.

While on the NEN Board I documented over 300 locations in NEN alone of hazardous, neglected sidewalks and have posted those photos at [salemnene.org](http://salemnene.org). These photos do not make me proud of Salem, especially it's older neighborhoods.

With this in mind, I'm suggesting the City adopt a "Fix The Worst First" campaign. I also ask the city to create a "Sidewalk Prioritization Committee" composed of Neighborhood Chairs to set city priorities for the repair and/or replacement of sidewalks on a city-wide basis rather than a neighborhood-wide basis. Newer neighborhoods and their newer sidewalks should not be prioritized exclusive of sidewalks in older neighborhoods. This is a city-wide issue.

Thank you for your time. I hope this make sense. I'd be glad to attend the next Council meeting if this issue is tabled or delayed.

Respectfully,

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