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Good morning,

Kipp Ryan – Ward 2

I am writing to you all this morning to express my support of the proposed Pleasant Street renovation (Rethink Pleasant St). As everyone is well aware, the infrastructure beneath the street is in dire need of repair already – this is a perfect opportunity to make the proposed renovations above the street as well for literally pennies on the tax rate. One of the main reasons that this is the best opportunity to do this is that the housing market in the city is currently booming with out-of-town and out-of-state buyers. According to local realtors, buyers are flocking to purchase homes and move to more rural locations like Claremont to escape the hustle and bustle of big city life.

I realize that part of our master plan is to attract and retain younger professionals, and here is our opportunity to do that. A question is now; how do we keep these new residents here and happy when the dust settles on the uncertainty that is going on in the world? My answer: Let's invest in ourselves. Let's make Claremont more attractive to residents and visitors. Let's make our downtown the centerpiece of the city with liveliness. There is a certain appeal to being able to experience culture and vibrance in a beautiful section of town and still be within walking distance of your quiet neighborhood.

Today is the day to think forward and take a chance on ourselves. Decades of talk about this with no action have lead us to where we are today; it is time to stop talking and get to work for the betterment of our community. Thank you all for your time and I thank you for voting in favor of the “Rethink Pleasant Street” project as proposed.

Sincerely,
Kipp Ryan