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From: Lizzards Art Gallery & Framing [mailto:lizzardsgallery@yahoo.com]

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To: Council

Subject: Downtown Parking/ Small Business

Dear Coucilors- I realize that this is last minute but I would like to stress to you all the importance of maintaining the parking spaces that we have right now downtown and not eliminating any for a bike lane. I am the Manager at a small business located un Superior Street (Lizzards Art Gallery and Framing) and we DEPEND on our parking spaces. Our clientel is compromised of all ages but many are aging and they NEED to be able to park as close as possible to bring their framing in and pick up the completed pieces . The suggestion that they use the parking ramps is out of the question because the of size and bulk of artwork. If they can not park near by they will go elsewhere and Jeff, tho owner, will be forced to close and Downtown would surely suffer from the loss of his and other small businesses.

I understand the needs and desires of the bicyclist but the compromise proposed to give them a 2 way bike lane on Michigan seems perfect. If they expect people to use the ramps...they can make their way up to Superior Street as well. Not to mention the seasonal aspect of this situation. Small business are the heart and soul of downtown and to loss more would make downtown a ghost town.

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