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We are writing in regard to the petition to designate 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Oak and Wilson Streets as a one-way street. We are opposed to this ordinance as it would not serve the many needs of neighbors in this area. We have lived at 2705 Oak Street for over 28 years and use 27<sup>th</sup> Street on a regular basis. A petition to oppose the directional change in the Street has been signed by the vast majority of homeowners in the area.

There is a wise old saying that says, "If it isn't broke, don't fix it". This idiom clearly applies to the proposed change in 27<sup>th</sup> Street. 27<sup>th</sup> Street has existed in its current designation for many years and has functioned quite satisfactorily. To our knowledge, there has never been a traffic accident on the Street, and all neighbors drive this one block Street with caution. Any interference with the Street could only create new problems with neighbors that have driven this section of Street safely for years.

We placed a hidden camera on 27<sup>th</sup> Street from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our son monitored activity on the street daily to observe the activities on the Street and to analyze usage patterns. A detailed analysis of data findings can be provided upon request. In summary, the hidden camera showed the Street is used daily by cars, walkers, cyclists, children and pets. Motor traffic is greater in the direction of Oak Street to Wilson Street; however, it is necessary for the traffic on 27<sup>th</sup> Street to flow from Wilson Street to Oak Street in order for the resident at 2649 Oak Street to be able to easily use her garage and carport. It only makes sense to leave the Street as is in order to accommodate both the Oak Street traffic and the resident at 2649 Oak. In addition, bicyclists in Indiana are required to ride in the direction of traffic flow. A change in 27<sup>th</sup> Street direction designation would have an impact on the way cyclists could ride their bicycles.

In conclusion, 27<sup>th</sup> Street has provided a safe route for neighbors to reach services and businesses quickly and easily for many years. The Street is primarily used by the residents of the neighborhood. After living near 27<sup>th</sup> Street for over 28 years, we can say without hesitation that traffic on this street is not heavy, and cars do not speed down this one block road. The Street is not the problem; therefore, do not create a problem where there is none by making unnecessary changes. Changing the direction that traffic flows on this Street will not add any value to the neighborhood and will not make the neighborhood safer.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We hope this is the final proposal for changes in this Street.

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