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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on an important matter.

As a downtown "business" which is greatly impacted by a lack of parking due to bike lanes, and can logically only be used for a part of the year given our Wisconsin winters with probably little return on investment (I rarely see the bike lanes being used a lot on second street even in the summertime-- And this is coming from someone who walks in the downtown area a lot since I live downtown), I strongly urge you to choose alternative two in order to maintain as much street parking as possible for the sake of being business friendly. The downtown will only thrive to the degree that we are oriented toward our businesses in whatever shape or form they come in, including religious communities such as the Cathedral.  
Parking at the ready increases business foot traffic.

Thank you for this opportunity, and thank you for your consideration in the matter.

Monsignor Richard W Gilles

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