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**Sent:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 7:04 PM  
**To:** Dave and Valerie Zachor; Mayor; ward1; ward2; ward4; ward5  
**CC:** cjohnson@[REDACTED]; Lindy Crawford  
**Subject:** Re: The Purple Line

Zachors.

I wanted to thank you for taking the to provide your input and for your service to our community. Both do not go unappreciated. Regarding the BRT I will have to agree to disagree. I don't understand how your concerns about Minneapolis but do believe anyone has the 'right' to move about our shared communities, even without a car.

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**From:** Dave and Valerie Zachor <DZACHOR@[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** Mayor; ward1; ward2; Dan Jones; ward4; ward5  
**Cc:** cjohnson@[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** The Purple Line

Ladies and gentlemen:

We built a home on Lakehill Circle in south White Bear Lake in 1987, and when our Downtown was dying, I opened a CPA practice in downtown WBL in 1990, and bought a unit in the Shoppes at Banning & 5<sup>th</sup> in 1991. In 2018 we sold the practice, and in 2019 we sold our commercial property. I have been quite involved in the Community, serving on the WB Chamber Board for several years in the 1990's including as the Chair, WBL Main Street Board over 25 years from its inception in 1993 and Explore WB Board from its inception in 2008 until the sale of my practice, the treasurer for the 2009 MN Gov Fishing Opener and Vadnais Heights Rotary Board for a few years and WB Marketfest.

Our office faced the post office, and we saw a bus drive by every evening around 5pm for years. I never saw more than two people on the bus, usually it was empty or had one passenger. The Met Council is determined to create a high-density metro area it appears, based on what I have observed over the years.

Families live in WBL because we want our space and a car or two so that we can go where we want when we want. In the past two years I have only been downtown Minneapolis once, out of fear for my safety. That one trip to Mpls was to take our granddaughter, who is in college, to

a meeting because I didn't want her trying to get there on her own. A former Salon owner in WBL relocated to downtown Mpls a number of years ago, so we patronized him to support him. We parked as close as possible to his salon to avoid being harassed for money, but almost every time we went there, guys would turn on us out of nowhere or bang on our car window and demand money...we stopped that after less than a year. I have turned down tickets to the Twins and have no intention of going downtown Mpls ever again unless there is a very important reason.

Our niece was attending the Aveda School on the East side of the river in Mpls several years ago. We asked her about how she got around. She said they took the transit train to get to the Mall of America. She said that it was Free! We told her, no it wasn't...but she said 'No one pays...she didn't think she needed to'. Really!!!

WBL can still be serviced by an occasional bus if you really think it is necessary that people have the 'Right' to get out here. Building this is not one of those 'if you build It, they will come things', nor is it something this Community wants! We can get along just fine without the massive expenditure and continual annual cost to us and wherever this entity gets its funding from, because it will never come close to being self-sufficient.

Why do you continue to disregard the input from this Community?

Why would you cut off the entrance to our Kowalski's & nearby businesses from Hwy 61?

Send a New Message to the Met Council that the recent election sent you a Message from the Community that the Purple Line is Not Wanted here.

Thank you.

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