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Dear Richmond City Council:

Subject: Safety first! Request to fix potholes in Downtown Richmond

As you know, the massive potholes downtown have caused an increasing amount of accidents. New findings have discovered that over 30 citizens experience tire damage from the massive potholes in downtown Richmond each day.

After my own personal encounter with the huge potholes on the streets causing my tire to blow out twice in the past year and forcing me to purchase two brand new tires, I turned to the community to get other citizens experience with the potholes. I stood at local parking garages downtown and surveyed individuals who often drove in the city. My findings were incredible. After 2 consecutive weeks of surveying citizens of the community on this matter, I discovered that the average of people reported to have tire damage. Many citizens are forced to either check their tire pressure more often or replace their old tires with new ones more frequently. Many citizens who owned cars with the least amount of ground clearance reported to have experienced bumper and/or rim damage as well.

I am requesting that the potholes downtown be fixed, and the road be repaired. Failure to spend \$3 to repair road damage results in \$10 over the next three years. These potholes have been present in this city for over 20 years, which has increased costs significantly. Road damage downtown should be repaired as soon as possible to avoid further spending increases. This repair will increase exposure, resulting in more income for the city. After the repair, total costs will be so overridden by the increased income of the city that total expense will be close to none within the first year.

Repairs should begin this summer following the annual marathon that takes place downtown. This way, all important events that takes place on the main streets of the city will have passed for the year and road repairs can take place. Construction will be finished within 3 months. Drivers will take 64 East to exit 17 to enter downtown Richmond. Repairs taking place near the major roads coming off each exit will take place between hours 1 AM and 5 AM.

Many public figures refrain from visiting the city due to the lack of maintenance. If the roads are repaired, the city will be reborn and receive an increased number of visitors. With the rebirth of our city, citizens and residents will take pride in their hometown and feel appreciated that there is a concern for their safety as well as the quality of the town.

This request to repair the roads and eliminate potholes will benefit the city of Richmond by ensuring the safety of citizens, bettering the quality of the city, and creating a fresh start to welcome new visitors and residents into the city (accumulating more income).

Yours Sincerely,

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