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Subject: The track and park at Memorial Stadium

Dear Mayor Manheimer and Members of Council,

Over the years, the East End/Valley Street Neighborhood has been neglected, redlined, split in half and decimated by policies and practices that have mostly benefited others who do not live there, at its expense.

Thankfully and to your credit, you recently adopted a policy of Reparations, which, at a minimum, should include not doing *further* harm to historically Black neighborhoods---either by not consulting them or by ignoring their reasonable requests and (once again) making decisions that mostly favor those who do not live in them.

The East End neighborhood is not asking for much---mostly respect---and I urge you to break with the numerous unjust practices of the past and respect them enough to support these modest requests to build a track (which can actually be used by everyone) and protect and preserve this neighborhood park of theirs.

Thank you in advance,

Rev. Jim Abbott