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installed before 2016." Just drive by Strangeway Terrace and Abbe Lane - both streets have existing curbs - so any curb work on these streets would be replacing existing curbs not installing new curbs where curbs do not exist. Furthermore, it was our city engineer who told me Dwasline was the only road of the 45 roads on this year's repaving project to get curbs where curbs do not exist.

Additionally, the quote that this would cost \$15,000 is misleading. This is just the base price for curbs at \$25 per foot for over 500 feet of curbs in front of our four properties and does not include the cost of surveying our four properties (which the city manager stated this morning in front of some of the affected property owners) will be done by an outside company, nor does it include the cost of compensating property owners for bushes and moving sprinklers, nor the possible removal of a large tree. It also doesn't include the cost of shifting the road onto the Passaic side, replacing drain pipes and walkways and redoing the two corners of Terhune Avenue (Passaic) with ADA accessible ramps, or regrading of properties.

In fact, it was the city manger who told me this project could cost about \$70,000 and in fact phrased it that it would be slightly less than the cost of paving Dwasline from Niader Court to Allwood Road. If the road was not being shifted in front of my home to the Passaic side, then please tell me why our city manager and city engineer were meeting with the Passaic city engineer today and all came out to Dwasline to show the Passaic engineer how Passaic properties would be affected.

If this Council is so concerned about "water meandering off the road (Dwasline) eating the edge of the pavement" then this mon-

ey would be better spent installing storm water drains from Allwood Place down to the Passaic City line. The current storm water drainage system on Dwasline ends between Ravona and Allwood Place. Therefore, there is no drainage system in front of our four properties.

Let's call a spade a spade. With the majority of Clifton's 180 miles of roads in need of repaving, a sewer system in dire need of updating, infiltration problems with storm water going in the sewer system, a much needed additional ambulance in this city, why is this Council so obsessed with spending \$70,000 to put curbs on four properties? Clearly, the answer is political motivation against me.

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### Is it personal?

In the Sept. 18 "Curbs on Dwasline" article, our city manager states "3 other roads (including Strangeway Terrace and Abbe Lane) will have curbs