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No Place For Cars

To The Commercial Appeal:

City Council remains an enigma. The loopholes of their logic baffle and ensnarl me. They approve spending \$8 million of taxpayers' money to remove automobiles from a section of downtown so that store owners may increase profits. By removing the pollutions, aggravations and hazards of automobiles, people feel better, are more likely to shop and spend money in a relaxed atmosphere. Removing the automobile is a good thing to do. Merchants profit and prosper.

This same mysterious council wants to remove the gates of Overton Park's "People's Day" so that automobiles may soon go through the park spewing noxious streams of carbon dioxide lead, aggravation, tension and danger. Parents of small children will need to grab, clutch, scream "watch out!" — not relax a moment.

Keeping automobiles out of the park involves no cost at all. The gates are there. People profit from the wonders of the natural world. Jarring, screeching, distracting automobiles destroy serenity and tranquility. We want to walk about in the park with the same freedom we would have at the \$8 million downtown mall.

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