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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

February 13, 2003

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Jackie L. Currie
Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION/

1143 The Summit Group, requesting Right of Way Encroachment at 1020 Washington Boulevard between Michigan Avenue and the Trolley Tracks.



City Council
City of Detroit
1340 City-County Building
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: The Summit Group of Detroit, Michigan, LLC
Right of Way Encroachment

Honorable City Council:

The Summit Group of Detroit, Michigan, LLC hereby request your approval to provide a Right of Way Encroachment at 1020 Washington Boulevard between the South alley and Michigan Avenue and between the Trolley Tracks and the front of the building for the purpose of erecting a Porta Cochere.

The Summit Group purchased the property known as the Ambassador Hotel (formerly know as the Best Western Detroit, Heaven on Earth Inn and Days Inn of Detroit) in August of 2002. They are currently renovating the property for a conversion to a Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites. The plans are to have the renovation completed by early spring of 2003. The Summit Group is based out of Sioux Fall South Dakota and currently owns and operated 42 hotels throughout the United States.

In order to meet franchise criteria and operate as a Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, the hotel must have a porta cochere covering the main entrance to the hotel. The Summit Group has spent a great deal of time analyzing past failures of hotels at this location to determine why they have failed. The general consensus is that they have not had the right product, rate and Franchise affiliation to meet the demands of the business clients visiting Detroit. After careful review of all available franchise hotel companies, they have concluded that the Holiday Inn name, product, rate and reservation system will meet the needs and demands of Detroit's traveling business clientele and ultimately provide the owners with a stable and profitable hotel. The success of this hotel will help many people in different ways. It will allow the city to book larger shows and conventions, it provides taxes to maintain the infrastructure of the city as well as the DCVB, and it will provide around 30 people full time employment positions. As you are aware, the city is in need of downtown hotel rooms and the Summit Group is committed to provide for that need. They ask that you would approve this request for right of way encroachment so that they may begin helping to improve the city.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Peter B. Rowe
Regional Manager of Operations

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Comments: ORIGINAL PLANS TO FOLLOW.

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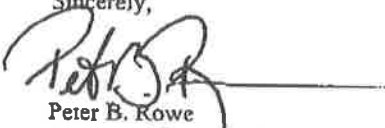
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