Janice M. Winfrey City Clerk

Vivian A. Hudson Deputy City Clerk

## DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

February 8, 2006

To:

The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey

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 - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION/

0111 Lillie Vergel, request to re-open the alley located in area of Townsend Street, Baldwin Street, Lafayette Street, and Agnes Street.







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PO Box 24977 Detroit, Michigan 48224 January 31, 2006

Dear Detroit City Council,

I am writing this letter to request that the City of Detroit re-open the alley between Townsend and Baldwin, ending at streets Lafayette and Agnes (an one block radius). Currently the alley has been vacated by the city.

Enclosed you will find a Certified Survey of the area. I own 1110 Townsend (Lots 102, 103 et of 104), plus the adjacent lots: 1098, 1092 and 1086 Townsend. This area expands from the house on 1110 Townsend, right up to a row of brand new family homes. I am currently in the process of tearing down 1110 Townsend and developing plans to submit to the city to build Family Condos (enclosed is a picture labeled: Perspective I- Scheme "A"). I am now securing demolition shut-offs with the utility companies.

The Condos I would like to build, have the garages in the rear, in which re-opening the alley will give access to the rear and parking. I offered to purchase the property on the other side, which is Lot 105 and 15 feet of 104 in which we share the ownership. The owner is requesting an absorbent price of \$150,000.00 for the one lot and one half.

Enclosed are preliminary petitions where I went door to door to gain support to reopen the alley. I called the Survey department and it was suggested that I petition the neighborhood. I went to all the houses on the one block of Townsend and Baldwin, a total of twelve active homes. Of the twelve homes, where some one opened the door, all six owners signed in support. The other homes either the owners were not home or would not open the door. There is one vacant new house on Townsend and on Balwin, two vacant houses and three vacant lots. For the homes where no one answered, I sent a letter as a follow-up with a stamped envelope to return their signed support to me, which I will forward to your office (copy of letter enclosed).

**Background Information** 

Lillie Vergel

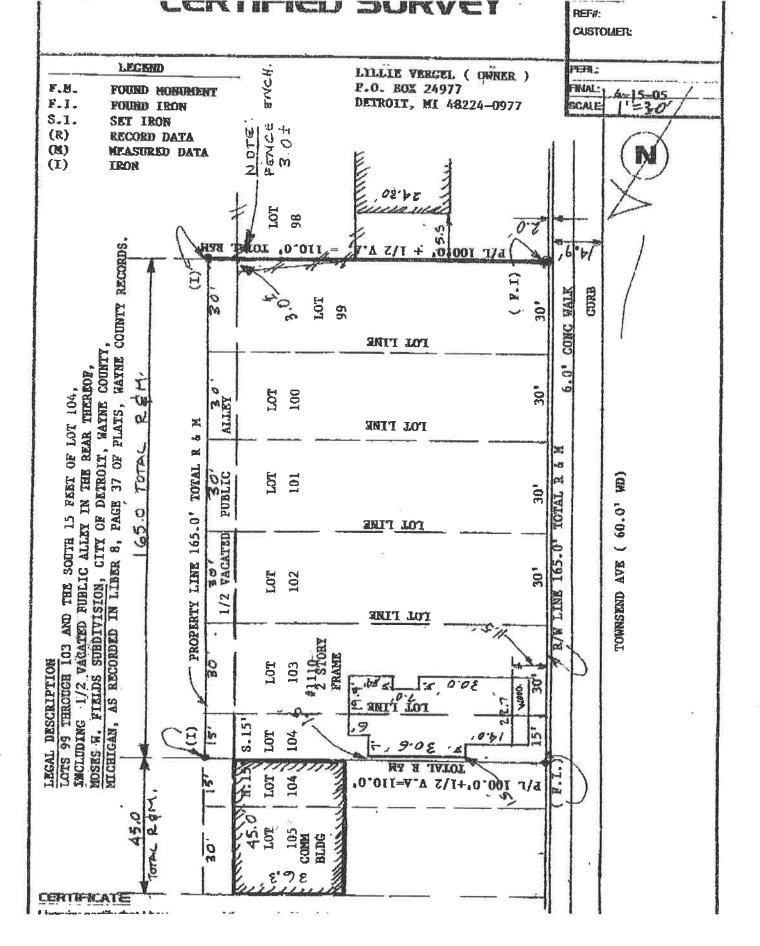
I was born and raised in Detroit. I graduated from Mackenzie High School. I lived at 1110 Townsend from 10/87-04/90. I moved and lived at 5318 Harvard for twelve years. I am employed as a School Psychologist for Detroit Public Schools.

Finally, please consider my request and advise me of the next steps because I am confident that this project will add significantly to the beautification of the neighborhood. I can be reached at any time: (313) 570-3313.

Sincerely,

Lillie Vergel

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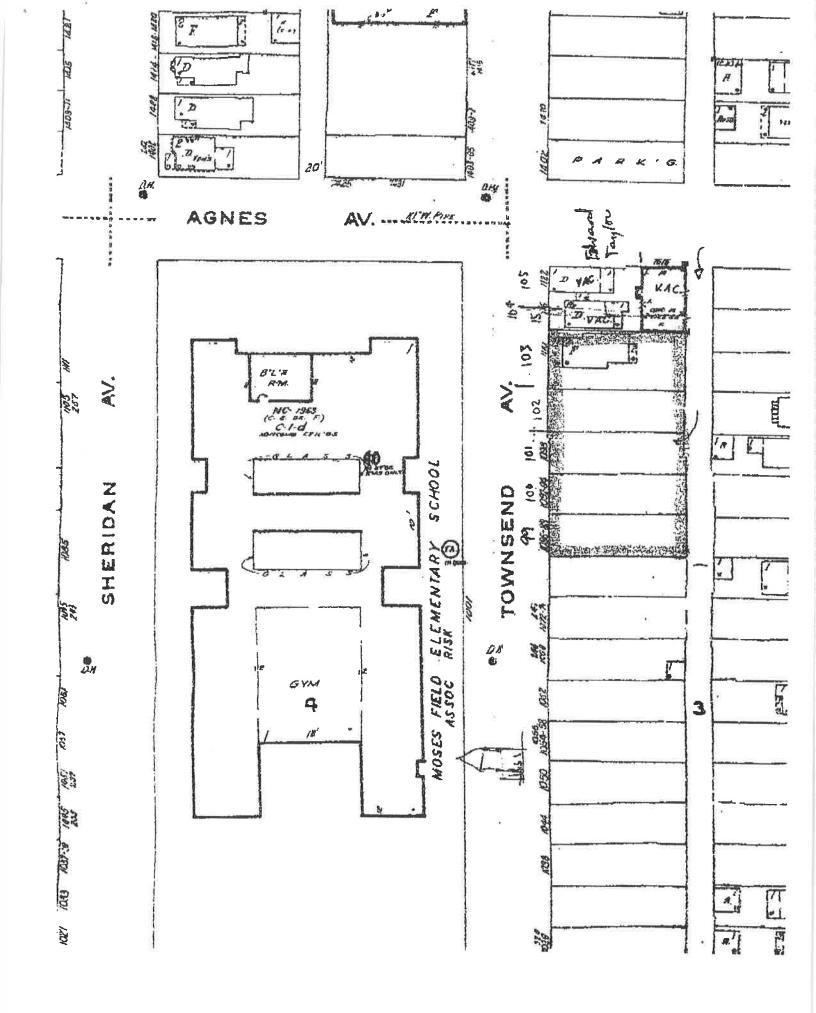
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## January 31, 2006

## Hello

Homes at: 1032, 1044, 1050 Townsend and 1081, 1027, 1071 and 1063 Baldwin

My name is Lillie Vergel. I own the property at 1110 Townsend, the big raggedy house across the street from Moses Field School. I am trying to tear it down and build new homes on the property up to the current new homes.

I need your support to get the alley re-opened. I came by your house this past Saturday on 1/28/06, between 12:00 and 1:30 pm. I knocked on the door to talk to you, but no one answered. Feel free to call me at anytime (313) 570-3312. If you are in support of re-opening the alley, so the alley will look like others nice alleys in the area, please sign below. Please return your signed half of this sheet back to me in the stamped enveloped. I appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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Fold below, tear along broken line and return lower section with your signature! Thank-You

I am signing in support of re-opening the alley between Townsend and Baldwin, end at streets I afayette and Agnes.

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