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Janice M. Winfrey
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Departmental Reference Communication

May 3, 2006

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: The City Clerk

AMENDMENT

Herewith, the following referral is a copy of **Petition No. 3452**

**/PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT/
PUBLIC WORKS - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION/**

3452 DTE Energy, requesting closure of two streets: First Street: Second Ave. between Beech St., and Plum St.; Second Street: Elizabeth, between Third and Grand River. Additionally, requesting that Second Ave. between Plum and Grand River become a two-way street to ensure safety and prevention for disruption of electrical service to the City of Detroit.

Attached please find additional documentation for the above mentioned petition. **PETITIONER IS AMENDING REQUEST FOR PERMANENT STREET CLOSURES TO INCLUDE BEECH ST., THIRD AVE., FIRST AVE., SECOND AVE., BAGLEY ST., GRAND RIVER AVE., PLUM ST., ELIZABETH ST., AND PLAZA ST. See Attached. (Street closures were approved by Council on April 5, 2006.**

Please provide the City Council with a report relative to this petition within four (4) weeks. Thanking you in advance.

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April 18, 2006

Honorable Detroit City Clerk Janice M. Winfrey
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Re: Street Vacation Petition #3452

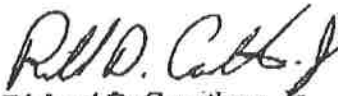
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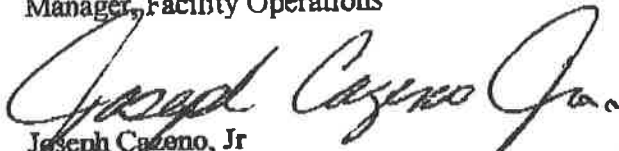
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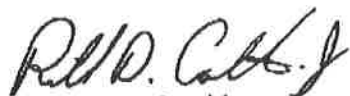
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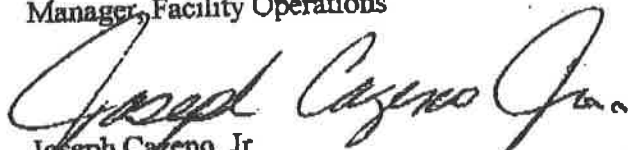
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September 12, 2005

Via Hand Delivery

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Supervisor of Maps and Records
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Mr. Mamil V. Patel, P.E.
City Traffic Engineer
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**Re: Vacation of Plum Street and Second Avenue, between Third Avenue
and Grand River Avenue**

Gentlemen:

We act as attorneys for MGM Grand Detroit, LLC ("MGM"), the designated developer of a hotel/casino complex (the "Casino") on a site bounded by Third Avenue, Bagley, the Lodge Freeway service drive and the Fisher Freeway service drive (the "Site"), pursuant to the Revised Development Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2002, among MGM, the City of Detroit (the "City") and the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Detroit.

We understand that The Detroit Edison Company ("DTE") is seeking the City's approval of improvements to its corporate campus which lies immediately across Third Avenue from the Site. Those improvements require, among other things, the vacation of those parts of Plum Street and Second Avenue presently located between Third Avenue and Grand River Avenue so that they may be enclosed within DTE's security perimeter.

When the vacation of Plum and Second came to MGM's attention, it expressed concern that without the direct connection to Grand River, via Plum and Second, MGM might not be able to provide an adequate level of service for vehicular ingress to and egress from the Casino's patron parking deck. Subsequent traffic engineering studies and discussions with DTE, however, have led to an agreement with DTE that will enable MGM's patrons to have access to Grand River via a private easement during MGM's peak operating hours.

CHAMBERS AT LAW

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. James Foster
Mr. Manil V. Patel, P.E.
September 12, 2005
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Accordingly, MGM hereby withdraws any objection to the vacation of Plum Street and Second Avenue between Third Avenue and Grand River Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC

By: 

James N. Candler, Jr.

Attorneys for MGM Grand Detroit, LLC

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cc: George Boyer
Benjamin Mammia
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Edison Center- Campus Upgrade
 Petition # 3452
 March 1, 2005- Sign In Sheet

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Detroit Edison



A DTE Energy Company

March 21, 2006

Honorable Detroit City Clerk Janice M. Winfrey
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal
Two Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Enclosures (2)

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Detroit Edison



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May 2, 2005

Mr. James Foster
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Detroit, Michigan 48226

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard D. Carrithers, Jr.".

Richard D. Carrithers, Jr.
Manager, Facility Operations

Attachment (Original Letter)

Cc: Detroit City Clerk Jackie L. Currie
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Detroit Edison



A DTE Energy Company

February 21, 2005

Honorable Detroit City Clerk Jackie L. Currie
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Building
Two Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Honorable Detroit City Clerk Currie:

This letter serves to request changes in status to several streets within the Edison Center campus as follows:

A. 'Conversion to Easement' (utilities remain) of the following streets:

1. Beech Street: from Second Avenue east to First Avenue.
2. Second Avenue: from Plaza north to Elizabeth

B. Outright Vacation (remove / reroute utilities):

3. Plum Street: from Third Avenue east to Second Avenue.
4. Elizabeth Street: from Third Avenue east to Grand River.
5. Beech Street: from Third Avenue east to Second Avenue.
6. Plaza: from Third Avenue east to Second Avenue.
7. Second Avenue: from Elizabeth north to Grand River.

DTE Energy and its subsidiaries own all property abutting these streets.
The attached map details the location of the alley.

Very Truly Yours,

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S. MARTIN TAYLOR

November 9, 2001

The Honorable Kenneth Cockrel, Jr.
Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Councilman ~~Cockrel, Jr.~~ *Ken*:

The tragic events of September 11th have caused DTE Energy to implement additional security measures to insure the safety and security of our employees and prevent the disruption of electrical service to the citizens of Detroit and all of Southeastern Michigan.

The Company sought and obtained the cooperation of the City of Detroit Police Department to temporarily close Second Avenue from Beech Street to Plum Street and Elizabeth Street from Third to Grand River. We are seeking to make the closures permanent. Experience since September 11 demonstrate that the closures do not significantly impact traffic flow.

These closures are essential to protect Company equipment essential to serving the citizens of Detroit and all of Southeastern Michigan. Please note that DTE currently owns the property on both sides of the street in the proposed areas. We are asking that the City Council approve our request to permanently close the aforementioned streets. As a follow up to these street closures we are also requesting that Second Avenue between Plum and Grand River become a two-way street.

We urge your expeditious action concerning this critical security request. A map of the area is attached.

Please direct any questions about this matter to Joe Cazenno at (313) 235-8233 or Madelyn Williams. (313) 235-6088 who are better able to discuss details of the request.

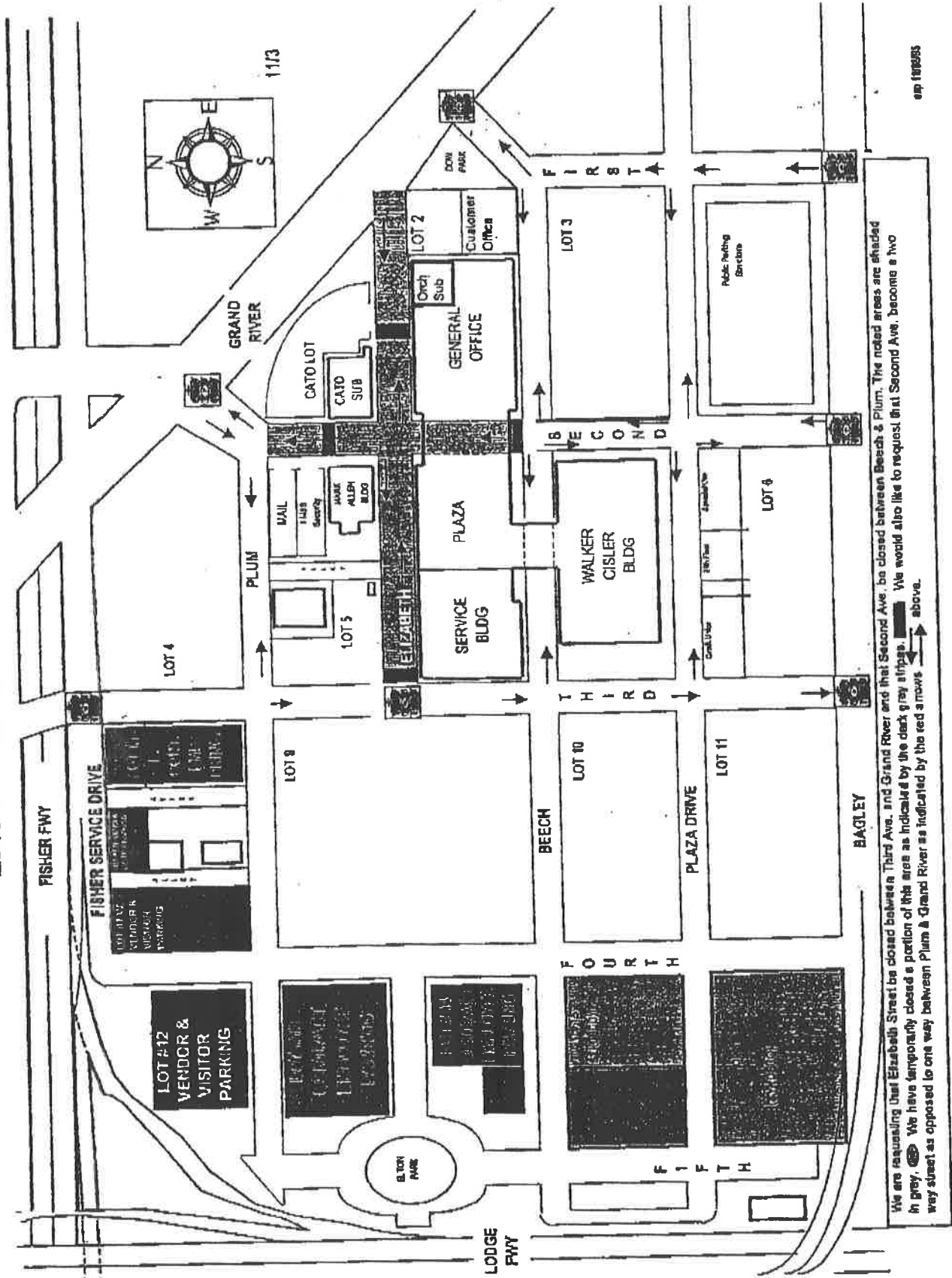
Sincerely,

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- cc: Jackie Currie, City Clerk
- Joseph Cazenno, Jr. DTE Regional Relations Manager
- Madelyn Williams, DTE Regional Relations Manager

Attachment

EDISON CENTER PARKING



We are requesting that Elizabeth Street be closed between Third Ave. and Grand River and that Second Ave. be closed between Beech & Plum. The noted areas are shaded in grey. We have temporarily closed a portion of this area as indicated by the dark grey stripes. We would also like to request that Second Ave. become a two way street as opposed to one way between Plum & Grand River as indicated by the red arrows above.