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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

May 10, 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/

0446 LA SED Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development, Inc., for vacation of alley at 7150 W. Vernor Highway.

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LA SED

Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development, Inc.

Administrative Building
4138 W. Vernor
Detroit, MI 48209
Tel.: (313) 554-2025 • Fax: (313) 554-2242

Serving the Southwest Detroit Community
Since 1969

April 4, 2006

Hon. Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr., Council President
Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Councilman Cockrel:

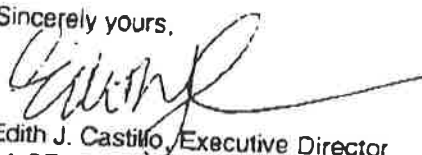
Thank you for your continuing support of Latin American for Social and Economic Development (LA SED, Inc.), and the community of Southwest Detroit. We commend you for the recent appointment of Mary Barrela to the position of Legislative Assistant in your office. Ms. Barrela does a fine job of representing you and is an asset to this community.

As the newly appointed executive director of LA SED, Inc., I am contacting your office about an issue that persists to adversely affect the LA SED Youth and Senior Center. I believe that Jane Garcia, interim executive director of LA SED, originally contacted your office on November 14, 2005, regarding the alleyway behind our facility at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy. The alleyway continues to be a target of vandalism and theft. Because of the locale of the alley, LA SED's clients and employees have had their vehicles stolen and our buildings have been seriously marred by relentless graffiti markings.

We would like to propose the subject again of closing the alleyway. Enclosed in our original letter to you, we had provided a petition from local residents requesting closure of the alley. We sincerely hope that you can help us expedite this matter and look forward to your response.

We thank you for your consideration and wish you much success in your position as Council President.

Sincerely yours,


Edith J. Castillo, Executive Director
LA SED, Inc.

cc: Ruben Acosta, President of the Board, LA SED, Inc.
Melissa Jimenez, Youth Coordinator, LA SED, Inc.
Jane C. Garcia



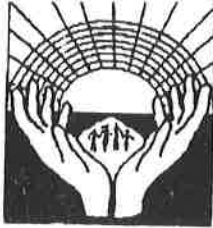
Member Agency of
United Community Center
of Michigan, Inc.

LA SED Youth Program - Phone: 313-641-1430 LA SED Senior Citizens Center - Phone: 313-641-8940
7150 West Vernor • Detroit, Michigan 48209

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Department of Agency
and Arts



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November 14, 2005

Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr.
City Council President
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mr. Cockrel:

LA SED would like to first and foremost congratulate you on your election as City Council President. We are confident that your leadership will help build a better Detroit.

✓ We are currently seeking to close the alleyway behind the Youth and Senior Center located at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy. This is in effort to curb the vandalism that has plagued our facility since its inception. We have had vehicles stolen from our parking lot and have waged a fruitless battle against the graffiti that has marred our building.

We have already spoken to the residents of the affected and obtained signatures from the majority of them. Enclosed you will find the original signature petition and a diagram detailing the proposed closure. Please note that our proposal will not inhibit resident's access to their garages. Instead, we hope to eliminate the amount of foot traffic that uses the alleyway for criminal activity.

We hope that you can help us expedite this matter and look forward to your response. We thank you for your consideration and wish you success in your new position.

Sincerely,

Jane C. Garcia
Interim Executive Director

C.c. Ruben Acosta, LA SED President of the Board
Melissa Jimenez, Youth Center Coordinator
Edith Colon, Senior Center Coordinator

LA SED Youth Program - Phone: 313-841-1490

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Proposal of Partial Alleyway Closure

We, the Senior Citizens of Southwest Detroit, request the partial closure of the alleyway that runs behind LA SED Senior Center. This alleyway runs parallel to Vernor Hwy. and perpendicular to Green Ave. and Rieden St. We believe this change will seriously reduce the amount of graffiti and vandalism that occurs there.

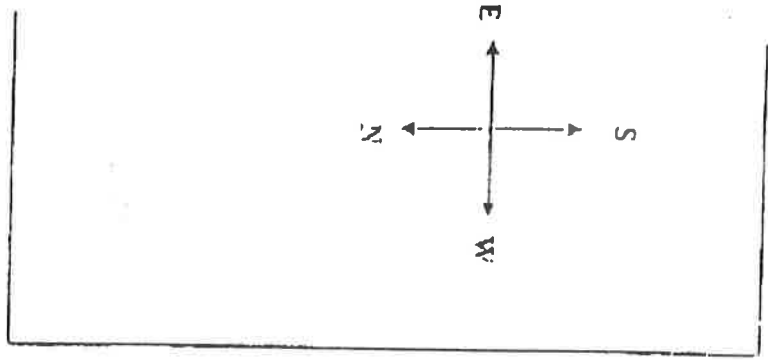
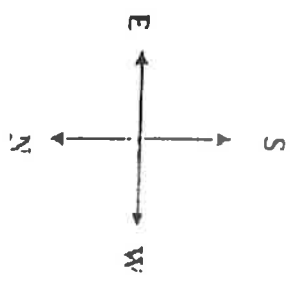
NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
Edith Colon	<i>Edith Colon</i>	7150 W. Vernor 4820
MARIA Ramirez	<i>Maria Ramirez</i>	7150 W. Vernor 4820
Maria Schuck	<i>Maria Schuck</i>	920 W. Vernor Hwy
Florence Carrocca	<i>Florence Carrocca</i>	7292 Green
Dolores Santana	<i>1250 - 19 St</i>	
Marie Scott	<i>3868 Lane Dale</i>	
Carpo Meli	<i>AMPARO Meli</i>	BR ⁴²⁰ - 48209
Juan Flores	<i>PS JUAN Flores</i>	2358 N. Green
Eustalia Yarga	<i>5635 Ponoy</i>	del mich 48209
Irnelia Yarga	<i>5635 Ponoy</i>	del mich 48209
Francisca Gile	<i>6521 W. Green</i>	del mich 48210
Emma Garcia	<i>2047 Ferdinand</i>	Delat Mich 48209
Ramona Jimenez	<i>RAMONA Jimenez</i>	1550 18th St
Teresa Saucedo	<i>Teresa Saucedo</i>	7150 W. Vernor
Emilio Reyes	<i>Emilio Reyes</i>	1662 Bagley
Lupe Reyes	<i>Lupe Reyes</i>	1662 Bagley
Maria Morales	<i>1226 Lianessa</i>	
Juana Alvarez	<i>275 W. 18th Blvd 107</i>	Juana Alvarez
Delia Gonzalez	<i>Delia Gonzalez</i>	7150 W. Vernor
Carmen Gomez	<i>CARMEN Gomez</i>	8613 - W. Vernor Hwy
Teofilo Layton	<i>Teofilo Layton</i>	8613 - W. Vernor
Sylvester Boyer	<i>Sylvester Boyer</i>	5200 S. Martin Luther King
Gabriela Boyd	<i>GABRIELA Boyd</i>	1250 18th St

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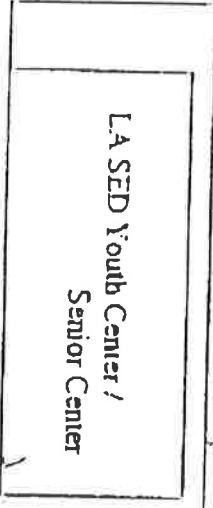
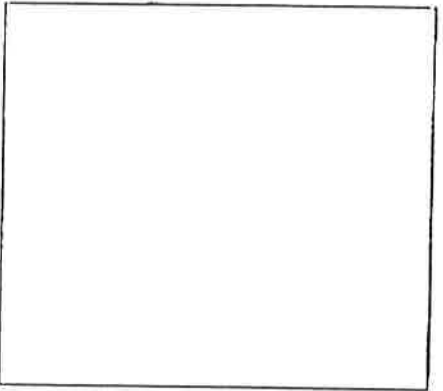
We, the residents of Green St. and Riedan St., request the partial closure of the alleyway that runs behind LA SED Youth Center. This alleyway runs parallel to Vernor Hwy. and perpendicular to Green Ave. and Riedan Ave. We believe this change will seriously reduce the amount of graffiti and vandalism that occurs.

NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
Hernandez, Yvonne	[Signature]	2346 Green
JUANITA VARRITO	[Signature]	2340 Green
Manily Vela	[Signature]	2382 Green
FRANKISCO MEDINA	[Signature]	2394 Green
Carmen Gattison	[Signature]	2412 N. Green
Marisa Smith	[Signature]	2430 N. Green
JOHN J WARNER	[Signature]	2433 RIEDEN
Wendy Roman	[Signature]	2429 Riedan
MIGUEL	[Signature]	2377 Riedan
Maria Gonzalez	[Signature]	2363 Riedan st
ENRIQUE SALDANA	[Signature]	2341 RIEDEN ST.
Alfonso Rodriguez	[Signature]	2531 Riedan
Maia H. Mendy	[Signature]	2337 Riedan
Maria Teresa Mota	[Signature]	2383 Riedan
Esperanza Hernandez	[Signature]	2401 Riedan
David Navarro	[Signature]	2411 RIEDEN
Jovita Sanchez	[Signature]	2416 N Green
Sylvia Vega	[Signature]	2406 GREEN
Martina Medina	[Signature]	2392 GREEN
Gloria Salsido	[Signature]	2388 GREEN
Maria Luisa Gutierrez	[Signature]	2386 Green
Yohelis Feliz	[Signature]	2362 Green St
Ribeellis Feliz	[Signature]	2364 Green St
OSCAR GUZMAN	[Signature]	2358 Green st

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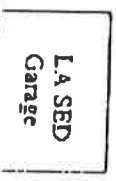
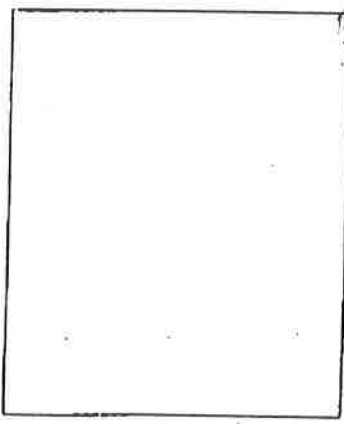
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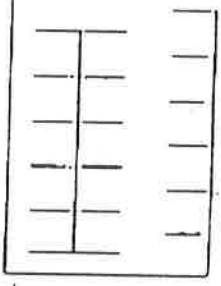
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LA SED Youth Center / Senior Center

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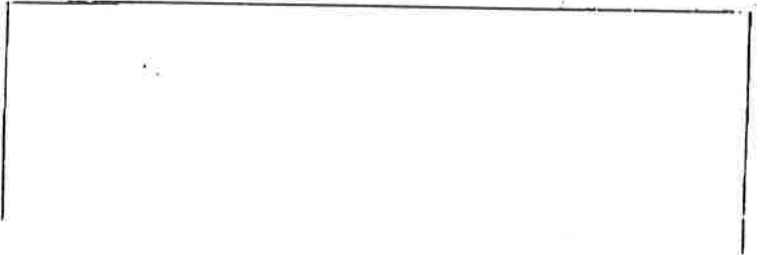


Proposed Closure



PITT STREET

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City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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KENNETH V. COCKREL, JR.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Colleagues

From: Council President Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr. *K.V.C.*

Date: May 5, 2006

RE: Alley Closing

Latin-Americans for Social and Economic Development (La Sed) is requesting closing of the alley. This request is in order to curb the vandalism that has plagued their facility. They have had vehicles stolen from the parking lot and have waged a fruitless battle against the graffiti that has marred the building. This building is located at 7150 West Vernor where the Senior Citizen and the Youth Center is located.

Enclosed you will find the signatures of resident.

**cc: Kandia Milton, Mayor's Office
Cathy Square, Director DPW**

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 1340 Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 224-4505 Fax (313) 224-0367
CockrelK@kcockrel.ci.detroit.mi.us

FF-016 Rec. at table

June 25, 2007

Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. 446 – LA SED Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development Inc., request for vacation of the alley at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy., and in the area of Pitt, W. Vernor Hwy., Green, and Rieden.

Petition No. 446 of “LA SED Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development Inc.” request for the conversion of a portion of the East – West public alley, 18 feet wide, in the block bounded by Pitt Avenue, 50 feet wide, West Vernor Highway, 66 feet wide, Green Avenue, 60 feet wide, and Rieden Avenue, 60 feet wide into a private easement for utilities.

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and the Traffic Engineering Division – DPW. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

All City departments and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections to the conversion of public rights-of-way into private easements for public utilities. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessy Jacob, Interim City Engineer
City Engineering Division – DPW

NRP/

Cc: Cathy Square, Director – DPW
Mayor’s Office – Kandia Milton, City Council Liaison

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

RESOLVED, all that part of the East – West public alley, 18 feet wide, lying Northerly of and abutting the North line of Lots 47 through 49, both inclusive, and the West 23.5 feet of Lot 50, and lying Southerly of and abutting the South line of Lot 51 all in the “Rieden’s Subdivision” of that part of Lot 8 of Subdivision of P.C. 60 which lies South of Dix Avenue, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 29, Page 77, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley and is hereby converted into a private easement for public utilities of the full width of the alley, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said alley and by their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever to wit:

Provided, that an easement, the full width of the existing right-of-way, is reserved for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances, with the right of ingress and egress at any time to, and over said easement for the purpose above set forth; and be it further

Provided, that free and easy access to the sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances within the easement is required for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department equipment, including the use of backhoes, bull dozers, cranes or pipe trucks, and other heavy construction equipment, as necessary for the alteration or repair of the sewer or water main facilities; and be it further

Provided, that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department retains the right to install suitable permanent main location guide post over its water mains at reasonable intervals and at points deflection; and be it further

Provided, that said owners of the adjoining property, for themselves, their heirs and assigns, agree that no building or structure of any nature whatsoever, including fences, porches, patios, balconies, etc., shall be built upon or over said easement, or that no grade changes or storage of materials shall be made within said easement without prior written approval and agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department; and be it further

Provided, that if any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street shall request the removal and/or relocation of the aforementioned utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation. It is further provided that if sewers, water mains, and/or appurtenances in said easement shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the owner, or assigns, then in such event, the owner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incident to the repair of such broken or damaged sewers and water mains, and shall also be liable for all claims for damages resulting from his action; and be it further

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public easement or right-of-way over said vacated public alley herein above described for the purposes of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easement for the purpose above set forth,

Second, Said utility easement or right-of-way in and over said vacated alley herein above described shall be forever accessible to the maintenance and inspection forces of the utility companies, or those specifically authorized by them, for the purpose of inspecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer, conduit, water main, gas line or main, telephone or light pole or any utility facility placed or installed in the utility easement or right-of-way. The utility companies shall have the right to cross or use the driveways and yards of the adjoining properties for ingress and egress at any time to and over said utility easement with any necessary equipment to perform the above mentioned task, with the understanding that the utility companies shall use due care in such crossing or use, and that any property damaged by the utility companies, other than that specifically prohibited by this resolution, shall be restored to a satisfactory condition,

Third, Said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls, shall be built or placed upon said easements, nor change of surface grade made, without prior approval of the City Engineering Division – DPW,

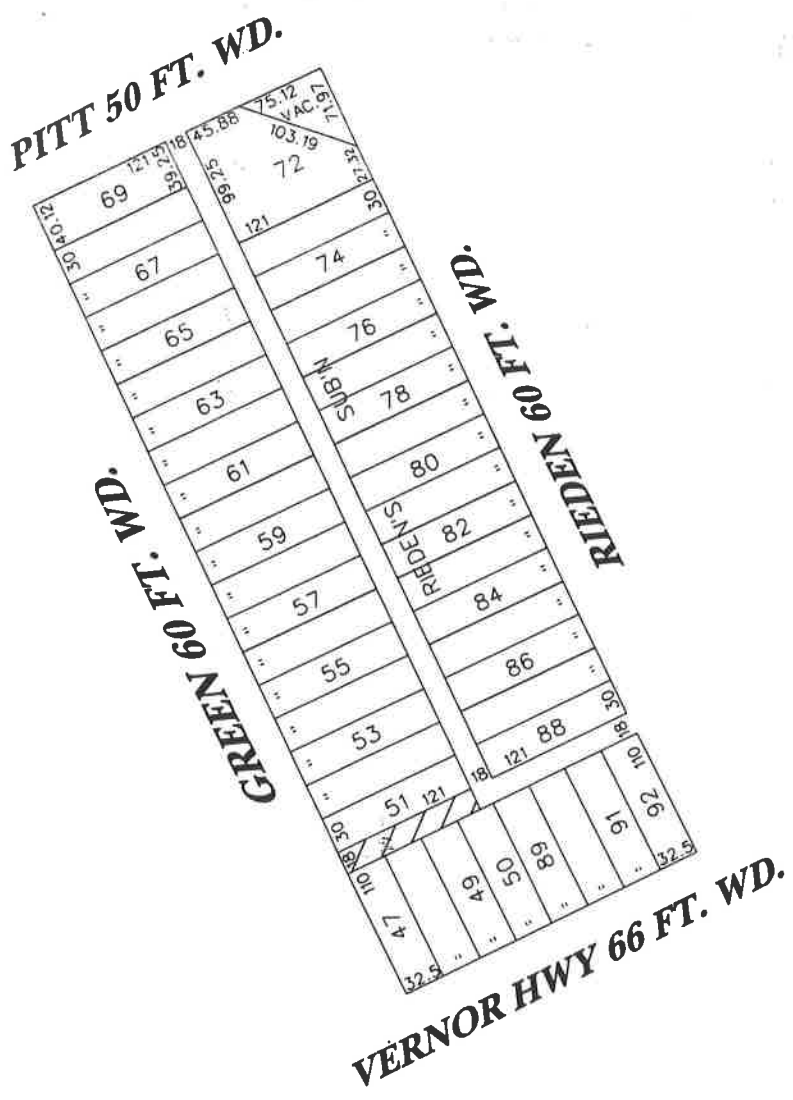
Fourth, That if the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners,

Fifth, That if any utility located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of said owners or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation) such as storage of excessive weights of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 3, mentioned above, then in such event said owners or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility; and further

PROVIDED, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved alley return at the entrances (into Green Avenue.), such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk shall be done under city permit and inspection according to City Engineering Division - DPW specifications with all costs borne by the abutting owner(s), their heir or assigns; and further

PROVIDED, that the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

PETITION NO. 0446
 LA SED
 4138 W. VERNOR
 DETROIT, MI 48209
 c/o VARGAS
 PHONE NO. 313-554-2025



 -REQUESTED CONVERSION TO EASEMENT

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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REQUESTED CONVERSION TO EASEMENT THE WEST PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY 18 FT. WD. IN THE AREA OF VERNOR HWY., GREEN, PITT AND RIEDEN.							