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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Monday, October 22, 2007

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.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

2137 *Brown's Bun Bakery, request vacation of east-west and portion of north-south alley(s) in area of 4817 W. Vernor Hwy., at Ferdinand and Morrell; donation to city an easement at Ferdinand.*

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Mr. Alfred Jordan, Director
Department of Public Works

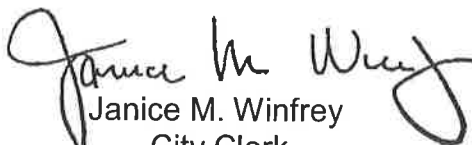
RE: PETITION OF BROWN'S BUN BAKERY (#2137), REQUEST FOR VACATION OF EAST-WEST AND PORTION OF NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY(S) IN AREA OF 4817 W. VERNOR HWY., AT FERDINAND AND MORRELL; DONATION TO CITY AN EASEMENT AT FERDINAND

Dear Mr. Jordan:

During the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on January 9, 2008, the City Council received the attached report from the Planning and Development Department relative to the above-captioned matter. As a result, Council requested the matter be referred back to your department for review and response.

Please submit your report to the City Clerk's Office no later than **Thursday, January, 24, 2008.**

Sincerely,


Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Kerwin Wimberley, Mayor's Office
City Engineering Survey Bureau

November 1, 2007

Honorable City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, Michigan 48226

**RE: Departmental Report
Petition No. 2137, Brown's Bun Bakery, request vacation of the East-West and
portion of the North-South alley(s) in area of 4817 W. Vernor Highway at Ferdinand
and Morrell; with land dedication to the City of Detroit for alley purposes.**

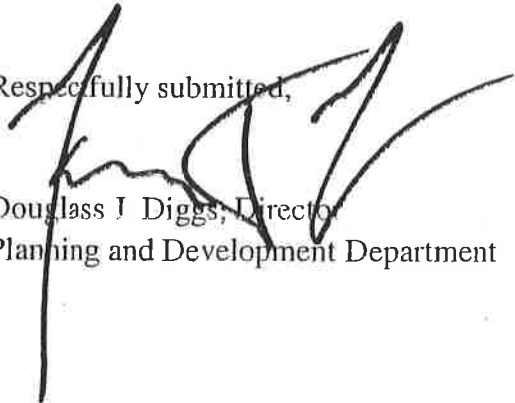
At the request of your Honorable Body, the Planning and Development (P&DD) is hereby responding to the above referenced petition.

A preliminary review by the P&DD revealed that the Petitioner, Mr. Michael Dinu already had previous meetings with the Department of Public Works/ City Engineering staff who were supportive of his request.

Although P&DD has no objection to this alley vacation, the DPW/CED has jurisdiction over alleys with commercial interest and, as such, is the entity required to evaluate the feasibility of the above referenced-petition. The Planning and Development Department, therefore, will defer action on this petition to the DPW/CED who will coordinate the various utility and city agency responses and report to the City Council.

If there is any input that you need from our department regarding this matter, please contact our office at (313) 628-0112.

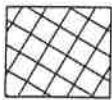
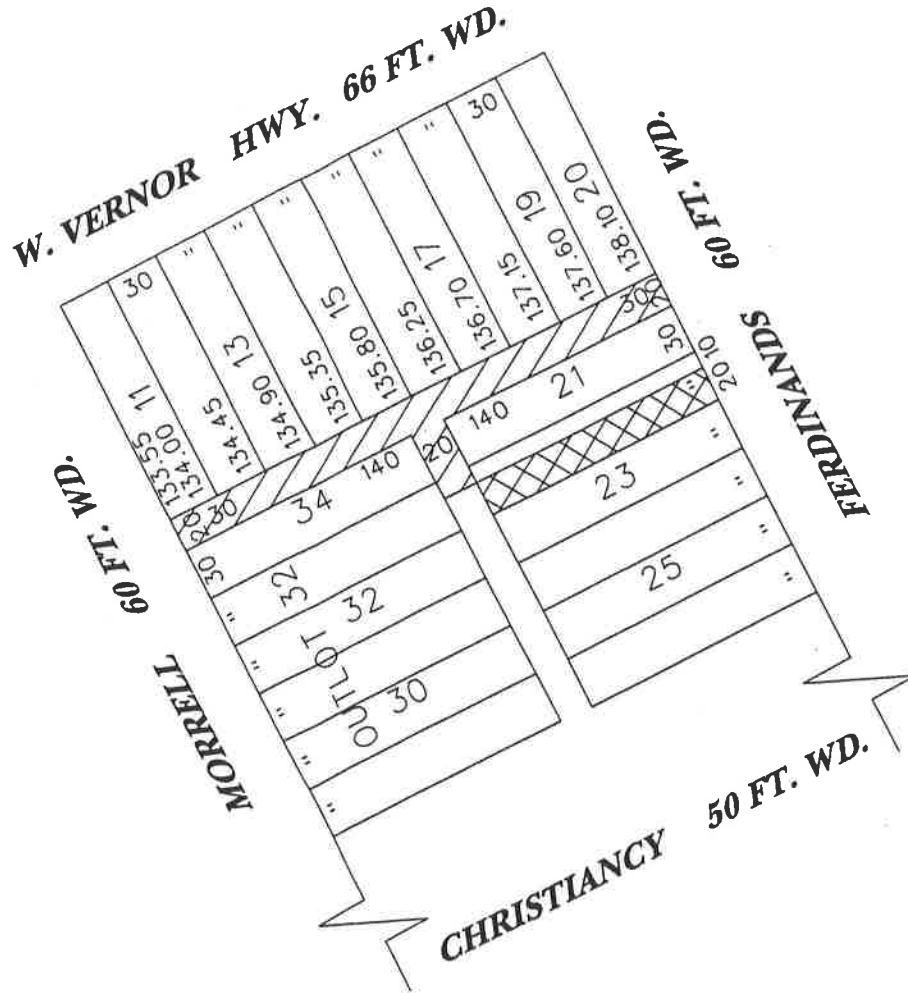
Respectfully submitted,


Douglas J. Diggs, Director
Planning and Development Department

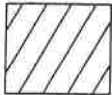
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cc: K. Milton, Mayor's Office
M. Todd, CPC
C. Square, DPW
V. Upshaw, P&DD

PETITION NO. 2137
BROWN'S BUN BAKING CO.
4817 W. VERNOR HWY.
DETROIT, MI 48209
c/o MICHAEL DINU
PHONE NO. 313-554-4924 FAX 313-842-2210



-DEDICATION



-REQUESTED CONVERSION TO EASEMENT

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DESCRIPTION		DRWN	CHKD	APPD	DATE	JOB NO. 01-01 DRWG. NO. x2137.dgn
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BROWN'S BUN BAKING CO. • 4817 W. VERNOR HWY. • DETROIT, MI. • 48209 • (313) 554-4924

July 10, 2007

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of my family's business, Brown's Bun Baking Company, which is now entering its 5th generation and 75 years of operation at 4817 W. Vernor Hwy. in Detroit. We have recently made the decision to expand and need your approval to vacate the alley (east-west) and a small portion of the north-south alley directly behind our business.

Our company would provide the public access to the north-south alley between Ferdinand St. and Morrell St. by giving the city an easement from Ferdinand St. by building a new approach (east-west) to access the alley north-south.

The vacation of the east-west alley directly behind our business would only be a request for an easement from the city and there would be no building construction on any part of the current city alleyways. Any new construction would be done on our current West Vernor property up to Morrell St., however, we will construct the necessary and appropriate opaque screening walls to the residential properties to the south and along the edges of our properties on Ferdinand and Morrell Streets. These improvements will create a more safe and secure environment for our operation as well as the surrounding community as a whole. Our bakery property site owns the entire block between Ferdinand and Morrell Streets, with the exception of one business at the corner of West Vernor and Ferdinand. Brown's currently has the support of this one business owner, Abdul Zadanni as well, the support of many adjacent residential property owners.(see attachment of support).

I have had preliminary meetings with the City of Detroit Engineering's, Mr. Noel Perry and Planning and Development's, Khalil Mogassabi regarding our need for an expansion and the maneuverability of the operation as regards this "alleyway" request. They are supportive of the needs and look forward to receiving this official request through the City Clerk's office to investigate further and proceed forward in a timely fashion. P&DD and our local business association known as the Southwest Detroit Business Association, will also work together with our architectural firm to insure that our improvements,

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We're still concerned about quality.

along with our existing buildings on Vernor meet the "Traditional Main Street Overlay Design Standards."

In closing, Brown's Bun Baking Company has always and continues to this day to employ primarily residents from this local area. Approximately 75% of our annual in plant payroll is received by employees who reside in the "Empowerment Zone" and we feel that this expansion will improve these numbers, as well as be a visual and economical boost for the community and the City of Detroit. I have attached a basic site plan as advised by Mr. Noel Perry at City Engineering for his departments further review.

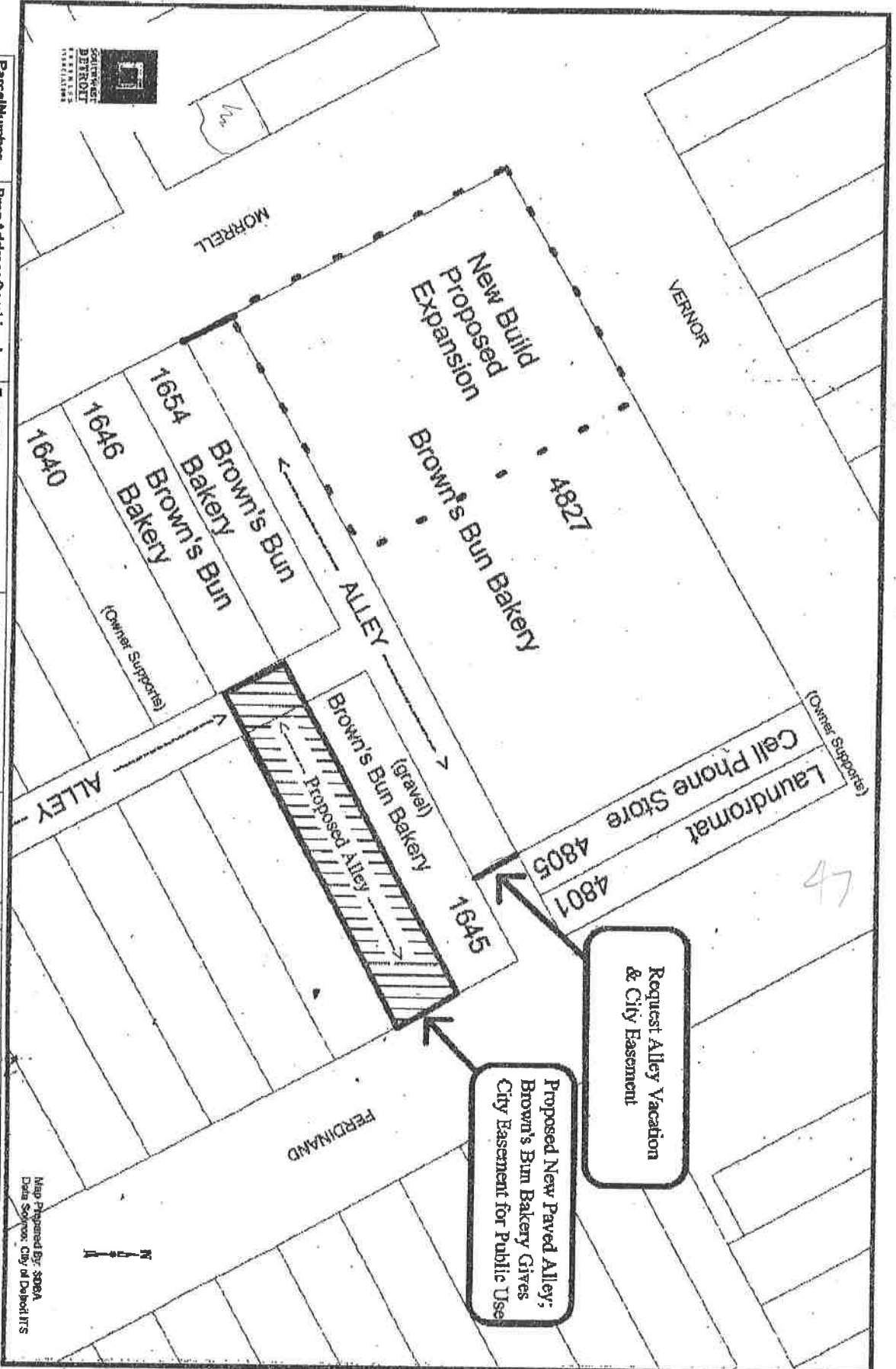
Thank you for your kind attention in this matter and we are hopeful for an approval of the Brown's Bun Baking Company's requests including your support for our business's growth and needs.

Sincerely,



Michael Dinu
President and Director of Quality Assurance

Cc: Detroit City Clerk
Noel Perry, City Engineering
Kahil Mogassabi, P&DD
Jean - Paul Harang, P&DD/B&SE



ParcelNumber	PropAddressContinued	Targeter	TargeterStreetAddress	TaxpayerCity	Ta	TaxpayerZip	PropertyClass
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16016296	1646 MORRELL	GEMDAA ENTERPRISES	4817 W VERNOR HWY	DETROIT	MI	48209-2121	401 Owner Support
16016295	1640 MORRELL	SANCHEZ, ANDRES MAYA	1641 MCKINSTRY ST	DETROIT	MI	48208-2177	401 Owner Support
16010067-8	1645 FERDINAND	GEMDAA ENTERPRISES	4817 W VERNOR HWY	DETROIT	MI	48209-2121	301 Owner Support
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Data Source: City of Detroit GIS

We, the Undersigned Our Neighboring Residents and Property Owners adjacent to and across the street from Brown's Bun Baking Co. and Support This Southwest Detroit Small Family-Owned Business's expansion project. We also support their proposal to do vacant lot improvements to create paved parking lots behind their building between Morrell and Ferdinand, erect appropriate screened fencing to the south and brick and iron fencing along Morrell and Ferdinand.

Name	Address	Date
✓ Abdo Landavi ABDO LANDAVI	4801 W. VERNOR	7/3/07
✓ [Signature] Randy Jones	4750 W. VERNOR	7/3/07
✓ Andres Nava S. Andres Nava Sanchez	1640 Morrell	7/10/07
✓ Maria Barajas MARIA BARAJAS	1651 MORRELL	7/11/07
✓ Abel Barrera Abel Barrera	1644 Ferdinand	7/11/07
✓ Khadi Batayeh KHADI BATAYEH	4858 W. Vernor Det. Mail 48209	7.13.07