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Petitioner,

RE: Petition No. 478

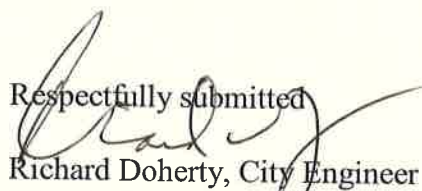
Petition No. 478 of "Quality Behavioral Health" whose address is 751 East Grand Blvd, Detroit, Michigan request to vacate and convert to easement the public alley bounded by Mack Ave. to the north and Benson Ave. to the south.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

After reviewing the petitioner's request it was determined that the petitioner, Quality Behavioral Health, has petitioned to vacate the public alley bounded by Mack Ave. to the north and Benson Ave. to the south for the purpose of preventing trespassing and loitering on the premise. At this time the petitioner has not demonstrated any immediate need for the vacation to occur by way of development or land improvement. The proposed alley to be vacated consists of residential properties that are platted with 35 ft. frontage lots. Approval of this petition would negatively impact the value of the residential homes by preventing rear garage access to existing garages and prevent owners from erecting garages in the future. The act of vacating the proposed alley proves to be an excessive measure for the reasons provided. The petitioner has not demonstrated that all adjacent owners approve of this petition. It is the opinion of the City Engineering Division that the public alley bounded by Mack Ave. to the north and Benson Ave. to the south remain accessible and open for public use.

The Department of Public Works, City Engineering Division **denies** this petition request. Please receive and file this report for your reference.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director – DPW  
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison