

City of Detroit
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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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

1332 *Rusas Owner LLC, request to vacate alleyway located directly south of 6527 Oakland Street.*

RUSAS OWNER LLC

November 4, 2016

The Honorable City Council
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

**RE: Petition request for vacation of alleyway located directly south of 6527
Oakland Street; Tax ID: Ward 03, Item 003024**

Honorable City Council:

I am writing with a request to vacate an alleyway adjacent to two parcels of property we currently own and control one block south of East Grand Boulevard in the North End neighborhood. Please find details of the request below:

- **WHO:** Rusas Owner LLC is the petitioner and current property owner adjacent to the alley. We currently maintain all aspects of the alley, which includes landscaping, snow removal, and concrete repairs.
- **WHAT:** We are requesting a vacation of the alleyway that will allow for the ability to build over the right of way at a future date.
- **WHERE:** The alleyway is generally bound by East Grand Boulevard to the north, East Milwaukee to the south, Oakland Avenue to the east, and Saint Antoine to the west. More specifically, the alley is located directly south of 6540 Saint Antoine (tax id: 003271) and 6527 Oakland (tax id: 003024).
- **WHEN:** We are requesting to start the process towards vacation of the alley as of today, November 4, 2016.
- **WHY:** We are requesting the alley to be vacated for the following reasons:
 - No pedestrians or vehicles currently use the alley as a right of way. The alley is currently used for parking by the small businesses located at 6540 Saint Antoine. The previous owner for similar reasons vacated the alley perpendicular to the subject alley.
 - As the property owner, we are incurring the expense of the upkeep and management of the alleyway.
 - It will help to encourage future development on the property, which will be beneficial for a neighborhood with several vacant and blighted properties.

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RUSAS OWNER LLC

Please see Attachment A, which is a previous survey of the property that includes the subject alleyway that this petition is in regards to. We look forward to working with the stakeholders and city of Detroit on the vacation of the alley and creating a more safe, walkable neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Wolfe', written in a cursive style.

Jordan Wolfe
Manager, Rusas Owner LLC

Attachment A: Survey of subject alleyway

cc: Keith McCrary, City – Department of Public Works and PDD

