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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

1432 *Harry's Detroit Bar, request to vacate Clifford Street between Henry Street and the Fisher Freeway Service Drive and Henry Street from the alley east of Clifford Street to Clifford Street in the vicinity of the Little Caesars Arena.*

4/6/17 - TALKED TO MR. RASHID ABOUT PDD
IND. "OBJECTIONS". SEND HIM
THE RESPONSE.

EASEMENT

5/15/17 - EMAILED MR. RASHID ABOUT PLA IND. "COST".

3/14/18 - EMAILED MR. RASHID ABOUT PDD IND. "OBJECTIONS"



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February 3, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

City Council of the City of Detroit
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
13th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

**Re: Request of Harry's Detroit Bar to Vacate Clifford Street
Between Henry Street and the Fisher Freeway Service Drive and
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In the Vicinity of the Little Caesars Arena**

CLERK OF COURT
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Honorable City Council of the City of Detroit:

On behalf of our client, Harry's Detroit Bar, located at 2482 Clifford Street, Detroit, MI 48201, this is to request, pursuant to City of Detroit Code of Ordinances, Article VII, Division 1, being Sec. 50-7-1, et seq., adoption of a resolution by your Honorable Body to vacate the one block of Clifford Street situated between Henry Street and the Fisher Freeway Service Drive, and to vacate Henry Street from the alley east of Clifford Street to Clifford Street. A site map of the area is attached as Exhibit A.

The vacating of Clifford Street in this one-block area will provide a more convenient access and greater safety for pedestrians and patrons attending events at the new Little Caesars Arena. In addition, by limiting vehicular traffic in this area, traffic jams on the dates of events will be eliminated and additional parking for patrons will be created. According to the information disclosed in public announcements, there will be over 275 events at the Little Caesars Arena and there presently exists a parking shortage in the area.

By vacating Clifford Street in this one-block area, the City of Detroit will stand to gain a benefit by not requiring additional police officers to direct traffic. Also, vehicular traffic will be able to access the proposed parking structures in the area from Cass Avenue and the Fisher Freeway Service Drive. All easements for public utilities will not be affected by vacating this one-block area.

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Granting our client's request to vacate this portion of Henry Street will allow for the free flow of pedestrian traffic on Henry Street and complement the plans intended for this area by Olympia Development of Michigan.

The addresses of the other two properties whose property lines are located on the subject Clifford Street block are 2457 Cass Avenue (a liquor store presently closed) and 2467 Cass Avenue (a vacant lot).

Your favorable action by adopting a resolution to vacate Clifford Street between Henry Street and the Fisher Freeway Service Drive and Henry Street from the alley East of Clifford Street to Clifford Street will be in the best interests of the residents of the City of Detroit and it will greatly enhance the experience of attending events at the Little Caesars Arena.

Respectfully submitted,

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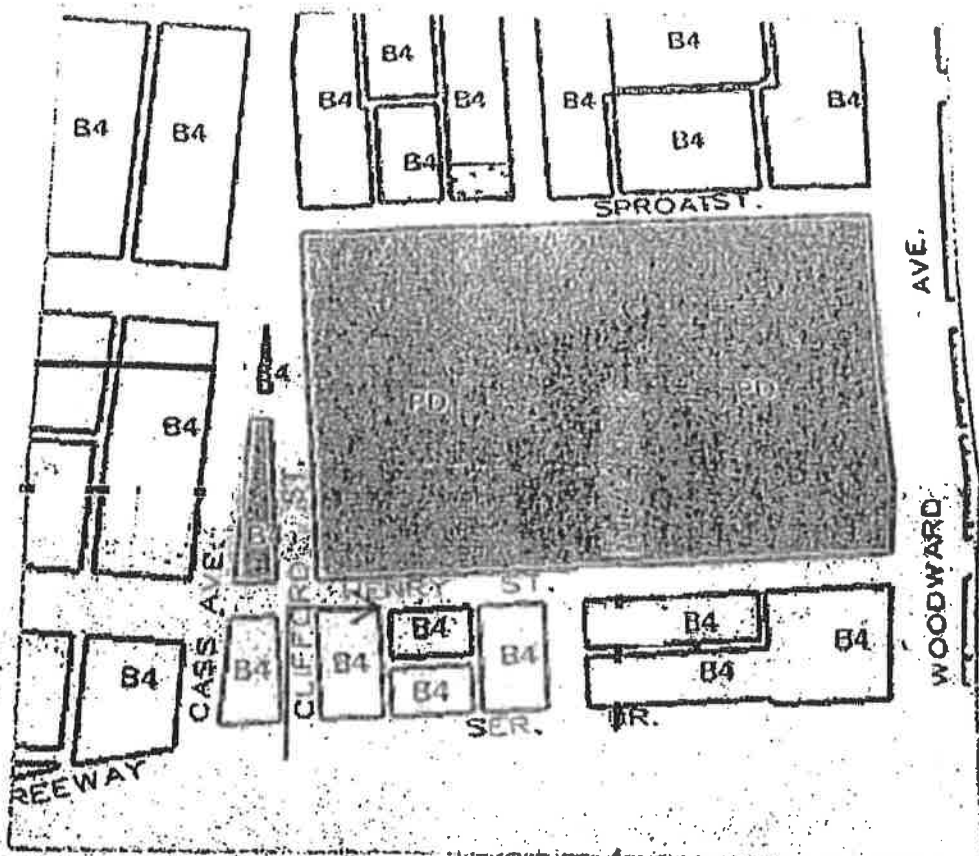
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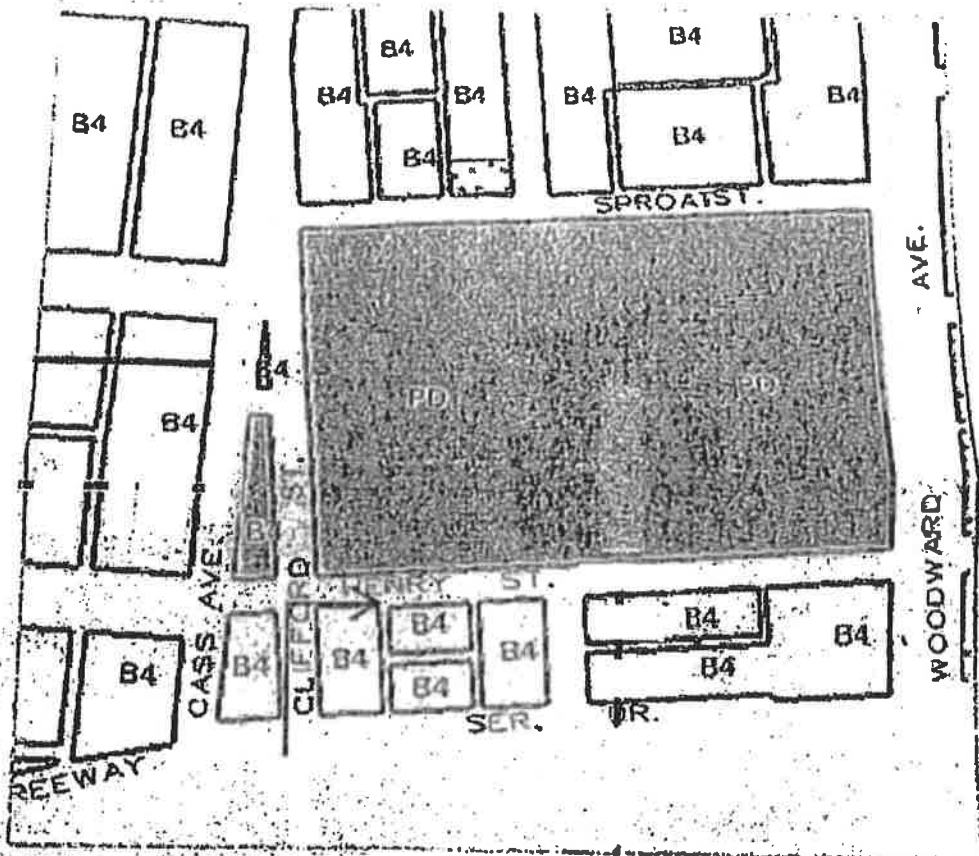
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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