

# City of Detroit

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## DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

*Thursday, April 13, 2017*

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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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.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT    DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

**1534**    *Giffels Webster, request for vacation and transfer of a public alley north-south (20 feet wide) within the block bounded by Woodward Avenue, Grand River Avenue, John R. Street, and Farmer Street.*



April 11, 2017

HAND DELIVER

Honorable Detroit City Council  
C/o Detroit City Clerk  
2 Woodward Avenue  
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Request for vacation and transfer of public alley

Giffels Webster, 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48226, on behalf of 1400 Webward Avenue LLC, 1092 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48226 ("1400 Webward"), respectfully requests that the City of Detroit vacate the surface of the north-south public alley (20 feet wide) within the block bounded by Woodward Avenue, Grand River Avenue, John R Street, and Farmer Street ("Alley") in order to facilitate the construction of the proposed Shinola Hotel Development. Limits of the Alley are attached hereto and more particularly described as:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 32, Plat of Section 7, Governor and Judge's Plan, as recorded December 23, 1848 in liber 34, page 544 of deeds, thence N30°11'27"W, 300.90 feet along the westerly line of the alley (20 feet wide) to the southerly line of John R. Street (55 feet wide); thence along said southerly line N59°46'14"E, 20.00 feet to the westerly line of said alley; thence along said westerly line S30°11'27"E, 300.92 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of E. Grand River Avenue (60 feet wide); thence along said northerly line, S59°50'52"W, 20.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.138 acres of land.

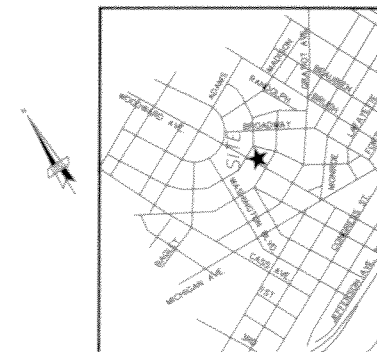
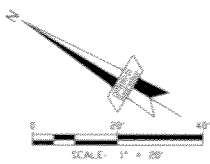
As the Alley is located within the Governor and Judges Plan, title to the Alley, once vacated, will revert to the City. We are therefore also requesting that the City transfer title to the Alley to 1400 Webward. All of the parcels abutting the Alley, except for 1413 Farmer (in the process of being acquired by 1400 Webward) and 1401 Farmer, are owned by 1400 Webward and its affiliates. The owner of 1401 Farmer is supportive of the Shinola Hotel Development and vacation of the Alley.

Giffels Webster has been asked to facilitate the requested vacation and transfer. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deirdre Clein, Giffels Webster planner, by phone, at 313.962.4442, or by email at [dclein@giffelswebster.com](mailto:dclein@giffelswebster.com).

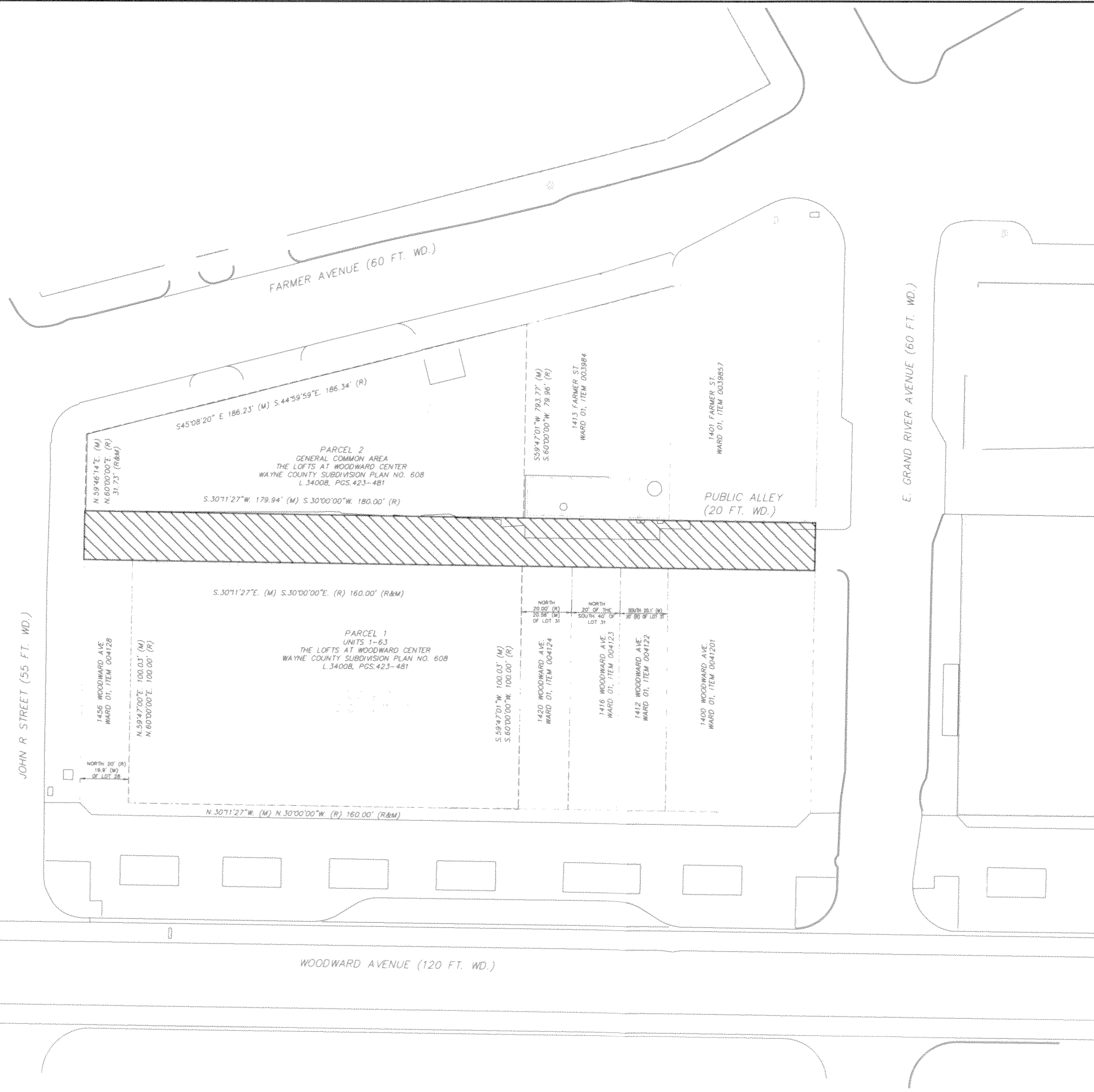
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Marks".

Michael Marks, P.E.  
Partner  
Giffels Webster



LOCATION MAP  
(NOT TO SCALE)



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PROPOSED EASEMENT

2017-04-13

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