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**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

Monday, April 17, 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT    DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

**1536** Salem and Ayser Toma, request to vacate a portion of Clifford Street between Henry Street and Sproat Street, and to vacate Henry Street from Clifford Street to Cass Avenue, in the vicinity of Little Caesars Arena and District Detroit.

SEND OLYMPIA DAY PROJECT AS A FYI TO THE POLICE DEPT.

3/14/18 - EMAILED MR. GOLDBERG ON DPD & PPD "OBJECTION";

7/10/18 - EMAILED MR. GOLDBERG ON HAVING ALL OF THE UTILITIES COMMENTS THAT CAME IN. DPD & PPD HAS OBJECTIONS, PPD HAS INV. "COST".

7/19/18 - TALKED TO MR. GOLDBERG. GETTING <sup>CONSENT FROM</sup> ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS.

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April 5, 2017

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

City Council of the City of Detroit  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

**RE: Request by IWH Real Estate Ventures, LLC, on behalf of Salem and Ayser Toma, to Vacate a Portion of Clifford Street Between Henry Street and Sproat Street, and to Vacate Henry Street from Clifford Street to Cass Avenue, In the Vicinity of Little Caesars Arena and District Detroit**

Honorable City Council of the City of Detroit:

On behalf of our clients, IWH Real Estate Ventures, LLC, and ~~Salem and Ayser Toma~~, whose address is 200 Henry Street, Detroit, Michigan 48201, this letter serves 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: (i) vacate approximately 72.16 feet of Clifford Street situated between Sproat Street and Henry Street; and (ii) vacate Henry Street situated between Clifford Street and Cass Avenue. A site map depicting the two areas is attached as Exhibit A.

The vacating of a portion of Clifford Street in this approximately 72.16 feet area is to complete the entire vacating of Clifford Street from Sproat Street to Henry Street, which was previously requested by Olympia Development of Michigan last year. It is our understanding this small portion of only the west-half of Clifford Street behind our clients' property was not included in the Olympia Development of Michigan request. If that is the case, our clients request that the remainder of Clifford Street be vacated as well. If this request to vacate is granted, together with the pending request by Harry's Detroit Bar to vacate Clifford Street from Henry Street to the Fisher Freeway Service Drive, then Clifford Street will be vacated the entire length from Sproat Street to the Fisher Freeway Service Drive.

Our clients' request to vacate Henry Street from Clifford Street to Cass Avenue is to join pending requests from Olympia Development of Michigan to vacate Henry Street from Woodward Avenue to the alley east of Clifford Street, and Harry's Detroit Bar to vacate Henry Street from the alley east of Clifford Street to Clifford Street. Granting our client's request to complete the vacating of Henry Street will allow pedestrian traffic to flow from Woodward Avenue all the way to Cass Avenue.

If this last portion of Henry Street is not vacated, and all the streets surrounding it are vacated, then vehicular traffic could travel east this short portion from Cass Avenue to Clifford Street and then be trapped with nowhere to go. With Henry Street vacated all the way to Cass Avenue, then there will be no vehicular traffic east of Cass Avenue and west of Woodward Avenue the entire length of Henry Street and along the entire Little Caesars Arena.

The address of the other property whose property line abuts Henry Street from Clifford Street to Cass Avenue is 2467 Cass Avenue, a vacant lot.

Your favorable action by adopting a resolution to vacate a portion of Clifford Street, 72.16 feet north from Henry Street and to vacate Henry Street from Clifford Street to Cass Avenue will be in the best interests of the residents of the City of Detroit, will complete the vacating of streets surrounding the Little Caesars Arena, and will in the long run better enhance the experience of guests visiting Little Caesars Arena and the surrounding businesses within District Detroit.

Respectfully submitted,

Law Office of David A. Goldberg, P.C.,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.A. Goldberg', written over a faint horizontal line.

David A. Goldberg, Esq.

Enclosure

2017-04-17

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**REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)**

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