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January 24, 2018

1500 Woodward Suite 300 Detroit, Michigan 48226 phone 313.782.4800 www.neumannsmith.com Ms. Debra Singleton, Engineer City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 642 Detroit, MI 48226-3462

RE: Petition No. 1705

Request to outright vacate all of the north south and east west alleys in the block bound by Third, Second, Plum, and Elizabeth Streets

Dear Ms. Singleton:

In response to the City of Detroit Inter-Departmental Communication memorandum dated October 24, 2017, please see the following comments:

- 1. All properties serviced by the same sewer are owner by the Petitioner.
- 2. The Petitioner will bear the entire cost of the proposed sewer abandonment including construction, demolition, permitting, inspection, and a site survey.
- 3. The DWSD will not be required to maintain ownership of the abandoned sewer, therefore a satisfactory easement for the sewer will not be required.
- 4. The entire work is to be performed in accordance with DWSD specifications and standards. Construction documents, signed by a registered engineer, will be submitted for this work when the design and details of the demolition and capping-off of the sewer are available.

Please refer to a recently completed north yard site survey (as-built drawing) of the property, which is being submitted as an attachment to this letter, for your review in conjunction with this petition request.

It is anticipated that detailed site design and demolition drawings for this work will be available in the second quarter of 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition. We look forward to answering any additional questions that you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

NEUMANN/SMITH ARCHITECTURE

Daniel Schneider, AIA Project Manager

Enclosures: Site survey from Gifflels Webster dated December 11, 2017

Copies: J. Pendergrass, H. Pirooz: DTE

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