

**Walter Williams - Letter sent to WSU concerning concerning petition 497**

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Mr. Williams, I live at 453 W Hancock St and my entrance to my garage is off the alley that use to extend from Cass. Below is a copy of the email I sent WSU to voice my objection to their current plan. Just wanted to keep you in the loop. Thank you.

Dear Mr. Wyatt,

I am unable to sign your letter dated December 7,2018 for the following reason. I live at 453 W Hancock St and my driveway backs into the alley directly behind our units. In other words, the South Side of the Hancock Square Condos.

The proposal for the alley by WSU is to extend the alley from Hancock St to Forest Ave (a one way street going east). I have a concern with this plan as you must make close to a 90 degree turn to get to our driveways. This can be difficult for several reasons:

- There are 2 dumpsters at the end of the alley before you make the turn to our driveways. These service the apartment buildings on the corner of Hancock and Second Ave. These prevent a wide turn radius at that corner as well as the several utility poles and the parking lot for the apartments. The company that services these dumpster pulls in and must back out the same way. In this day of large vehicles (SUV's and trucks), 2 of these vehicles can't pass each other in the alley, forcing one to back up to allow one to pass.
- It looks like the current fencing will remain in place which also limits any additional room for turning.

If we had a fire, there is no way that a fire truck could make that turn. It appears to me that the truck would have to be parked in the alley or the street. The water hydrants are located around the perimeter of the block nearer each corner. The new WSU building blocks the hydrants on the east side and you have Mackenzie House and the apartment buildings as well as fencing on the west. It seems to me all of this would delay the access to water.

I would like to see the alley behind us extended to Second Ave to give us a straight entry way into our units and allow delivery and emergency vehicles a more direct route to us. I believe this is a safety issue.

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