City of Detroit

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, December 13, 2019

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

Vaughan Street Block Club, request for the permanent closure of two alleys in the area of Puritan, Pilgrim, Heyden, and Evergreen.

Vaughan Street Block Club 15770 Vaughan Street Detroit, Michigan 48223 City Clerk's Office
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue Suite 200
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Honorable City Council,

25th November 2019

We, the Vaughan Street Block Club request the permanent closure of our two alleys in which Alley #1 has the following boundaries: North-Puritan, South-Pilgrim, West-Heyden and East-Evergreen. Alley #2 has the following boundaries: North-Pilgrim, South-Midland, West-Heyden, and East-Evergreen. We petition for this action based on the following reasons:

- The alley has been a site for criminal activity such as illegal dumping.
- The open alley has been used as a gateway for vehicles to park and commit crimes of theft against neighbors in the community.
- There is an overgrowth of trees and bushes which affect visibility down the alley.
- Yearly maintenance of the alleyway has been a challenging and grueling task for neighbors.

We believe that the upkeep of the alley should rest in the hands of the individual homeowners. The Vaughan Street Block Club has spent many hours to attempt to maintain and clear the alleyway.

Please consider this petition from the Vaughan Street Block Club, for we desire to decrease potential criminal activity, as well as ensure that the upkeep of the alley rests with each homeowner.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Martin-Agboruche-Co-chair-313-537-4809

Vaughan Street Block Club

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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