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Honorable City Council:

**RE: Petition No. 861 — Michael E. Williams, request to Temporary Close Burgess Street between Lyndon and Acacia.**

Petition No. 861 — Michael E. Williams to temporary close Burgess Avenue, 50 feet wide, from Acacia Avenue, 60 feet wide, to the east-west alley, 18 feet wide, first south of Lyndon Avenue.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

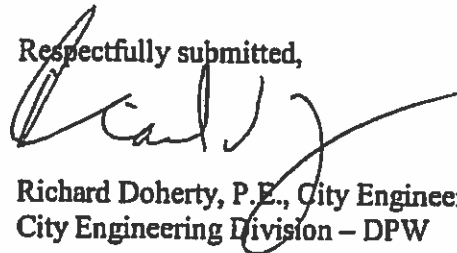
Petition 231 for this same request was forwarded to your Honorable Body on September 24, 2018 with a recommendation for denial.

The request is being made by a property owner located on Burgess Avenue. The area is subject to crime, including illegal dumping. The property owners have been issued citations and charged with the removal of the debris discarded by others. There is also a problem with stolen cars being stripped and abandoned on the block. The residents would like to improve the block and allow only pedestrian traffic by blocking both ends of the block with planters and maintaining a green space on the block.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) objects to the closure because there are residents serviced with garbage pickup by DPW. There are also concerns regarding access for residents, emergency vehicles, and maintenance vehicles for city-owned lots. Street closure has been an ineffective method for prevention of illegal dumping. DPW will consider installing surveillance cameras on Burgess, as well as ensuring that the street is regularly monitored for any necessary debris removal.

City Engineering Division – DPW concludes that Burgess Avenue should remain an open public right-of-way and respectfully recommends **DENIAL** of this petition request.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW  
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

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