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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, January 3, 2020

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

1165 *Bounce Back Detroit, request for the outright vacation of the 1500 block of Grand Street between Thompson Street and the John C. Lodge Service Drive.*



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December 3, 2019

The Honorable City Council
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
2 Woodward Avenue
200 CAYMAC
Detroit, MI 48226

My name is Jeffrey Jones, lifelong resident and CEO of Bounce Back Detroit. In 2017, I purchased three vacant parcels on Grand Street to bolster my Davison Cut project, the first resident created bike trail in Detroit.

I am requesting a status change to the right-of-way of the 1500 block of Grand Street between Thompson Street and the John C. Lodge Service Drive. I am requesting outright vacation of the 1500 block of Grand Street, approximately 150 feet in total length, due to its deteriorated condition and attraction for illegal dumping. There is miniscule vehicular traffic as the service drive does not go through.

Between Thompson Street and the John C. Lodge Service Drive, there are eight parcels on the 1500 block of Grand Street. Three of parcels are owned by the Detroit Land Bank, (1526, 1520, 1514 Grand), three by Bounce Back Detroit, (1500, 1508, 1509 Grand) and the remaining two parcels are privately owned.

I am proposing this status change to the right-of-way because this summer, thousands of volunteers from Life Remodeled help clear the area of debris, tires, and mounds are the illegal dumping. It is my hope that the outright vacation of the 1500 block of Grand would discourage illegal dumpers from using this location. If approved, Bounce Back Detroit proposes to put concrete barricades at each end of the block, artistically decorated to enhance the natural beautify the area. I would request action on my petition forthrightly, because the fall evenings are opportunities for dumpers.

Bounce Back Detroit is a social entrepreneurial firm, deeply vested in the community and striving to create positive social impact in areas that are too often neglected. We would greatly appreciate your support in our hard work to maintain one of Detroit's marginalized neighborhoods.

Thank you and respectfully yours,

Jeffrey Jones
Bounce Back Detroit



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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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