

September 27, 2022

Honorable Detroit City Council C/o Detroit City Clerk 2 Woodward Avenue 200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Giffels Webster – A request of the vacation of the public easement within the block bounded by Woodward Avenue (120 feet wide), E. Montcalm Street (50 feet wide), Witherell Street (60 feet wide), and E. Elizabeth Street (60 feet wide).

Giffels Webster, 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48226 respectfully requests the following outright vacation within the block bounded by Woodward Avenue (120 feet wide), E. Montcalm Street (50 feet wide), Witherell Street (60 feet wide), and E. Elizabeth Street (60 feet wide):

• Outright vacation of the public utility easement within the former East Columbia Street right-of-way (50 feet wide) from the eastern Woodward Avenue (120 feet wide) right-of-way and western Witherell Street (60 feet wide) right-of-way.

See attached exhibit for further clarification. We have commenced dialogue with the City of Detroit's Department of Public Works – City Engineering Division, DTE, DWSD and Detroit Thermal. We intend on further engaging all stakeholders to achieve approval of the vacation in a manner that is satisfactory to all interested parties.

The requested vacation will neither impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic, nor will it interfere with the maintenance of the public rights-of-way, including utility company and Fire and Police Department access.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Marks by phone, at 313.980.1469, or by email, at <u>mmarks@giffelswebster.com</u>.

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