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**DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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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.

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Petition No.	2024-011
Name of Petitioner	UJF 4250 Woodward LLC
Description of Petition	Petition to vacate to utility easement the public alley lying between East Canfield Street and East Willis Street, adjacent to the property commonly known as 4250 Woodward Avenue.
Type of Petition	<b>Alley Vacation/Encroachment/Utility Vacation</b>
Submission Date	01/04/2024
Concerned Departments	Department of Public Works, Planning and Development Department, City Engineering Division
Petitioner Contact	Giffels Webster 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200 Detroit, MI 48226 313-962-4442 <a href="mailto:mmarks@giffelswebster.com">mmarks@giffelswebster.com</a>



**CITY OF DETROIT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER  
2 WOODWARD AVE. SUITE 601  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226  
PHONE: (313) 224-3949 TTY: 711  
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To: Clerk's Office  
From: The Department of Public Works  
City Engineering Division  
MapsandRecordsBureau@DetroitMI.Gov  
(313) 224-3970

Petitioner:  
UJF 4250 Woodward LLC  
6735 Telegraph  
Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48303

On behalf of the above-mentioned petitioner the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division is submitting a petition request for the below mentioned action. The petitioner has received a project consultation from the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division and has been advised the following:

Type of action recommended:

Petition to vacate to utility easement the public alley lying between East Canfield Street and East Willis Street, adjacent to the property commonly known as 4250 Woodward Avenue.

Jered Dean  
Manager II  
Department of Public Works  
City Engineering Division  
313-224-3985



August 18, 2023

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

RE: Giffels Webster – Request for a right-of-way vacation into the block bounded by Canfield Avenue (60 feet wide), Willis Avenue (100 feet wide), Woodward Avenue (120 feet wide), and John R. (60 feet wide).

Giffels Webster, 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48226 on behalf of UJF-4250 Woodward LLC, 6735 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, respectfully requests the following vacation of the public alley right-of-way in the block bounded by Canfield Avenue (60 feet wide), Willis Avenue (100 feet wide), Woodward Avenue (120 feet wide), and John R. (60 feet wide):

- The vacation with the reservation of a public utility easement of the north-south public alley from the southern Canfield Avenue (60 feet wide) right-of-way to the northern right-of-way of the 20-foot-wide east-west public alley.

The petitioner is the owner of both adjacent parcels to the subject alley, 4250 Woodward and 62 E. Canfield and this property currently functions and will continue to function as part of the adjacent surface parking lot conforming to the standard requirements of similar vacated alleys with reservation of a full width public utility easement.

Also attached is a letter from petitioner and adjacent property owner consenting to the vacation request and authorizing Giffels Webster to support them in this action.

The subject alley has previously obtained Temporary Closure status on June 9, 1970 #9104 J.C.C. pp. 1424-25, and formally extended in 1973, 1976, 1980, 1987 and 1993. The current request is looking to supersede the Temporary Closure and formally vacate the alley.

Please refer to the attached detailed sketch for further clarification.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (P) 313.962.4442 (M) 313.980.1469 or at [mmarks@giffelswebster.com](mailto:mmarks@giffelswebster.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Marks", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Marks P.E.,  
Partner  
Giffels Webster

attachments

June 19, 2023

Mr. Richard T. Doherty, P.E.  
City Engineer  
City Engineering Division  
Department of Public Works  
2 Woodward, Suite 600  
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Support of Petition to Vacate with Reservation of Public Utility Easement the North/South Alley, north of the East/West Alley in the Block Bound by Woodward, E. Canfield, John R. and E. Willis.

Dear Mr. Doherty:

As the owner of the properties consisting of 4250 Woodward (Parcel ID: 01004213-4) and 62 E. Canfield (Parcel ID: 01001097-1101), we are writing to you to confirm our support to vacate with reservation of a full width public utility easement the North/South public alley, 15 feet wide, north of the East/West public alley in the block bound by Woodward, E. Canfield, John R. and E. Willis.

Our consultant Giffels Webster will be supporting us in this endeavor.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

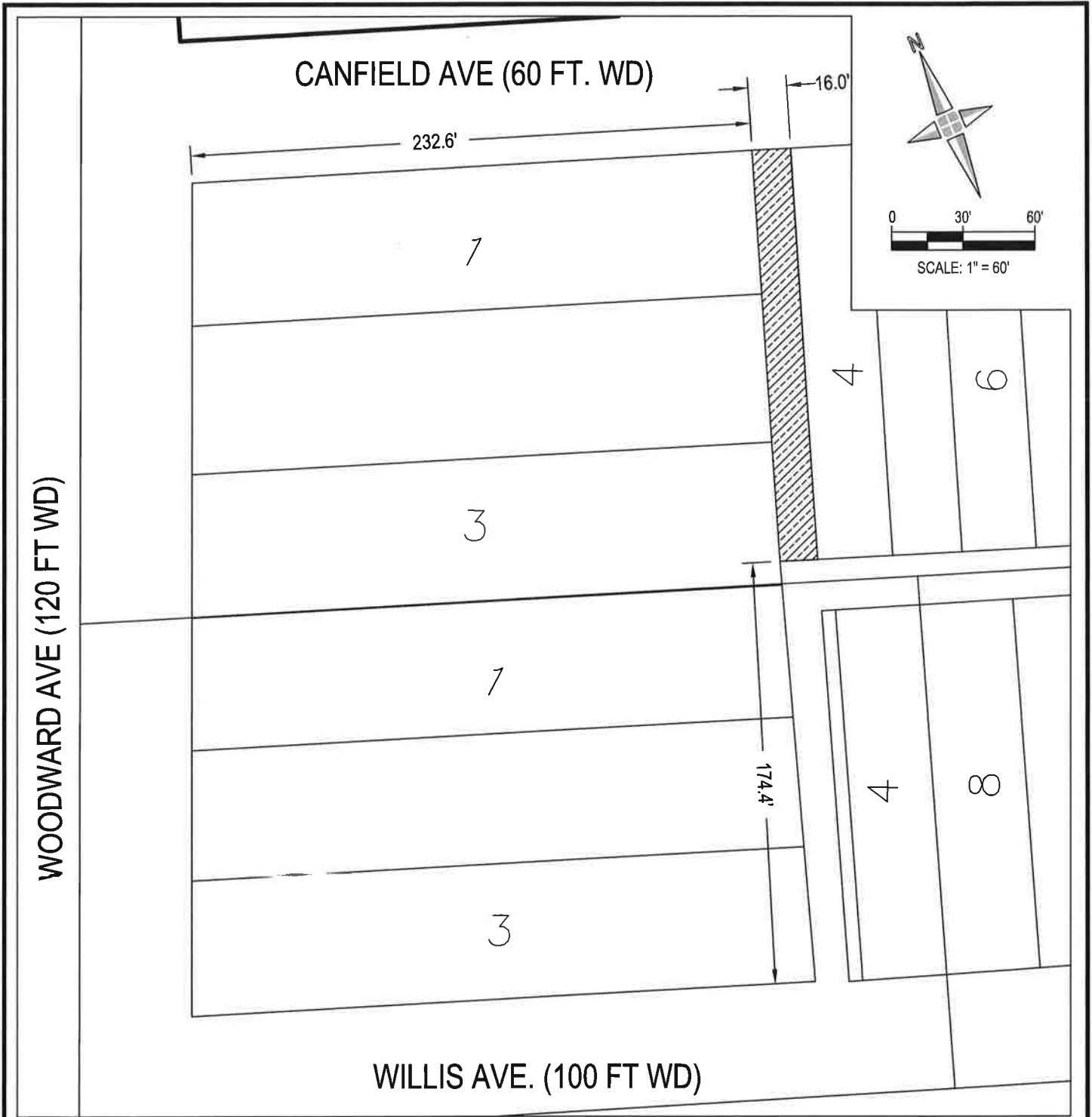
UF-4250 WOOWARD LLC

By: 

Name: Dennis S. Bernard

Its: President

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VACATION OF THE PUBLIC ALLEY WITH A RESERVATION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

4230 WOODWARD

CITY OF DETROIT, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RIGHT-OF-WAY MODIFICATIONS



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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301  
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DATE:	ISSUE:
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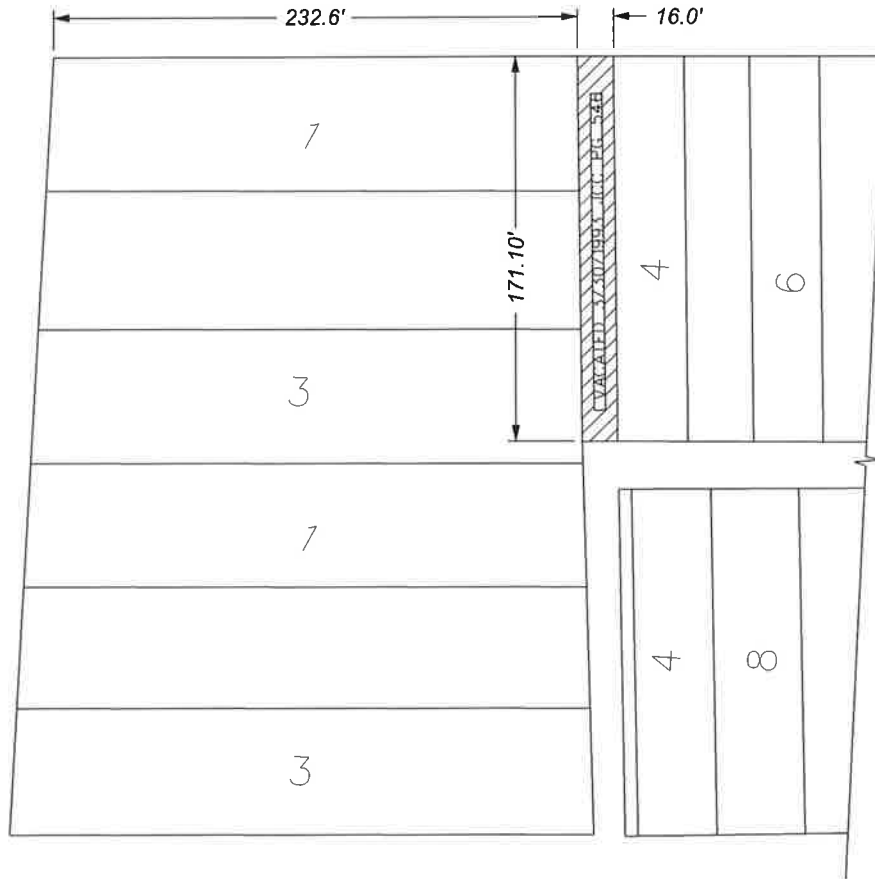
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**CANFIELD AVE. 60 FT. WD.**

**WOODWARD AVE. 120 FT. WD.**



**JOHN R. ST. 60 FT. WD.**

**WILLIS AVE. 100 FT. WD.**



- VACATION TO UTILITY EASEMENT

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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DESCRIPTION	DRWN	CHKD	APPD	DATE	
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DATE	08-24-2023	APPROVED	JD		

**REQUEST VACATION TO  
UTILITY EASEMENT OF THE  
SOUTH/NORTH ALLEY BOUNDED BY  
CANFIELD AVE., WOODWARD AVE.,  
WILLIS AVE., AND JOHN R ST.**

**CITY OF DETROIT  
CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION  
SURVEY BUREAU**

**JOB NO. 23-118**

**DRWG. NO.**