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PORTOFINO Coffee House

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April 7, 2008

Ann Arbor City Council
100 N. Fifth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Re: Resolution of Intent to Vacate Boulevard Heights Alley

Dear Ann Arbor City Council,

We wish to express our concern regarding the City's intent to vacate the alley that serves our business location.

This alley and its access provide a convenient throughway for our employees and customers as they attempt to navigate the often congested traffic and bottlenecks at the intersection of Jackson and Maple Rds. We use the alley every day and would appreciate the ability to still access this route.

The economic downturn that our country has been experiencing has not been helpful to our business, and we feel that our business will unnecessarily suffer further if we lose access to the alley.

Portofino Coffee has been conducting business in Ann Arbor for four years now and we would greatly appreciate your understanding during these difficult times.

Sincerely,



Joann Campbell
Owner
Portofino Coffee

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2554 W. Stadium Blvd.
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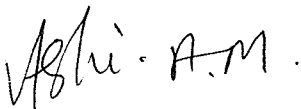
Dear Ann Arbor City Council,

This letter is concerning your resolution of intent to vacate the Boulevard Heights Alley.

In early 2004, my family made a very large investment in the City of Ann Arbor and purchased for ourselves a Quiznos franchise located on West Stadium Blvd in the west Ann Arbor area. Careful consideration was made and many factors were considered in choosing a business and location where we felt we would be able to conduct business for the long term. While not the only reason, one important factor that helped us choose our current location at 2554 W. Stadium Blvd was the fact that the property was accessible via an alley as well as the main road.

The alley is very important to us because our delivery trucks don't need to interfere with the heavy traffic at the intersection which is very busy pretty much throughout the day except until late evening when most of the businesses begin to close. The delivery trucks also avoid blocking all the traffic in the parking lot when they must remain standing (sometimes for a long while) while completing their deliveries. The alley is also used by our employees when they come to work every day, and also by many of our regular customers who want to avoid the congestion at the main intersection.

We are asking the City Council of Ann Arbor to please help protect our family's investment and to not close the Boulevard Heights Alley.



Asok Vashi

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Focus Photo
2558 W. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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April 07, 2008

Ann Arbor City Council
100 N. Fifth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Re: Resolution of Intent to Vacate Boulevard Heights Alley

Dear Ann Arbor City Council,

I am writing to you today to express a very deep concern regarding your resolution of intent to vacate the Boulevard Heights Alley.

I am the owner of a business, Focus Photo, that is a part of the property adjoining the alley. I disagree with the Planning Department's past statement in their Staff Report that closing the alley will not cause a public or private nuisance. My parking lot has two access curbs to Stadium Blvd. and Abbott, but both are only accessible from one direction of traffic. Due to the nature of the standing traffic buildup at the intersection of Jackson and Maple, it is almost impossible for a reasonable driver from any other direction of the intersection (south, east, or west) to access my parking lot.

Every week, I get several calls from people that have pulled over into Westgate Shopping Center asking me how to get to my shop since they were frustrated with trying to cut through the standing traffic near the intersection. That is when I instruct them on how to use the alley to access my business from the side or back of the business block.

I have been in business in this location for 23 years now. I know the area and its traffic patterns very well. I am also very aware of the value of the alley and its usefulness to the area businesses. If the City vacates the alley, it will cause great harm to my business. As a local small business owner, I maybe not be able to survive the resulting downturn in sales.

Please do not vacate Boulevard Heights Alley.

Chin Kim
Owner

