# CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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September 4, 2026

The Ark
Attn: Mariane James & Board of Directors
316 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
***Sent Via Hand-Delivery & E-mail*** marianne@theark.org

Ms. James and Members of the Board of Directors,

Thank you for your continued engagement regarding the Kline's Lot redevelopment. I am writing to confirm that the City will honor the assurances previously made to The Ark.

The City remains committed to maintaining access to The Ark during construction of both phases of the Kline's Lot redevelopment, including access to sidewalks, alleys, and utilities, subject only to truly temporary conditions necessary for safety.

The City retains authority over public rights-of-way, including the public alley, Ashley Street, and public sidewalks, and will exercise that authority consistent with the commitments made to The Ark. This includes parking and loading accommodations for buses on Ashley Street during and after construction. The Ark will be meaningfully involved in determining the location of those accommodations so they work safely and practically for all users.

At closing, the purchaser will also dedicate to the City an east-west public access easement along the north side of the site, an easement expanding the alley, and an easement for dumpsters. These provisions were included in the Purchase Agreement to fulfill the City's commitments to The Ark and the other businesses on the block. Once dedicated, the City will control those easements and manage them consistent with the assurances described above.

In addition, we have spoken with the development team and, to memorialize everyone's intent directly in the Purchase Agreement, the following language will be added:

> **"Purchaser shall maintain reasonable access through and across the public alley and public access easements serving the Property during construction, including the east-west access easement, except where a temporary interruption is necessary for safety and no reasonable alternative means of access is available."**

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This letter is intended to memorialize these commitments as part of the public record. We appreciate The Ark's continued engagement and look forward to working collaboratively with you as the project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Milton Dohoney Jr.

Milton Dohoney, Jr.
City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor

cc: City Council
Joseph Giant, Economic Development Director