

H-2 CORRESPONDENCE – Lynette Ferenczy

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Subject: Fwd: alley vacation

Please forward to the Planning Commission for the December 1st meeting.

Thank you

December 1, 2016

Planning Commission

Re: Application 1401-22

This letter is in opposition to the vacation of one half of an east/west T alley located south of 518 W Willow Street. I will be out of town this evening so am unable to attend the hearing. The vacation of this type of alley which carries a heavy amount of east west traffic sets a bad precedent. This vacation was proposed a few years ago although the City Traffic Engineer would not support the vacation at the time. This alley is south of Willow Street and carries a fair amount of east/west through traffic especially at rush hour. One of the few banks in west Long Beach the Bank of America is located west of Daisy Avenue. During rush hour it is not possible to travel north from Daisy Avenue to Magnolia Ave or turn left from Daisy Avenue on to Willow Street as traffic backs up more than a block from Magnolia Avenue on Willow Street east bound traffic. The alley is a means to reach Magnolia Avenue and then turn left. A much safer circulation pattern.

There are many situations where a parking lot is separated from a commercial building by an alley. This situation exists at the building directly to the east and the Bank of America building to the west. In addition, this same configuration exists in Belmont Shore. Please have the Public Works Department provide other examples of where one-half of a T alley has been vacated. I do not think this is typical and may be the first of its kind.

This alley is in use by the public and is a safe and convenient alteration to trying to exit Daisy Avenue going west, which is nearly impossible to cross at rush hour or going north. The safest route is to use this alley to reach magnolia Avenue with a signalized light. I believe the vacation of a portion of this alley to benefit a private property owner will be a detriment to the neighborhood, endanger traffic safety and create a poor circulation pattern.

Please postpone your decision until you visit this site yourself during the afternoon rush hour and try to travel north from Daisy to Magnolia Avenue or west on Willow Street from Daisy without using this alley.

Thank you for your consideration.

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