



MASS AVE CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT INC
MASS AVE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION INC

June 7, 2022

Metropolitan Development Commission
200 East Washington Street, Suite 1842
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re Case Number 2022-VAC-002
863 and 875 Massachusetts Avenue
Center Township, Council District #17

Dear Plat Commission:

We are writing regarding Case Number 2022-VAC-002 – a vacation request for two alleys approximately located at 863 and 875 Massachusetts Avenue.

The Mass Ave Cultural Arts District Inc and Mass Ave Merchants Association Inc [Mass Ave District] serve to support and sustain an urban, vibrantly equitable, diverse, and inclusive cultural arts, residential, and business community around Mass Ave in the NE Quad of downtown Indianapolis. Established in 2021, it is committed to providing all its residents, workers, and visitors shared stewardship and a welcoming sense of belonging to the district.

We are appreciative that the petitioner met with Mass Ave District representatives and Trail Side ownership on May 5 to discuss the petitioner's proposed petition for vacation of two alleys between 863 and 875 Massachusetts Avenue. We are also supportive of the project and welcome the petitioner's investment in the former Center Township Trustee's Building.

However, the petitioner has been unable to commit to us that the vacated alleys will remain open in perpetuity to pedestrian traffic. Because it is a long block with little pedestrian porosity, and because our mission to create an urban and vibrant community is built on supporting a walkable district, the Mass Ave District opposes the alley vacation without that commitment.

Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
MASS AVE CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT INC & MASS AVE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION INC

Meg Storrow.

Meg Storrow, Board Chair
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