

Attachment A - Petition

Petition

To: the Acting Mayor and members of the City Council

From: Wally Graham 4331 E. Weldon Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85018

Re: DSAP16131

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CITY CLERK DEPT.

My purpose is to request a halt to plans the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department are reviewing that will provide a property owner the gift of a public alley for use as a private driveway on the east side of 4418 E. Osborn Rd.

I am requesting the City Council appoint an impartial outside arbitrator to hear the issues neighbors and I have raised for almost two years about this gift of an alley driveway. The gift was given by the Director of Planning and Development to a person who was at the time, a part-time city employee also acting as an attorney for a previous owner of the 4418 E. Osborn Rd. building and land. The Planning and Development Department has shown they cannot act impartially. Please appoint someone who can.

Neighbors and I would like to see the property developed. There are alternatives to using the alley as a driveway, but the current developer and previous owner are trying to take the cheap and easy way out. I believe the issues need to be assessed independently, and the practice of holding non-public technical alley hearings without input from residents should cease. In this case, there are the following issues that an independent arbitrator should address and rule on:

- Ethics issues with regard to relationships that shaped the initial grant of access to the alley
- Safety issues for adjacent residential homes
- Increased volume of traffic that will be greater than it ever was 57 years ago
- There are other options for entrance and egress. They should be considered
- Alley Technical appeals do not solicit or consider residential concerns, rights and needs. Alley Appeals should be posted, open hearings with input solicited from residents

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Wally Graham