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City Council Members-

I am writing in response to a request for comment on a Right of Way Vacation on behalf of Monico Renteria's Gurney Highland Park Lots 17 and 18 Block 16.

The Wanda alley rights to the south of this lot were vacated in 1964 and the southern portion of Wanda St vacated in 2002. If this area is ever to be developed it would best to keep the alley as is to allow property owners an additional access point. These lots are so small and the alley easement already in place it makes sense to keep it. The removal of the easement would also dictate the build out of any potential development, for example, house location or garage placement. We have waited for years for the City to open these streets and the removal of an existing easement may, if possible, diminish the value of an already land locked parcel. For these reasons I would be Opposed to the Right of Way Vacation.

Also, now that this issue is in front of the City Council and City staff has looked at it could you address the possibility of creating Hoyt and Wanda streets? St. Paul is always looking to add affordable housing this would be a great area for it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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