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May 6, 2025

Attn: Mayor Watson and City Council Members
Austin City Council, City Hall, Council Chamber

RE: Item 50 – 2024-128390 LM Right-of-Way Vacation

Dear Mayor Watson and City Council Members,

We strongly oppose the proposed vacation of Sayers Street initiated by Anchor Equities and scheduled for the May 8th hearing. The proposal has already received unanimous opposition from the Urban Transportation Commission and was formally denied by the Transportation and Public Works Department.

The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA), along with the owners of 503 and 505 Walsh Street, firmly support Sayers Street remaining open. This corridor is essential for pedestrian safety, service vehicle access, and future development viability. It provides critical infrastructure support - trash collection, deliveries, and transformer placement - while keeping such functions off pedestrian friendly streets.

District 9 Council Member Qadri supports the UTC and staff recommendations to keep Walsh Street open based on the facts of this case, including that the area property owners were not in agreement.

Sayers Street is also vital for businesses at 503 and 505 Walsh, whose operations had relied on large delivery vehicles that cannot access the properties from Walsh due to topography. Claims that the street is used only by retail customers are demonstrably false. Additionally, the planned "Sixth and Walsh" mixed-use development, which includes 25 affordable housing units, depends on continued public access to Sayers Street for utilities, loading, and garage access. Vacating the street would stall the project and increase traffic congestion on Walsh Street.

We are concerned that Anchor Equities, which owns adjacent parcels, is seeking to privatize Sayers for future development. Despite claims of no immediate redevelopment plans, such intentions seem inconsistent with ongoing development activity in the area. The petition for vacation identifies **only** the portion of Sayers Street that runs **east and west**, not the portion that runs north and south. Anchor Equities seeks inverse condemnation for personal gain at the expense of other owners not having access to the street.

This proposed vacation serves private interests at the cost of public utility, safety, and neighborhood integrity. The City of Austin Transportation Code also requires unanimous consent from adjacent property owners - 503 and 505 Walsh were neither consulted nor supportive.

We urge you to reject this application in the interest of maintaining vital infrastructure, supporting affordable housing, and preserving a walkable, vibrant West Austin.

Sincerely,

Kristi and Blake Stanford

605 Oakland Ave. / 1504 W. 9th St.
Austin, TX 78703

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Mayor Watson and City Council Members
Austin City Council, City Hall, Council Chamber

RE: Item 50 – 2024-128390 LM Right-of-Way Vacation

Dear Mayor Watson and City Council Members,

I strongly oppose the proposed vacation of Sayers Street initiated by Anchor Equities. The application, already denied by the Transportation and Public Works Department and unanimously opposed by the Urban Transportation Commission, should not move forward.

The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA), along with the owners of 503 and 505 Walsh Street, firmly supports keeping Sayers Street open. This corridor is essential for:

- **Pedestrian safety and walkability**
- **Service and emergency vehicle access**
- **Trash collection and deliveries**
- **Placement of transformers and other critical infrastructure**

Keeping these functions off pedestrian-friendly streets is vital for neighborhood livability.

Council Member Qadri supports staff and UTC recommendations to keep the street public, particularly in light of the fact that adjacent property owners are not in agreement—a key requirement under the City of Austin Transportation Code.

Sayers Street is not only used by retail customers, as claimed by the applicant. Businesses at 503 and 505 Walsh rely on it for large vehicle access due to topographical constraints on Walsh Street. Further, the viability of the planned “Sixth and Walsh” mixed-use development—which includes 25 affordable housing units—depends on public access to

Sayers Street for utilities, loading, and garage entry. Street vacation would directly obstruct this important project and push more traffic onto Walsh Street.

Anchor Equities, which owns adjacent parcels, appears to be pursuing privatization of Sayers Street for future development. Their petition targets only the east–west segment of the street and omits the north–south portion, a strategy that raises concerns about inverse condemnation and private gain at the expense of public utility and fair access.

This application serves private interests and undermines community needs. It fails to meet city code requirements and risks degrading public infrastructure, affordability goals, and neighborhood integrity.

I urge the Council to reject this application in full.

Sincerely,
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Mark DuBois
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Austin TX 78703

2 May 2025

Mayor Watson and City Council Members
Austin City Council, City Hall, Council Chamber

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plans, such intentions seem inconsistent with ongoing development activity in the area. The petition for vacation identifies **only** the portion of Sayers Street that runs **east and west**, not the portion that runs north and south. Anchor Equities seeks inverse condemnation for personal gain at the expense of other owners not having access to the street.

This proposed vacation serves private interests at the cost of public utility, safety, and neighborhood integrity. The City of Austin Transportation Code also requires unanimous consent from adjacent property owners - 503 and 505 Walsh were neither consulted nor supportive.

I urge you to reject this application in the interest of maintaining vital infrastructure, supporting affordable housing, and preserving a walkable, vibrant West Austin.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark DuBois', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark DuBois

From: [REDACTED]
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May 2, 2025

Mayor Watson and City Council Members
Austin City Council, City Hall, Council Chamber

Dear Mayor Watson and City Council Members,
Thank you for your great leadership, we appreciate you!
I request your support, as I – and OWANA - strongly oppose the
proposed vacation of
Sayers Street initiated by Anchor Equities and scheduled for the May
8th hearing. The
proposal has already received unanimous opposition from the Urban
Transportation
Commission and was formally denied by the Transportation and Public
Works
Department.

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the owners of 503
and 505 Walsh Street, firmly support Sayers Street remaining open.
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Sincerely,
Member of the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA)
Zoning Committee

Sincerely

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John Teinert - Broker/Owner
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