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The Honorable Cynthia Mota President, Allentown City Council 435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101

THRU: Michael Hanlon (michael.hanlon@allentownpa.gov) Clerk of City Council

Re: **Petition to Vacate a Segment of E. Clay Street**

Please be advised that at the monthly meeting of the Allentown City Planning Commission held on September 10, 2024, the proposed vacation of a segment of E. Clay Street in East Allentown, between N. Wall Street and Club Avenue – petitioned by Nikhil Oza, equitable owner of the abutting property, 905 Club Avenue – was reviewed.

After deliberations and public comment, the Commission – by unanimous vote – recommends not to approve the vacation given that two of the three abutting property owners object to the vacation. Chapter 545-36A. of the City's Codified Ordinances requires that a petition to Council for vacating of any street shall be signed by a majority of abutting property owners.

545-36. Procedure.

The procedure for vacating a street shall be as follows:

A. A petition to Council for the vacating of any street shall be signed by a majority, in number and interest, of the owners of property abutting on the line of the proposed vacation as fixed at the time of presentation of the petition, and shall be verified by the affidavit of one or more of the petitioners.

For reference, attached is the Planning Staff report to the ACPC. As well, we were made aware that the respective reports from the City's Public Works Department and the LVPC on the matter have been sent to City Council on separate covers.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me.

Yours truly,

cc: <u>oza.nikhil@qmail.com;</u> Laura and Bob Potter (832 Club Avenue), Lauren Soler (833 N. Wall Street) COA (Mark Shahda, David Petrik, Brian Borzak, Yeimy Delgado) ACPC (Chris Brown)