November 29, 2017

Matthew Andrews  
City Architect  
Department of Transportation and Engineering  
801 Plum Street, Room 450  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  

Note: Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Andrews:

On November 27, 2017 the Over-the-Rhine Community Council adopted the following resolution in support of the Liberty Street Safety Improvement Project:

Resolution that the Over-The-Rhine Community Council Continues to Support the Liberty Street Safety Improvement Project and Speaks to Related Issues

Whereas, on November 2, 2017 the Over-the-Rhine Community Council Parking and Transportation Committee met and discussed the proposed Liberty Street project with representatives of the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) who presented their detailed plans for the project; and

Whereas, the DOTE representatives asked that the OTRCC reaffirm its support of the project given the results of their completed study, public outreach process, and preliminary design; and

Whereas, to avoid further delay in implementing the Liberty Street project, the DOTE representatives asked that the OTRCC members reaffirm their support not later than the OTRCC’s November meeting.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Over-the-Rhine Community Council takes a position in support of the detailed plan for narrowing of Liberty Street, as presented by DOTE, and the following:

1. Urge the City to consider a traffic signal on the narrowed Liberty Street at Pleasant Street to further enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing at that location;
2. Urge the City to work with the Over-the-Rhine Community Council on streetscaping along Liberty Street, particularly in the choice and placement of street trees;
3. Express concern about the potential sale or loss of the parkland on the south side of Liberty between Central Parkway and Elm Street;
4. Urge the City to work with OTRCC to establish the terms of any public sale, transfer, or development of other city-owned property along Liberty Street and related zoning issues; and
5. Urge the City to work to replace the 75-100 parking spaces lost by the Liberty Street project and to complete a comprehensive parking study for Over-the-Rhine.
Please contact me if you have any questions about this resolution. Also, please confirm your receipt of this letter.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the other city departments on the implementation of the Liberty Street project as described above.

Cordially,

/s/
Maurice Wagoner
President

c: OTRCC Members
   Mayor Cranley
   City Council Members
   City Council Members-Elect
   Tabatha Anderson, Pendleton Neighborhood Council
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   Harry Black, CM
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   Gary Bryson, Downtown Residents Council
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