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City Council Members  
City Manager  
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Note: sent via email

Subject: Fifteenth Street Vacation and Lease

Dear Council Members, Water Works and OTR Holdings:  
Near the end of June the city council approved legislation to create and fund a capital project, the Vine Street Streetscape Project, that includes Vine from Fourteenth to Liberty, Elm from Fifteenth to Liberty and the vacation and lease of Fifteenth from Vine to Republic. In addition to streetscape improvements, the project includes upgrades to water service and the “pedestrianization” of Fifteenth from Vine to Republic.

On July 11 the Over-the-Rhine Community Council’s (OTRCC’s) Parking and Transportation Committee considered these actions that took place with no notice or engagement of the community council. In light of that failure, the committee passed a motion to object to the vacation and lease of Fifteenth Street. The motion was forwarded to the OTRCC. On July 22 the OTRCC, after deliberation, adopted the following motion:

*Fifteenth Street Vacation/Lease Motion: Resolved, given the absence of notice or community engagement, the OTRCC objects to 3CDC’s proposal to vacate/lease Fifteenth Street to create a pedestrian plaza between Vine and Republic Streets.*

Please contact me if you have questions about this action.

Maurice Wagoner, President