# **Community Outreach Summary**

# Application No. 799-PA-2021 – 6750 E. Exeter Blvd. Abandonment

**January 18, 2022** 

### **Background**

August Emerita Partners (the "Owner") intends to make certain improvements to the residential property at 6750 East Exeter Boulevard, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 (APN 173-44-014C) (the "Property"). To satisfy City setback requirements, the Owner was advised by his architect to abandon some of the extra right-of-way ("ROW") along the east side of the Property at 68<sup>th</sup> Street that was dedicated to the City previously. For context, the Owner's family dedicated 15 feet of ROW to the city for ROW purposes in 1992. The City has since determined that the 15 feet of ROW is no longer necessary. As such, Rose Law Group (the "Applicant"), on behalf of the Owner, is requesting the approval of the abandonment of 10 feet of ROW along 68<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to the eastern side of the Property.

#### **Notification Letter**

On December 27, 2021, the Applicant mailed 253 letters to surrounding property owners and HOAs located within 750 feet, along with the City's standard interested parties list, informing them of the application and providing the Applicant's and City's contact information should they have any questions. The letter is included with this application.

# **Neighbor Correspondence**

As stated in the notification letter, the Applicant welcomed neighbor questions or comments. As of January 18, 2022, the Applicant was contacted by five nearby neighbors, all of whom were generally curious and did not oppose the proposal.

City staff, however, received twelve letters of opposition, all of which appear to be from residents of the Village of Pavoreal community at the southwest corner of Camelback Road and 68<sup>th</sup> Street. The neighbor's primary concerns pertain to their desire for the installation of a sidewalk along the remainder of 68<sup>th</sup> Street. The neighbors would like to have a sidewalk to improve safety and walkability of the area. Many of the neighbors believe that the proposed ROW abandonment will prohibit the installation of a sidewalk along 68<sup>th</sup> Street. The Applicant confirmed with City transportation staff that the proposed ROW abandonment would not impact the feasibility of a future sidewalk here, should the City choose to construct one.

Even though the Applicant wasn't contacted by any individuals opposed to the proposal, the Applicant reached out to all of the neighbors that contacted the City with concerns to inform them that the proposal would not impact the feasibility of a future sidewalk. Neighbors that provided e-

mails were contacted by e-mail, while neighbors that provided phone numbers were given a call. The Applicant was able to discuss the proposal with three individuals that opposed the proposal, two of which are no longer opposed now that they understand the proposal is irrelevant to their desire for a sidewalk. While the third individual now understands that the proposal will not prohibit a future sidewalk, he maintains his opposition because he wants the Owner to make certain improvements to 68<sup>th</sup> Street in favor of a future sidewalk, and to put pressure on the City to install one. The remaining neighbors did not respond.

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS		INITIALLY CONTACTED	NOTES
1/3/22	Mary Benoist	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk and believes proposal will prevent it.
1/3/22	Harold Back	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk (safety, walkability) and proposal will prevent it.
1/3/22	Michael and Rose Hawman	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk (safety and walkability) and proposal will prevent it.
1/4/22	Christine Sheppard	6746 Montecito Ave.	E.	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.
1/4/22	Doreen and Don Myles	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk and speed limits enforced.
1/4/22	Jim Berson	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/4/22	Michael P. Prescott and Earline Jones	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Originally opposed due to sidewalk. No longer opposed after speaking with applicant.
1/4/22	Bonnie Lang and Gary Breshears	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – City made a promise to make the area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
1/4/22	Marsha and John French	Village Pavoreal	of	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like a sidewalk.

1/5/22	Teresa Roberts	Freeport McMoran	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for – likely received notice by mistake. Not opposed.
1/6/22	Wally Powell	Whitwood Neighborhood	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed. Feels this is good for the neighborhood.
1/7/22	Robert Carey	Unknown	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/7/22	John and Debbie Mulholland	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/9/22	Ruth Strauss	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/9/22	Patrick J. O'Leary and Karen M. Yamasaki	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Originally opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it. No longer opposed after speaking with applicant.
1/10/22	Cheryl Ellegard	Unknown	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.
1/14/22	Caniglia Development LLC	6737 E. Exeter Blvd.	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.

# **Conclusion**

The Applicant and Owner are committed to continued open communication with the surrounding community and informing them of all details for the proposal. The Applicant believes it has reasonably addressed all opposition against the proposal by informing them that the request would not prevent a future sidewalk, which was the root of their concern. The Applicant will continue to address all questions and concerns from neighbors.