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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We are deeply concerned about the advancing of the proposal to vacate a portion of the Right of Way referenced as 2 AB 2022, 6750 Exeter Blvd. Most importantly our concerns are driven by the fact that there is a desperate need for a sidewalk on 68th Street between Camelback Road and Indian School.

We request that any decision to vacate ROW is not in the public interest since it may impede any future development of the much needed sidewalk in the area. Accordingly, we are asking that any changes be deferred until such time that there is a fully developed plan for the sidewalk which would be consistent with the City Master Plan and the safety of all pedestrians who traverse this area.

Our concerns are more fully expressed in the attached memorandum, we would appreciate your attention to our concerns.

The 68th Street Sidewalk Association H.S.Back

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The Honorable Mayor David D Ortega

City Councilor Tammy Caputi

City Councilor Tom Durham

City Councilor Betty Janik

City Councilor Kathy Littlefield

City Councilor Linda Millhaven

City Councilor Solange Whitehead

City of Scottsdale Scottsdale Az

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

2AB 2022 6750 East Exeter

We need your help!

We need a sidewalk to be completed between 68Th Street and Camelback Road and 68th Street and Indian School. Most importantly we need the City Council and its members to defer any decision on the application to vacate a portion of the right of way referenced as **2 AB 2022.**

To walk either north or south on the stretch of road referenced above, is to take ones life in ones hand. As density at the northern mo–st point has increased the corresponding traffic velocity has as well. To access the

amenity of the canal trail at Indian School or to walk to Old Town is dangerous and we need this matter to be addressed with some urgency.

Our primary concern is that staff and the City Council might approve the vacation of the ROW(right of way) requested in the above application without regard for the impact in impeding sidewalk development along 68th Street.

Given the extent of encroachment in the Right of Way along the full extent of the area in question, we need the City to clear the area of any impediments so as to enable relatively safe movement while we wait for this sidewalk to be installed.

It would provide us with significant comfort as to the City's intent were we to see a fully developed plan together with a calendar for implementation. Until such time, we respectfully request that the City deny any requested changes too the status quo, most significantly by denying the above referenced request, **2 AB 2022**.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely, The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

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