



LAWRENCEVILLE UNITED

A Resident Driven Organization

November 30, 2012

City Clerk's Office
Attn: Linda Johnson-Wasler
510 [City-County Building](#)
414 Grant St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Objection to proposed vacation of a portion of 46th St/ approximately 40' south of Bancroft St.

Dear Ms. Johnson-Wasler:

This letter serves as Lawrenceville United's formal objection to the proposed vacation of 46th Street as requested by the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the City of Pittsburgh. Lawrenceville United (LU) is a non-profit, resident-driven, community-based organization that works to protect and improve the quality of life of all Lawrenceville residents and stakeholders through community engagement and advocacy, community restoration and beautification, and community planning and development. We currently count among our membership more than 800 residents from Upper, Central, and Lower Lawrenceville. Many members of our organization live adjacent to the area of 46th that is being considered through this petition to vacate the street, have expressed concern to us, and have requested that we object on their behalf.

At a recent block watch meeting held for residents in this part of Central Lawrenceville, many residents voiced concerns and questions as to what the proposed owner planned to do with the property. There were concerns with potential changes to the current available access to the Cemetery, access to St. Mary's Lyceum, which serves in many ways as a community center for those residents, and other questions as to what might happen to this part of 46th St. As we have seen no plans or details regarding the intended use or any changes that may take place, we are filing this formal objection so that residents have an opportunity to learn more about what has been proposed, and to reserve their right to voice their concern over any potential changes that could negatively impact their quality of life.

We hope that City Council will acknowledge this objection as it has been filed within 10 days of when the City posted notice (November 20, 2012) and that the community will receive more details from the property owner regarding this request. We have great working relationships with most property owners and developers in our community and we would welcome a conversation around the intended use of this street with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

Lauren Byrne
Executive Director, Lawrenceville United

Cc: District 7 Councilman Patrick Dowd