Clerk of Council 801 Plum Street Suite 308 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 October 12, 2021

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Cincinnati City Clerk-Council:

Please find the completed petition that was sent to the residents of Baum Street by Jeremy Seebohm, Assistant City Attorney, to petition the Cincinnati City Council to bury the utilities lines on Baum Street.

All of the affected homeowners except one signed the petition. As Mr. Seebohm communicated to the homeowners, we needed signatures from at least 60% front footage or 75% of the owners of the areas to be assessed. We obtained both the 60% and 75% requirement.

I have been working on this project for close to three years. We had tentative approval several years ago, but the homeowners halted the process due to fixing a landslide on Baum. There were turnovers in owners of some of the homes and then there was COVID.

We recognize we are responsible for the total cost of the project and that cost will not be known until the bids are let. We have worked with Angie Strunc, Supervising Architect, Preliminary drawings have been done, but probably need to be reviewed to take into any changes required before the bids are let.

With the election of new City Council members in November, we recognize this petition may be delayed until the new council members are seated. As I have done previously, I will offer to meet with any council member or city employee that wants additional information. I will attend the council meeting if and when the petition is put on the agenda to answer any questions.

Again the homeowners on Baum Street will pay the TOTAL COST of the project. We reserve the right to review the final projected cost before we give final approval. Also the majority of the homeowners will opt to put their prorate cost of the project in their property taxes over 20 years. If you have any question please don't hesitate to call, text or email me

Sincerely yours,

Pat Keefe

We, the undersigned Petitioners, hereby petition the Cincinnati City Council to enact an ordinance providing for the construction of infrastructure necessary to underground existing overhead utilities and to provide for enhanced lighting, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.06 and as further described below:

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT

Baum Street, in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Mt. Adams, has expansive views overlooking the city from residential properties. Individual property owners between 386 and 406 Baum Street seek to underground existing overhead utilities that currently span between wood utility poles on the opposite side of the street which greatly detract from the overall view and aesthetic value of the residential properties. The residents of Baum Street already enjoy partial areas of utilities being buried underground that run between 384 and 325 Baum Street as well as an open green space area managed by the Cincinnati Parks Board.

In addition to the undergrounding of utilities, two new decorative lights will be installed to assist in both lighting the street and the park. This enhanced lighting will increase the overall aesthetics of the green space and add additional lighting for residents walking in the park or with their pets in the evenings.

The residents have been working with individual City administrators and department staff for a number of years to achieve our utility undergrounding goals and enhance our residential properties. After much consideration, the use of the special assessment pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 727 was determined as the most efficient course of action.

PETITION

The Petitioners hereby request that the City of Cincinnati design, bid, and construct the infrastructure necessary to underground existing overhead utilities and to install the two new decorative streetlights between 386 and 406 Baum Street, and assess the Owners of the properties benefitted thereby for the total sum over a period of not less than twenty (20) years or the estimated useful life of the improvement, whichever is less, pursuant to the O.R.C. 727.11; provided further however, that the City provide benefitted property owners with the option of paying off their portion of the costs once the assessment is established. Petitioners additionally request that prior to any final determination to proceed with the project, that the Petitioners be notified of the cost of the project, and a public meeting be held to hear the Petitioners' views on the project as proposed.

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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to O.R.C. 727.06, the owners representing a total of 209.28 feet of frontage of the area to be improved on Baum Street (60% of 348.8 total feet of frontage) have subscribed their names below. Owners who do not wish to join this Petition are indicated by blank signature lines below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Said Nabhan, Owner*	Mona Choueiry, Owner*
Jagroop K. Mavi, Owner	
Cheryl C. Dean, Trustee, Owner	
Christopher D. Evans, Owner*	Carolyn K. Evans, Owner*
Ian Pinales, Owner*	Michelle N. Pinales, Owner*
Martin E. Wilz, Owner*	Dionysia Savas, Owner*
Robert J. Ries, Owner*	Barbara Ries, Owner*

Ahilia Grammas, Owner*

CA Venture Funding LLC, Owner (by its authorized manager/member)

Patrick Keefe, Owner*

Adel Chemaly, Owner*

Susan Keefe, Owner*

Anna Maria Chemaly, Owner*

^{*}a property owned by two or more persons, e.g. a married couple, must have the signatures of all owners to have its frontage counted towards meeting the statutory requirements