

**Williams, Brenda**

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**From:** Kenkel, Hillary on behalf of Mann, David  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** Williams, Brenda  
**Cc:** Paraskevopoulos, Ioanna  
**Subject:** Fw: [External Email] Columbus Ave Development

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Hi Brenda,

Councilmember Mann would like to add the below correspondence to the Council Calendar.

Thank you,

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**From:** Catherine Power <catherinempower@icloud.com>  
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**To:** #COUNCIL <#COUNCIL@cincinnati-oh.gov>  
**Subject:** [External Email] Columbus Ave Development

External Email Communication

Good Afternoon,

This letter is from my husband Wallace Power Jr.

The residents of Columbus Avenue and the western end of Portsmouth Avenue have voiced concerns over the proposed development at the north end of Columbus. The privacy fence at the north end of Columbus was erected in 2005 and provided relief from the negative behavior of bar patrons of the bars on Wasson Road. This fence has been 100% effective and benefitted not only our neighborhood, but the city's police force and taxpayer money for nuisance calls no longer necessary.

Since the railroad parcels went up for sale we have tried to convey that we were against development of any kind as it put our fence in jeopardy. These concerns fell on deaf ears and three years later with the lots being completely cleared it is obvious nothing will stop it.

The developer and builder are now seeking an easement to or purchase of the remaining city property between the

lots. When this happens they will demolish our fence. Now they have provided mild solace to the neighborhoods concerns and said they will provide landscaping to deter pedestrians. The residents are extremely skeptical because our practical experience with the situation has taught us this will NEVER work.

Therefore let us proffer one last idea which may be a win-win situation for all parties involved. The developer and builder, our community, the city, and District Two Police.

We would agree that the city sell the tract of land between his two parcels provided the following conditions.

1) That the city sell only the land they own to the developer a foot short of where the privacy fence stands. That the rest of the tract will be theirs. From a foot short of our fence to the paved edge of Columbus, where the fence sits, I will personally purchase.

2) That Wasson Way allow a driveway crossing the bike path to be built from Wasson Road to the building lots. We feel that any objection to this would be petty given that Wasson Way will cross Madison Road at Rookwood, Edwards Road (Rt 562), and Paxton. If you inspect the grade on Wasson at this site the incline to the lots seems reasonable. This would provide access from Wasson directly and NOT Columbus Avenue.

Why this compromise would be acceptable to all parties.

1) The developer and builder will start and finish their project.

2) The city will gain property tax revenue and income tax revenue from the workers on the project.

3) District Two will not be bothered by an increase in trivial nuisance calls which are bar related.

4) Our neighborhood will know 100% that our quality of life will not deteriorate.

5) The buyers of the properties will know that no one will encroach their property from the south border and bar patrons will have no reason to cross Wasson Road to their domiciles.

We reject the notion that we should trust the developer to concoct a solution to a problem which has already been solved for the last fifteen years by our privacy fence.

We beg you to adopt this idea. We know Rob Wildermuth and Andrew James Builders had their heart set on Columbus Avenue access. Our neighborhood had our hearts set on preserving the green space which is now two cleared building lots and the absolute restriction of pedestrian through access.

Thanks very much in your consideration as much effort over the years has gone into the preservation of our neighborhood through council visits, phone calls, petitions, years signs etc.

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