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Subject: **Re: Empowerment Village Public Hearing**

Please accept this response to the questions below.

- 1) On October 13, 2009, we were notified by Department of City Development they had received an firm recommendation from the Department of Public Works that they would not support a recommendation to vacate the street to allow for green space because of traffic circulation patterns. A copy of their detailed response is attached for your review. If an option to proceed becomes available we would proceed with vacation.
- 2) A banner sign will not be used at the development and we will work with the City to make sure this is removed.
- 3) Security will be appropriate for the building and includes use of an electronic key card access system, security cameras and staffing as necessary. This system has worked well at United House Apartments located at 2500 West Center Street.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.