



To: Christine Mackay, City of Phoenix Community and Economic Development  
From: Sherry L. Rampy, Roosevelt Action Association  
Date: July 25, 2016  
Re: Circles/ Stewart building

Dear Ms. Mackay:

I am writing on behalf of the Roosevelt Action Association (RAA) regarding the property at 800 North Central Avenue commonly known as the Circles building or recently dubbed the "Stewart" by the owners, Aspirant, The Empire Group.

During the last four meetings with the owner and their representatives (out of over a dozen meetings in total attended by RAA Board Members regarding this property), the owners have requested that we ask you to re-engage with them on discussions of a GPLET. The purpose of this letter is to clearly convey our response to this request.

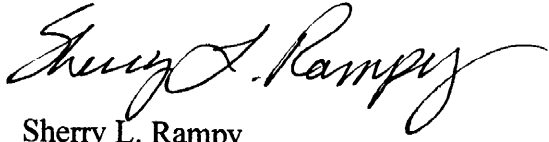
We request that you re-engage the owners in discussions over the GPLET, however, as unanimously voted by our Board, I am also clearly stating to you that we do NOT support a GPLET for the project as currently proposed. Our hope is that you, the City, can impress upon ownership the need for further enhancements (preservation, etc.) to the project, should public money (GPLET) be considered.

Collectively, we have attended numerous meetings and exchanged countless phone calls and emails in an effort to find a winning scenario that transforms an extremely negative development situation into something positive for preservationists, the City, The Downtown Community, and the developer. We have discussed, (just to name a few items) further preservation of the building (not just the corner and facade), funding for historic preservation, alternative funding solutions, alternative design solutions, museum space, etc. all to no avail. At this point, we are at an impasse that we do not believe we can overcome; but, perhaps the City can.

We would be happy to discuss these efforts with you further and we remain committed to finding a solution for all parties involved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sherry L. Rampy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherry L. Rampy  
President, Roosevelt Action Association

cc: City of Phoenix Mayor Stanton  
City of Phoenix Councilmembers  
Downtown Voices Coalition  
Evans Churchill Neighborhood Association