



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 2018121718-02A**

Date: February 08, 2019

Subject: Design Commission recommendation to support the Right-Of-Way vacation request for the entire alley block west of Guadalupe Street located between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Motioned By: Evan Taniguchi

Seconded By: Aan Coleman

**Recommendation**

The Austin Design Commission recommends approval of the right-of-way vacation request.

**Description of Recommendation to Council**

The Austin Design Commission recommends approval of the right-of-way vacation request by Armbrust & Brown at 1700 Guadalupe Street.

**Rationale:**

Dear Director of the Public Works,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's support of the right-of-way vacation request as presented to the body on December 17, 2018 as part of the development of the entire block for the proposed Travis County Courthouse project. The Commission came to this consensus based on the following:

1. All loading and unloading to the property will be on-site
2. The new development will contain a public plaza
3. Currently the alley does not exist for several blocks to the east, so no real connectivity is lost by this vacation.
4. Multi-Purpose Room will be provided open to the public.

Respectfully,

City of Austin Design Commission

**Vote: 6-0**

For: David Carroll, Bart Whatley, Aan Coleman, Katie Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Evan Taniguchi

Against: n/a

Abstain: n/a

Absent: Beau Frail, Ben Luckens

Recused: Martha Gonzales, Samuel Franco

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

  
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