

August 9, 2005

Matt Krueger  
261 Esther Street  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Re: Walnut Street Alley

Dear Mr. Krueger:

I apologize that a response was never sent to the letter of January 30, 2004 from Mr. Jeff Kirst concerning the condition of the Walnut Street Alley. As a result of the letter and petition, other alley issues were brought forward from a property owner on Walnut Street. Unfortunately, in our efforts to deal with all the issues, a response was never sent to Mr. Jeff Kirst.

As you know, City staff compiled a Citywide Alley Report and from that report, Council established and adopted their priorities for repairing and improving many of the City's alleys. Council's first priority is the thirteen (13) unimproved dirt alleys located throughout the City. The alley referenced in your letter was not included in the unimproved alley priority list.

City staff has considered your request to have your alley improved and will be addressing the improvements needed once the thirteen (13) unimproved alleys have been repaired. Currently, there are only two alleys remaining on the priority list. Funding for the abandonment of the two remaining alleys on the list will be proposed in future fiscal year budgets.

A request was received from another property owner for the undergrounding of utility lines along the alley. The City is not proposing to underground the utilities unless all property owners agree to an assessment for the improvements. Enclosed is the procedure for establishing an underground utility district for your information.

Staff will continue to monitor and provide needed maintenance measures to all City alleys. You can call the City's pothole hotline at 714-754-5207 to report any maintenance needs relative to this alley or elsewhere in the City.

Please contact Fariba Fazeli at 714-754-5378 if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Munoz  
City Engineer

C: William J. Morris, Director of Public Services  
Fariba Fazeli, Senior Engineer  
Jeff Kirst, 273 Esther Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627