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CAPInv. 595: agoreis (l. agoraioi)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Gerasa

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἀγορεῖς (I.Gerasa 80, l. 1; I.Gerasa 81, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	*agoreis* (l. *agoraioi*)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	150 - 250 AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	*agoreis* (l. *agoraioi*)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Gerasa 80 (150 - 250 AD) I.Gerasa 81 (150 - 250 AD)
Note	See also: SEG 7: 880
Online Resources	I.Gerasa 80 I.Gerasa 81 AGRW ID 22952 (for both I.Gerasa 80-81)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek building inscriptions

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i.c. Physical format(s)	Inscriptions on columns
ii. Source(s) provenance	*Macellum* of Gerasa

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The *agoreis* must have financed the erection of the columns; nothing else is known.
iii. Bibliography	Uscatescu, A., and Martín-Bueno, M. (1997), 'The Macellum of Gerasa (Jerash, Jordan): From a Market Place to an Industrial Area', *BASO* 307: 67-88, esp. 71-2. Welles, C.B. (1938), 'The Inscriptions', in C.H. Kraeling (ed.), *Gerasa. City of the Decapolis*, New Haven: 353-494.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century AD were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations.

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