Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Public Works Committee

Of the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

OCT 2 7 2009

Honorable Members:

C. D. No. 4

SUBJECT:

Extension of Closure of La Punta Drive Westerly of Quebec Drive – Council File No. 02-1043

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the 18-month closure period for the street shown on the attached sketch that was originally approved by the City Council on June 21, 2002, and was last granted an extension by the City Council July 9, 2008 with an expiration date of December 21, 2009, be extended an additional 18-month period to June 21, 2011 in accordance with State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4.
- B. That the City Council find that this is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
- C. That the City Council adopt the accompanying Resolution signed by the City Attorney.
- D. That the City Council adopt the following findings:
 - 1. There was substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street before the closure occurred.
 - 2. The temporary closure of the street has resulted in fewer complaints and calls for police service, and the continuation of the closure will assist in preventing the reoccurrence of the serious and continual activity found to exist before the closure.

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- 3. The closure does not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties but affected property owners have agreed to the temporary closure.
- 4. The closure does not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the closed street.
- 5. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the street contributed to the criminal activities.
- 6. The street has not been designated as a though highway or arterial street.
- E. That notification of the time and place of the Public Works committee meeting to consider this request be sent to:
 - Terry Gerger
 6400 La Punta Drive
 Los Angeles, CA 90068
 - Council District No. 4
 Attn: Doug Mensman
 200 N. Spring Street, 4th floor
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Ron Lagomarsino
 2456 El Contento Drive
 Los Angeles, CA 90068
 - Kenneth Ackerman
 6357 La Punta Drive
 Los Angeles, CA 90068
 - Michael and Kelly Lightner
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- 18. Mary S. Ledding 6384 La Punta Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068
- Wall Street Mortgage Bankers LTD 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 900 Los Angeles, CA 90024
- 20. Robert Blackwell 6360 La Punta Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068
- 21. Marin Ciobanu 6352 La Punta Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$1050.00. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. Sketch indicating the closed area.
- 2. Consent Petition.
- 3. Letter from Councilmember LaBonge, dated May 4, 2009.
- 4. Letter from the Los Angeles Police Department, dated June 5, 2009.
- 5. Draft of Resolution for Closure Extension.

CONDITIONS:

- 1. That the adjacent property owners/residents continue to provide for the routine clean-up of the closed area.
- 2. That the petitioners agree to remove the gates/fences upon termination of the allowed closure period at no cost to the City or apply for extension of the closure.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember LaBonge in a letter dated May 4, 2009, requested an eighteen (18) month extension of the closure to deter criminal activity in the area.

The Los Angeles Police Department in a letter dated June 5, 2009, supported the extension of the street closure.

This is the fifth extension request for the temporary street closure of La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive. The last extension was adopted by the City Council on July 9, 2008, with an expiration date of December 21, 2009. The full number of extension requests allowed are eight consecutive 18-month extensions per State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4.

Conclusion:

The City Engineer recommends approval of an eighteen (18) month extension subject to the conditions of this report.

Report prepared by: Land Development Group

Phillip Martinez Civil Engineering Associate II Phone (213) 977-6954

EY/ /pm LDG Respectfully submitted,

Edmond Yew Manager
Land Development Group
Bureau of Engineering

RESOLUTION FOR 18-MONTH EXTENSION OF CLOSURE OF A STREET (California State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4)

The Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby finds and determines that the closure of La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive should be extended for one additional 18-month period to deter serious and continuing criminal activities as determined and recommended by the Police Department; and

There was substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street before the closure occurred; and

The temporary closure of the street has resulted in fewer complaints and calls for police service; and the continuation of the closure will assist in preventing the reoccurrence of the serious and continual criminal activity found to exist before the closure; and

The closure does not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles and performance of municipal or public utility services or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the closed street; and

Vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the street contributed to the criminal activities; and

The street has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street; and

The Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby finds and determines that La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive as shown on attached "Exhibit A" is unnecessary to be opened for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

The City Council hereby elects to proceed under the above captioned provision of said Code Section; and hereby resolves that said street be and the same is closed for one additional eighteen (18) month period; and

The particular portion of the public street which is temporarily closed is described herein as follows:

La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive.

The City Clerk shall certify this resolution and affix the City seal, and shall transmit a sealed copy of this resolution to the City Engineer.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the street described hereinabove and shown on attached "Exhibit A" is closed for one additional (18) month period.

I certify that the foregoing resolution Los Angeles at its meeting of members.	n was adopted by the Council of the City of by a majority vote of all its
	JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk
	BY Deputy
Approved as to Form and Legality Carmen A. Trutanich, City Attorney BY Deputy	
Council File No. <u>02-1043</u>	·



CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

ROOM 480, CITY HALL LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 (213) 485-3337 FAX (213) 624-7810

May 4, 2009

Mr. Edmond Yew Bureau of Engineering 201 North Figueroa, 2nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr Yew:

My office is requesting that you begin the necessary work to extend the permit for the temporary closure of La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive (C.F. 02-1043). The current extension is valid until December 21, 2009.

I found that there was substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activity in the street prior to the closure. Since that time, the temporary closure of the street has resulted in fewer complaints and calls for police service, and the continuation of the closure will assist in preventing any recurrence.

The closure does not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles. In addition, the street is a culde-sac and has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.

Thank you for your assistance in extending the closure of La Punta Drive westerly of Quebec Drive (C.F. 02-1043) for another 18 month period from December 21, 2009 through June 21, 2011.

Sincerely,

TÖM LABONGE

Councilmember, 4th District

LAND DEVELOPMENT GROU



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM J. BRATTON Chief of Police



P. O. Box 30158 Los Angeles, Calif. 90030 Telephone: (213) 972-2900 TDD: (877) 275-5273 Ref#: 6.1

June 5, 2009

Mr. Edmond Yew Manager Land Development Group Bureau of Engineering 201 North Figueroa Street Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Yew:

I am writing in support of the eighteen-month renewal of the La Punta Gate permit. Since the gate's installation, incidents of graffiti on the guardrail and on the retaining wall, calls for police service to residential or vehicle break-ins, and congregating gang members at the end of the culde-sac, have continued to be at a zero percentage rate of occurrence. Prior to the gate's installation in 2001, the police responded to the vicinity on a weekly basis. The continued benefits of the gate installation are highly desired.

Please extend the permit for the La Punta Gate for another eighteen-month period, December 21, 2009, through June 21, 2011.

Very Truly Yours,

WILLIAM J. BRATTON

Chief of Police

BEATRICE M. GIRMALA, Captain

Commanding Officer

Hollywood Community Police Station

c: Councilmember Tom LaBonge

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