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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating Washington Boulevard and 2nd Avenue Vacation District (VAC E1401040).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of Washington Boulevard and 2nd Avenue Vacation District, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the October 10, 2007 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:
 - a. 2nd Avenue from Washington Boulevard to approximately 271 feet southerly thereof.
 - b. The alley southerly of Washington Boulevard from 3rd Avenue to the alley westerly of Arlington Avenue.
 - c. The alley easterly of 3rd Avenue from the alley southerly of Washington Boulevard to approximately 100 feet southerly thereof.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated October 10, 2007, as the Findings of the Council.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated October 10, 2007 to approve the vacation.
5. AMEND the October 10, 2007 City Engineer report to delete Conditions 4 and 5a.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **March 18, 2008**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$5,030.75 in charges has been expended in the investigation and processing of this vacation. Since Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 4.46 exempts all governmental agencies for the payment of fees, the processing of this report will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering. Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

- a. 2nd Avenue from Washington Boulevard to approximately 271 feet southerly thereof.
- b. The alley southerly of Washington Boulevard from 3rd Avenue to the alley westerly of Arlington Avenue.
- c. The alley easterly of 3rd Avenue from the alley southerly of Washington Boulevard to approximately 100 feet southerly thereof.

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the October 10, 2007 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to consolidate the area to be vacated with the adjoining property since a structure permanently encroaches into the public right-of-way. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Furthermore, according to the City Engineer, the vacation of the public street areas as shown on the map designated as Exhibit B could be conditionally approved based upon the following: 1) it is unnecessary for present or prospective public use; 2) it is not needed for vehicular circulation or access; and 3) it is not needed for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

On February 6, 2008, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its October 10, 2007 report. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-4 and 6. Additionally, the Committee recommended amending the October 10, 2007 City Engineer report to delete Conditions 4 and 5a. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



Rpt 3 Findings
ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

*Cat. Exempt
Approved*

SET FOR HEARING March 18, 2008

MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	YES

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