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PUBLIC WORKS

Committee

reports as follows:

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating an alley westerly of Vine Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Eleanor Avenue (VAC E1401172).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of an alley westerly of Vine Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Eleanor Avenue is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated July 31, 2012, as the Findings of the Council, as modified by the Public Works Committee and attached to Council file No. 10-1942.
3. 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 A of the June 7, 2012 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

The alley westerly of Vine Street, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Eleanor Avenue.

4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated July 31, 2012 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$10,700.00 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code will be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on July 25, 2012, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its June 7, 2012 report. The City Engineer reported that the area sought to be vacated is an alley westerly of Vine Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Eleanor Avenue (a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the June 7, 2012 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to provide a private gated driveway for the petitioner's property. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Bureau of Engineering Staff testified that they recommended denial of the vacation due to the fact that the vacation was not in conformance with the general plan. However, after thoughtful deliberation, the Committee stated that the alley was appropriate for vacation inasmuch as there was a compelling argument for the property owners to maintain the alley. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the vacation as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-5. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
GARCETTI:	YES

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