

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION, INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the sale of an abandoned railroad spur to the Japanese-American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that this action is administratively exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(b) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated May 22, 2018 authorizing and providing for the sale of a 10,685 square feet abandoned railroad spur located at 244 South San Pedro Street owned by the City of Los Angeles to the JACCC in accordance with Council action taken May 6, 2014 directing the Department of General Services (GSD) to sell or lease this property to JACCC with the requirement that JACCC maintain perpetual public access over the property including ingress and egress, which sale shall be made for a purchase price of no dollars without necessity of calling for bids because the public interest and practical necessity are served by sale of the property to JACCC.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The GSD reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated May 15, 2018, GSD recommends that Council approve the sale of City-owned abandoned railroad spur to JACCC. GSD states that on February 6, 2015, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA/LA) transferred ownership of the property to the City with a deed requirement that the City and its successors use the property for public access, including the right of public ingress and egress in perpetuity. The spur adjoins the JACCC property at 244 South San Pedro Street.

According to GSD, during many years of CRA/LA ownership of spur, JACCC was permitted to use this property in support of community service activities such as performing arts, fine arts, and Japanese gardens (community services). The CRA/LA also required JACCC to provide public access over the spur to pedestrians. Shortly after City became owner of the spur, JACCC began limiting public access to this property to deter crime and homeless camping by chaining its entrance on San Pedro Street, and locking at night the pedestrian gates which connect the spur to the adjoining properties. The accompanying Ordinance requires JACCC to provide perpetual public access to the spur in a manner which balances such access with public safety.

The GSD report includes a community benefit analysis prepared by the City Administrative Officer for the proposed sale price of zero dollars.

At its meeting held August 14, 2018, the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance and related

environmental for the sale of this property to JACCC, as recommended by GSD.

Respectfully Submitted,

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
O'FARRELL	ABSENT

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