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CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of a portion of the northwesterly side of Park Drive from approximately 260 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street to approximately 323 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street, VAC-E1401315 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed Vacation.
- 2. FIND that the Vacation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
- 3. FIND that 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 C of the City Engineer transmittal, attached to the Council file:

The northwesterly 55 feet of Park Drive from approximately 260 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street to approximately 323 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street.

- 4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit C of said City Engineer transmittal, be denied.
- 5. FIND that there is a public benefit to the Vacation. Upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
- 6. FIND that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
- 7. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 8. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 9. ADOPT the said City Engineer's transmittal with the conditions contained therein. Note that all subsequent references to Exhibit B of said City Engineer transmittal shall be changed to Exhibit C

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 19, 2019, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned transmittal. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is a portion of the northwesterly side of Park Drive from approximately 260 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street to approximately 323 feet southwesterly of Baxter Street (a revised map of the area is included in the City Engineer transmittal). The purpose of the vacation request is to gain the yard area for the adjacent property at 2027 Park Drive.

This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer transmittal as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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