

**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 Ridgewood Place easterly of Van Ness Avenue and Fountain Avenue to its northerly terminus (Re-application; VAC E1400811).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of Van Ness Avenue and Fountain Avenue to its northerly terminus, 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 March 22, 2011, as the Findings of Council.
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 B of the March 22, 2011 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Ridgewood Place easterly of Van Ness Avenue from Fountain Avenue to its northerly terminus.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated March 22, 2011 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **SEPTEMBER 28, 2011.**

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$27,397.84 in charges has been expended in the investigation and processing of this proceeding. Since Section 7.46 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code exempts all governmental agencies from payment of fees, the processing of this report will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on August 3, 2011, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its March 22, 2011 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

Ridgewood Place easterly of Van Ness Avenue from Fountain Avenue to its northerly terminus.

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the March 22, 2011 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to consolidate the vacation area with the adjoining properties for the construction of Central Los Angeles High School No. 1.

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 report and 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>
HUIZAR:	YES
ALARCÓN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES

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