

**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 the vacation of Lorna Drive from 2nd Street to 440 feet southwesterly of Beverly Boulevard and 2nd Street from Crown Hill Avenue to Lorna Drive (VAC E1400857).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of the Alley westerly of Vermont Avenue from 1st Street to approximately 345 feet northerly thereof is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's 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 orange on Exhibit B of the June 14, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Lorna Drive from 2nd Street to approximately 440 feet southwesterly of Beverly Boulevard.

2nd Street from Crown Hill Avenue to Lorna Drive.

Alley northwesterly of Lorna Drive from 2nd Street to approximately 239 feet northeasterly thereof.

Alley northeasterly of 2nd Street from Lorna Drive to the alley northwesterly of Lorna Drive.

3. FIND that there is a public benefit to this vacation and that upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the right-of-way and that the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street and alley easement as detailed in the June 14, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.
4. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer June 14, 2010, as the Findings of the Council.
5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated June 14, 2010 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **MARCH 23, 2011**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$6,442.59 in charges has been expended in the investigation and processing of this proceeding. Since Section 7.46 of the Administrative Code exempts all governmental agencies from 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:

1. Lorna Drive from 2nd Street to approximately 440 feet southwesterly of Beverly Boulevard.
2. 2nd Street from Crown Hill Avenue to Lorna Drive.
3. Alley northwesterly of Lorna Drive from 2nd Street to approximately 239 feet northeasterly thereof.
4. Alley northeasterly of 2nd Street from Lorna Drive to the alley northwesterly of Lorna Drive.

(A map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the June 14, 2010 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to consolidate the school district properties.

On February 2, 2011, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its June 14, 2010 report. After consideration and 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. 1-6. 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
SMITH:	ABSENT

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