

**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 the Alley Northerly of 12th Street between Birch Street and Hemlock Street (VAC E1401104).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of the Alley Northerly of 12th Street between Birch Street and Hemlock Street 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 blue on Exhibit B of the October 21, 2008 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Alley Southeasterly of Hemlock Street from 12th Street to approximately 274 feet northeasterly thereof.
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 easement as detailed in the October 21, 2008 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.
4. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer October 21, 2008, as the Findings of the Council.
5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated October 21, 2008 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for February 23, 2011.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, the petitioner has paid a fee of \$6,420.00 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 may be required of the petitioner.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

Alley Southeasterly of Hemlock Street from 12th Street to approximately 274 feet northeasterly thereof.

(A map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the October 21, 2008 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to extend the parking area and to provide a loading dock for industrial warehouse use.

On January 5, 2011, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its October 21, 2008 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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