

**COMMUNICATION**

**File No. 09-0856**

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, CHAIR**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE relative to the vacation of Vantage Avenue from Archwood Street to the alley southerly of Vanowen Street. (VAC E1401145).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the City has imposed all the mitigation measures that are within the control of the City, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCLH No. 2008021101) that are associated with the impacts of the vacation and that the other mitigation measures that are not within the authority of the City, have been, or should have been imposed as set forth in the findings of the Board of Education of the City, dated October 14, 2008 as attached to the Council file.
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 A of the February 17, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Vantage Avenue from Archwood Street to the alley southerly of Vanowen Street.
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 street 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 February 17, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.
4. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer February 17, 2010, as amended, as the Findings of the Council.
5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 17, 2010, as amended, to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **November 3, 2010**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$14,193.70 in charges have been expended in the investigation and processing of this vacation proceeding. Since Section 7.46 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) exempts all governmental agencies from payment of fees, the processing of this vacation action 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:

Vantage Avenue from Archwood Street to the alley southerly of Vanowen Street.

(A map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the February 17, 2010 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to construct an addition to V.R. Bellingham Elementary School.

On September 22, 2010, the Public Works Committee Chair considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its February 17, 2010 report along with the Initial/Final Environmental Impact Reports. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair 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,

Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair  
Public Works Committee

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	ABSENT

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