

COMMUNICATION

File No. 11-0615

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE relative to vacating an alley southeasterly of Bixel Street from 6th Street to approximately 420 feet southwesterly thereof (Re-Application) (VAC E1401027).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of an alley, southeasterly of Bixel Street from 6th Street to approximately 420 feet southwesterly 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. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated February 6, 2013, as the Findings of the 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 C of the February 6, 2013 City Engineer report attached to the Council File:
 - a. Alley southeasterly of Bixel Street from 6th Street to approximately 420 feet southwesterly thereof.
 - b. A 5-foot wide and variable width portion of the future street easement along Bixel Street from 6th Street to approximately 420 feet southwesterly thereof.
 - c. Portions of the future street easement at the intersection of St. Paul Avenue and 6th Street lying outside of the future 20-foot radius property line return and inside of the future 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 6, 2013 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **MAY 15, 2013**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$10,700 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.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on March 27, 2013, the Chair of the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its February 6, 2013 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is an alley southeasterly of Bixel Street from 6th Street to approximately 420 feet southwesterly thereof (a map of the area is included as Exhibit C in the February 6, 2013 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council File).

The purpose of the vacation request is to consolidate the proposed alley to be vacated with the adjoining properties. A revision to the vacation request was made on February 10, 2012 to include the vacation of a portion of the future street easements along Bixel Street and at the property line return at the corner of 6111 Street and St. Paul Avenue. 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 Chair 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,

COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
GARCETTI:	ABSENT

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