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**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Committee**

reports as follows:

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of an alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to 225 feet southerly thereof (VAC E1401174).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of an alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to 225 feet southerly 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 August 2, 2011, as the Findings of the Council, as modified by the Public Works Committee and attached to Council file No. 11-1289.
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 August 2, 2011 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to 225 feet southerly thereof.

4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated August 2, 2011 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **APRIL 3, 2012**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$10,700.00 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 will be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on February 22, 2012 (continued from the meeting on September 7, 2011), the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its August 2, 2011 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is an alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to 225 feet southerly thereof (a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the August 2, 2011 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to maintain electrical conduits within the vacation area created for solar panels located on the property at 1914 Wilshire Boulevard. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. [01-1459](#).

Initial testimony was provided by staff from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. Further testimony was provided by Council District One staff. They presented a revised condition to the committee for inclusion into the record. Council District One staff stated that the applicant had agreed to power wash the sidewalks surrounding the property on Wilshire Boulevard, Westlake Avenue, and Bonnie Brae Street. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report, including the condition proposed by Council District One, 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>
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
GARCETTI:	ABSENT

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