

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets (VAC-E1401106).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets.
2. FIND that the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
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 6, 2015 City Engineer report to Council attached to the Council file and that the limits of the vacation area be permitted to be adjusted based on the adjoining street standards under Mobility Plan 2035:

The alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets.

4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the August 6, 2015 City Engineer report be denied.
5. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets. Upon vacation of the alley, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the right-of-way. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easement.
6. FIND that the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
7. FIND that the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
8. FIND that the vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
9. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated August 6, 2015 with the conditions contained therein, as amended to modify Condition No 5 to read as follows:

That the petitioner dedicate 4.25 feet along the southeasterly side of Albany Street adjoining Lot 9, Dunkelberger Tract, in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$25,145.00 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated August 6, 2015, the City Engineer discusses the proposed vacation of the alley southerly of Olympic Boulevard between Albany and Blaine Streets. The City Engineer states that General Commercial Properties, LLC., representing the owner of the property, is requesting the vacation of the public street area shown colored blue and orange. The purpose of the vacation request is to consolidate the proposed vacation area with the adjoining properties for safety and security reasons. The City Engineer recommends approval of the area colored blue, and denial of the area colored orange.

At its meeting held October 26, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee discussed this matter with Bureau of Engineering staff. The Bureau representative presented technical amendments to the City Engineer report Recommendation A and Condition No. 5. Committee recommended that Council approved the proposed vacation and the City Engineer's report recommendations, as amended to incorporate the technical amendments reflected above.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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