

COMMUNICATION

File No. 12-0877

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE relative to initiating vacation proceedings for Park Western Drive (Portion of Northerly Side) from Western Avenue to approximately 97 feet easterly thereof (VAC E1401204).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Park Western Drive (Portion of Northerly Side) from Western Avenue to approximately 97 feet easterly thereof (VAC E1401204) 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 22, 2012, 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 B of the August 22, 2012 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

An approximately 22-foot wide and variable width portion of the northerly side of Park Western Drive from Western Avenue to approximately 97 feet easterly thereof.

4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated August 22, 2012 to approve the vacation with the amendment to remove Condition No. 12 recommending that street trees be planted and tree wells be installed as may be required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **DECEMBER 12, 2012**.

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 its regular meeting held on October 24, 2012, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its August 22, 2012 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is a portion of Park Western Drive (Portion of Northerly Side) from Western Avenue to approximately 97 feet easterly thereof (a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the August 22, 2012 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to allow for the development and the landscaping of a commercial structure. 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 with the amendment to remove Condition No. 12 recommending that street trees be planted and tree wells to be installed as may be required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. 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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