

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of a portion of the alley easterly of Highland Avenue from Selma Avenue to 25 feet northerly thereof (Airspace) (VAC-E1401220).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the alley easterly of Highland Avenue from Selma Avenue to 25 feet northerly thereof (Airspace) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. RESCIND the Bureau of Engineering report dated June 18, 2013 under Council file No. 12-1922.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated July 30, 2013, as the Findings of the Council.
4. 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 July 30, 2013 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

A portion of the alley easterly of Highland Avenue from Selma Avenue to 25 feet northerly thereof, above a lower limit of approximately 25 feet above the finished grade and below an upper limit of approximately 85 feet above the finished grade.

5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated July 30, 2013 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **OCTOBER 22, 2013**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980 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 September 4, 2013, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its July 30, 2013 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to the vacation of a portion of the alley easterly of Highland Avenue from Selma Avenue to 25 feet northerly thereof (Airspace) (a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the July 30, 2013 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to allow for a pedestrian bridge over the alley to connect mixed-use buildings. 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 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,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES

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