

COMMUNICATION

File No. 13-0107

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 Westlake Avenue from approximately 230 feet northeasterly of Wilshire Boulevard (VAC E1401200).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of an alley, southeasterly of Westlake Avenue from approximately 230 feet northeasterly of Wilshire Boulevard, 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 25, 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 B of the February 25, 2013 City Engineer report attached to the Council File:

A portion of the alley southeasterly of Westlake Avenue from approximately 230 feet northeasterly of Wilshire Boulevard to approximately 422 feet northeasterly thereof.

4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 25, 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 \$10,700.00 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 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 25, 2013 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is an alley southeasterly of Westlake Avenue from approximately 230 feet northeasterly of Wilshire Boulevard (a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the February 25, 2013 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council File). The purpose of the vacation request is to accommodate for a church building currently built over the alley. 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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