

HEARD: 3/4
CNCL: 4/15

File No. 13-0805

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue (VAC-E1401228).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue.
2. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue 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 January 16, 2015 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

A portion of the L-Shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue.

4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the January 16, 2015 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file, be denied.
5. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue. 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 alley easement.
6. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue 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 of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
8. FIND that of a portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue 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 January 16, 2015 as amended in Committee deleting conditions 5b, 5c, and 6b.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$32,100 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. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on March 3, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its January 16, 2015 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is the portion of the L-shaped alley northerly of Wilshire Boulevard and westerly of La Brea Avenue (a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the January 16, 2015 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to provide for the future location of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority La Brea subway station as part of the Purple Line extension project. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459. A staff member from the Planning Department gave an overview of the matter. During their testimony, they requested to amend the recommendation to delete conditions 5b, 5c and 6b. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report, as amended in Committee, as detailed above. 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:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES

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