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REDUCTION

In 1922 Harvey McCarthy planned and built a residential district called Carthay Circle nestled between major commercial boulevards. The Carthay Circle neighborhood has existed as a quiet residential area since that time.

The need to protect the neighborhood from unwanted cut-through traffic and spillover parking was recognized when, after construction of new office towers on Wilshire Boulevard, the City installed "half-closure" traffic control devices to prohibit turns from Fairfax Avenue onto Barrows Drive, Del Valle Drive, and Warner Drive, to protect the Carthay Circle streets from unintended traffic patterns.

The 6100 block of Barrows Drive is immediately north of the intersection of Fairfax Avenue, Olympic Boulevard, and San Vicente Boulevards. This intersection experiences significant traffic congestion at peak hours. In an effort to avoid this congestion, drivers often ignore the turn restrictions and evade the half-closure at Fairfax Avenue.

Existing and future development and construction in the immediate vicinity, including but not limited to extension of the Metro Purple Line, programmatic expansion of the Los Angeles Museum of Art, the Academy of Motion Pictures museum, expansion of Shalhevet High School, renovation of the Petersen Museum, and construction of the Alliance Residential towers, will impose greater traffic impacts on residents of the 6100 block of Barrows Drive.

The General Plan's Transportation Element includes the following policy: "Seek to eliminate or minimize the intrusion of traffic generated by new regional or local development into residential neighborhoods while preserving an adequate collector street system."

To further this goal, and to protect the residents of the 6100 Block of Barrows Drive from non-resident traffic flow, it is necessary to convert the existing partial closure of Barrows Drive at its intersection with Fairfax Avenue to a full closure to vehicles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council adopt, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the following actions:

1. RESOLVE to close, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101(f), Barrows Drive to through vehicular traffic at its easterly terminus at Fairfax Avenue, by installing-permanent street improvements under a Class "B" Permit, while not providing a standard turning area at the terminus, and providing a non-standard mountable curb as required by the LAFD.
2. FIND that this action is consistent with the Transportation Element of the City of Los Angeles General Plan; and
3. FIND that this action is classified as a minor vacation and is categorically exempt under Article 7, Class 5(3), of the City of Los Angeles guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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