

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating the portion of the alley northwesterly of Main Street between 9th Street and Olympic Boulevard (VAC-E1401217).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation the portion of the alley northwesterly of Main Street between 9th Street and Olympic 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 13, 2014, as the Findings of 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 A of the February 13, 2014 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

A portion of the alley northwesterly of Main Street between 9th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

4. AMEND the February 13, 2014 report of the City Engineer to add two new conditions:
 - a. That the petitioner comply with the Project Requirements of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation June 27, 2013 letter to the Department of City Planning (Case CEN 12-40746) to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT).
 - b. That the applicant shall be required to engineer, implement / construct, and complete the Broadway Streetscape Master Plan improvements along both sides of Broadway on four blocks: 7th to 8th, 8th to 9th, 9th to Olympic and Olympic to 11th, beginning on the southern portion of the intersection of Broadway and 7th Street (i.e., from the beginning of the curb return on Broadway south of the intersection) and extending through the northern portion of the intersection of Broadway and 11th (i.e., from the beginning of the curb return on Broadway north of the intersection).

The applicant shall meet with the DOT and the Department of City Planning to verify the roadway and sidewalk dimensions required along Broadway. The applicant shall design and implement this improvement through the Bureau of Engineering's (BOE) B-permit process or otherwise as instructed by the BOE.

5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 13, 2014 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **JUNE 10, 2014**.

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 May 7, 2014, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its February 13, 2014 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is a portion of the alley northwesterly of Main Street between 9th Street and Olympic Boulevard (a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the February 13, 2014 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to use the area as part of a mixed-use residential and commercial/retail development with parking. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

An overview of the matter was presented by BOE staff. BOE Staff requested to include a new condition to the vacation that the petitioner comply with the Project Requirements of the DOT June 27, 2013 letter to the Department of City Planning (Case CEN 12-40746) to the satisfaction of the DOT. Council District 14 staff provided additional testimony and requested to add a condition that the applicant shall be required to engineer, implement / construct, and complete the Broadway Streetscape Master Plan improvements along both sides of Broadway on four blocks: 7th to 8th, 8th to 9th, 9th to Olympic and Olympic to 11th, beginning on the southern portion of the intersection of Broadway and 7th Street (i.e., from the beginning of the curb return on Broadway south of the intersection) and extending through the northern portion of the intersection of Broadway and 11th (i.e., from the beginning of the curb return on Broadway north of the intersection). The applicant shall meet with DOT and the Department of City Planning to verify the roadway and sidewalk dimensions required along Broadway. The applicant shall design and implement this improvement through BOE's B-permit process or otherwise as instructed by BOE. 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 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:	ABSENT

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