

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof (VAC-E1401248).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof 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 October 24, 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 October 24, 2014 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

The northeasterly 20-foot wide portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof.

4. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof. 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 street easement.
5. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
6. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
7. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
8. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated October 24, 2014 with the conditions contained therein.
9. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **JANUARY 14, 2015**.

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 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 December 3, 2014, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its October 24, 2014 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is the alley westerly of Ventura Boulevard from Willow Crest Avenue to approximately 50 feet southerly thereof (a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the October 24, 2014 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to provide outdoor dining area. 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. 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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