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Young Israel of Century City is an Orthodox Jewish congregation established in 1976 and serving the community at their current location since 1982. The congregation has experienced steady growth over the years and now includes more than 400 families. The synagogue has become a significant center of Jewish life in Los Angeles and is now the second largest orthodox congregation in the City. Currently, the congregation occupies two adjacent buildings at 9315 through 9323 Pico Boulevard, one consisting of the sanctuary and the other housing support functions. Recently, the congregation acquired the adjacent property at the north east corner of Pico Boulevard and Rexford Drive.

To accommodate the congregation's growth, Young Israel is planning the construction of two new buildings: one on the newly acquired property at the corner of Pico Boulevard and Rexford Drive (9327-9329 Pico Boulevard, Tract 6380, Lot 1343) and a second to replace one of their existing buildings (9321-9323 Pico Boulevard, Tract 6380, Lot 1342).

The project is currently in plan check with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. All existing and planned buildings are on Pico Boulevard, with one also fronting on Rexford Drive pursuant to Section 12.37 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. It is anticipated that the Bureau of Engineering will require a street dedication along Pico Boulevard of 2 feet to create a half right-of-way of 52 feet and one along Rexford Drive of 2.5 feet to create a half right-of-way of 30 feet.

The dedication along Pico Boulevard would do little to help traffic flow because the existing sanctuary building will remain in place, thereby precluding the widening of this part of Pico Boulevard. Further, the retail building to the east of Young Israel's property is relatively new and is unlikely to be redeveloped for many years.

Along Rexford Drive, a 2.5 foot dedication would likewise significantly reduce the size and usability of Young Israel's property while not contributing to improved traffic flow. The properties to the north are relatively new and will not be redeveloped anytime in the foreseeable future, precluding any usable street widening along Rexford Drive. Further, the existing sidewalk adjacent to Young Israel's property along Rexford Drive is currently in excess of 13 feet wide. Any desired street widening along Rexford Drive could be easily accomplished by moving the curb to the east while still maintaining a very generous sidewalk on this minor street.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Departments of Planning, Transportation, Building and Safety and Water and Power, be authorized to waive the determination of street improvement requirements, as provided under Section 12.37 I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and that the City Council also reject, as provided under LAMC Section 12.37 C (Dedication Procedure), any offer to dedicate land regarding the development of two properties to be undertaken by Young Israel of Century City, located at 9327-9329 Pico Boulevard and 9321-9323 Pico Boulevard, in that such dedications/improvements would do little to help traffic flow along Rexford Drive and Pico Boulevard, and would severely limit and deprive the ability of the applicant to successfully complete the project and hinder the community services that the project provides.

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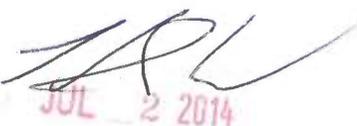


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