

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacation proceedings for the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place (VAC - E1401264).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation proceedings for the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place.
2. FIND that the vacation proceedings for the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place are 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 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 June 19, 2015 City Engineer report:

The alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place.

4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the June 19, 2015 City Engineer report be denied.
5. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place. 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.
6. FIND that the vacation of the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place 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 the vacation of the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
8. FIND that the vacation of the alley northeasterly of Adams Boulevard between Scarff Street and St. James Place 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 June 19, 2015 with the conditions contained therein, as amended to delete Conditions 6a and 6b, and to:

- a. Substitute the following for condition 5a:

Under the Mobility Plan 2035, dedicate, as necessary, a variable width as public

street along the northeasterly side of Adams Boulevard to complete a 50-foot wide half right-of-way per Avenue I standards, together with 15-foot by 15-foot corner cuts at the corners with Scarff Street and with St. James Place.

b. Substitute the following for condition 5b:

Under the Mobility Plan 2035, dedicate 4 feet as public street along the southeasterly side of Scarff Street to complete a 33-foot wide half right-of-way per Collector Street standards, except where the existing buildings are to remain.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980.00 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated June 19, 2015, the City Engineer states that the petitioner, Laverne Joseph, on behalf of St. James Park RHF Housing, Inc., owner of the properties, requests the vacation of the public alley described above. The purpose of the vacation is to consolidate the alley and abutting properties into one unified building site. The City Engineer recommends approval of the request, denying the portion of the vacation request colored orange on Attachment B of the report.

At its meeting held on September 14, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve the City Engineer's recommendations and conditions relative to the proposed alley vacation proceedings, as amended to incorporate the changes to conditions 5a and 5b reflected above, and to delete conditions 6a and 6b.

  
Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

### MEMBER    VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

PRICE:        ABSENT

O'FARRELL: YES

RYU:            YES

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