

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of a portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street (VAC-E1401266).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation of a portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street.
2. FIND that the vacation of a portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street. is 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 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 March 4, 2016 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

A portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street.

4. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of a portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street. 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 T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street.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 T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street.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 T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street 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 March 4, 2016 with the conditions contained therein.

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 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 March 4, 2016, the City Engineer discusses the proposed vacation of a portion of the T-shaped alley westerly of Figueroa Street between Florence Avenue and 73rd Street. According to the City Engineer the requested vacation incorporates the area with the adjoining commercial retail site. The proposed vacation should have no adverse impact on circulation or access. The vacation area has been incorporated into the use of the property and there are existing buildings and accessory parking within the area proposed to be vacated. A replacement alley was constructed and will be dedicated as a public alley as a condition of the vacation. All properties adjoining the vacation area are owned by the petitioner and do not require access from the vacation area. The City Engineer recommends approval of the petitioner's request.

At its meeting held May 9, 2016, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommend that Council approved the proposed vacation, as recommended by the City Engineer.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



MEMBER    VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

PRICE:        YES

O'FARRELL: YES

RYU:            YES

jaw

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