

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION (PWGR) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of Fairfax Avenue (portion of westerly side) between Pico Boulevard and the east-way alley northerly of Pico Boulevard, VAC-E1401314 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Vacation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that 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 B of the February 1, 2018 Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report, attached to the Council file, and the location of the public improvements on Fairfax Avenue:

Portion of westerly side of Fairfax Avenue between Pico Boulevard and the east-west alley northerly of Pico Boulevard in excess of the area needed to provide a 13-foot sidewalk along the Fairfax Avenue in accordance with the Avenue III Standard.

3. DENY the Vacation of the areas shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the February 1, 2018 BOE report, attached to the Council file.
4. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street vacation, and upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street; in addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
5. FIND, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter, the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan.
6. DETERMINE, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code, that the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities.
7. DETERMINE, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code, that the vacation area is not necessary for present or prospective public use.
8. ADOPT the BOE report dated February 1, 2018, attached to the Council file, with the conditions contained therein.
9. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to schedule the Vacation for public hearing at least 30 days after the PWGR Committee approval based on the Initiation of Vacation Proceedings adopted by Council on October 24, 2017, so the City Clerk and BOE can process the Public Notification pursuant to Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BOE 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 Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on March 7, 2018, the PWGR Committee considered a BOE report regarding Vacation of Fairfax Avenue (portion of westerly side) between Pico Boulevard and the east-way alley northerly of Pico Boulevard. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended on consent to approve the recommendations in the BOE report. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
BUSCAINO	ABSENT
MARTINEZ	YES
RYU	YES
RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT

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