

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a vacation request for Cum Laude Avenue between St. Bernard Street and 92nd Street (VAC-E1401343).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RESCIND the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report dated February 20, 2020, attached to the Council file, as information contained within has been superseded by a future report.
2. FIND that the vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Street, Highways, and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below, shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the City Engineer's report dated June 22, 2020 attached to the Council file, and that the limit of the vacation area be permitted to be adjusted based on the final design of the cul-de-sac on 92nd Street:

Cum Laude Avenue between St. Bernard Street and 92nd Street

3. REVIEW and CONSIDER the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Plan Update (Project) Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2012041003) dated May 2014 and February 2015, respectively (Transmittal Nos. 1 and 2). The Project EIR was prepared by the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and included the street vacation of Cum Laude Avenue between St. Bernard Street and 92nd Street (Vacation).
4. FIND that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the Vacation that mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. Project mitigation measures are described in the Project EIR and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) dated February 2015. A fully enforceable program for reporting or monitoring the changes required in the Vacation, or made a condition of approval to avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental effects, has been required by the City. A copy of BOE's Summary of Relevant Findings and Mitigation Measures, included in the CEQA Recommendations for Council Referral Letter dated September 11, 2019 (EMG Memo), is attached and incorporated herein (Transmittal No. 3).
5. CONCUR with the Board of Airport Commissioners finding that the unavoidable significant adverse operational and construction air quality related impacts associated with the proposed Project are acceptable in light of the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits the Project will bring to the surrounding community and LAWA. These specific overriding considerations are described in the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project dated February 2015 and is attached and incorporated herein (Transmittal No. 4).
6. FIND that no new information exists to show that the Project or circumstances of the Project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for the Vacation.

7. FIND that there is a public benefit to the Vacation. Upon vacation of the streets, 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.
8. FIND that in conformance with Section 556 of the Los Angeles City Charter, the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan.
9. DETERMINE that in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code, that the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities.
10. DETERMINE that in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code, that the the vacation area is not necessary for present or prospective public use.
11. ADOPT the City Engineers report with the conditions contained therein.
12. DENY the vacation of the area, shown colored yellow on Exhibit B of the City Engineer's report dated June 22, 2020, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$69,400 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 August 5, 2020 the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee telephonically considered City Engineer's reports relative to a vacation request for Cum Laude Avenue between St. Bernard Street and 92nd Street. VAC-E1401343. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the report dated, June 22, 2020, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT

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