

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of the portion of the southeasterly side of La Fayette Park Place between Hoover Street and Wilshire Boulevard, VAC-E1401363 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REVIEW and CONSIDER the La Fayette Park Place (Por of) (SEly Side) between Hoover Street and Wilshire Boulevard Notice of Exemption (Transmittal 3 of the December 9, 2021 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file).
2. DETERMINE the Vacation is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et. seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et. seq) Article 19, section 15305(c), Class 5, "Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations" and as also specified in Los Angeles Environmental Quality Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 5, "Alterations in Land Use Limitations", Category 3.1.
3. SPECIFY that the Permit Case Management Division of the Bureau of Engineering located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 290, is the custodian of the documents or other relevant material which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Council's decision is based.
4. 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 on the map of said City Engineer report:  
  
Approximately 42 feet of the southeasterly side of La Fayette Park Place between Hoover Street and Wilshire Boulevard.
5. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of said City Engineer report be denied.
6. FIND that there is a public benefit to the Vacation. 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.
7. FIND that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
8. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
9. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
10. ADOPT said City Engineer report with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$47,080 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 the meeting held on January 12, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is the portion of the southeasterly side of La Fayette Park Place between Hoover Street and Wilshire Boulevard (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is to facilitate the conversion of an over-dedicated right-of-way to a more productive use as real property. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	YES
DE LEÓN	YES
O'FARRELL	ABSENT
KORETZ	ABSENT

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