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File No. 19-0754

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the temporary closure of the pedestrian mall (alley) northerly of Selma Avenue and easterly of Cahuenga Boulevard.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this matter is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
2. FIND that the alleys as shown on the attached Exhibit A of the report from the City Engineer dated July 2, 2019, attached to the Council file, subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed between the hours of 2:30 AM and 8:00 AM pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21102.1 upon Council approval.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, signed by the City Attorney.
4. ADOPT the following findings:
 - a. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street recommended for temporary closure.
 - b. The temporary closure of the alleys will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 - c. The alleys do not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties but affected property owners have agreed to the temporary closure.
 - d. The closure will not adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, operation of emergency vehicles, and performance of municipal or public utility services.
 - e. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street contribute to the criminal activities.
 - f. The street has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$5,000. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 7, 2019, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a Bureau of Engineering report relative to the temporary closure of the pedestrian mall (alley) northerly of Selma Avenue and easterly of Cahuenga Boulevard. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as found in the Bureau of Engineering report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the

Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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

ME 8/7/19

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