

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of East West Alley southerly of Washington Boulevard between Claudina Avenue and Vineyard Avenue (VAC-E1401379).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this vacation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. INSTITUTE the street Vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below, as shown colored blue on Exhibit A of the City Engineers report dated August 5, 2020, attached to the Council file:

East West alley southerly of Washington Boulevard between Claudina Avenue and Vineyard Avenue

3. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street 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 personal liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
4. 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 Los Angeles City Charter.
5. DETERMINE that the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
6. DETERMINE that the vacation area is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
7. ADOPT the City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a deposit of \$14,980 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit to the deposit will be required of the petitioner to recover cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC.

Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on August 19, 2020 the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee telephonically considered a City Engineers report relative to the vacation of East West Alley

southerly of Washington Boulevard between Claudina Avenue and Vineyard Avenue. After providing an opportunity for public comment the Committee approved the recommendations in the corrected report, dated August 5, 2020, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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

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