

ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - I

Office of the City Engineer
Los Angeles, California

To the Honorable Council
Of the City of Los Angeles

May 15, 2024

Honorable Members:

CD No. 6

SUBJECT

Initiation of Vacation Proceedings for the Ralston Avenue
Vacation District (VAC-E1401430)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That upon adoption of this report, the street vacation proceedings for the following Vacation District, as shown on Exhibit A, be initiated pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law:
1. Ralston Avenue between Wicks Street and Art Street; and,
 2. A portion of Art Street between Sutter Avenue and Ralston Avenue, from approximately 140 feet northeasterly of Sutter Avenue to Ralston Avenue.
- B. That the Bureau of Engineering be directed to investigate the feasibility of this vacation request.
- C. That the Bureau of Engineering present its report regarding the feasibility of vacating the requested area to the Public Works Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

A deposit of \$47,080 was paid by the petitioner for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code will be required of the petitioner.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Application dated October 31, 2022 from Harry H Danielian and Ralston Sutter LLC.
2. Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

The petitioners, Harry H Danielian and Razmik Danoukh of Ralston Sutter LLC are requesting the City to vacate Ralston Avenue, between Wicks Street and Art Street, and a portion of Art Street, from Ralston Avenue to approximately 140 feet northeasterly of Sutter Avenue. The purpose of the vacation is to restrict unwanted criminal activity within the Vacation District, including but not limited to the housing stolen goods and the dumping of miscellaneous trash, dirt, construction debris, abandoned cars, and drugs.

In 2009, via Council file no. 09-0747, street vacation proceedings were initiated for an area of Ralston Avenue and Art Street. This previous request was subsequently terminated due to owner withdrawal of the related application.

The adoption of the recommendations does not constitute or imply approval of the vacation.

Respectfully submitted,



for
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Enclosures