

November 18, 2021

To: Public Works Committee  
Attention: Councilmember Bob Blumefield, Chair  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: 9277 Thrush Way (Council File: 16-0566)**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

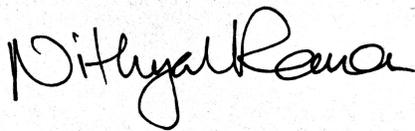
Thank you for your attention to the vacation request for 9277 Thrush Way, which is located in Council District 4. I would like to share my concerns about the request to vacate a public street area on Thrush Way. While the applicant has stated that the purpose of the vacation is to incorporate unused area into a new adjoining single family dwelling building at 9277 Thrush Way, I do not support the approval of this request.

As a newer office, we are aware that not only has there been a long history about this specific location, but there has also been a high level of engagement among various stakeholders for this project, particularly regarding the street vacation request. Back in 2005, City Council conditionally adopted the City Engineer's report to vacate this same area. However, the previous petitioner failed to complete all conditions of the vacation within the timeline and, therefore, the vacation request expired.

Residents who live near the project have endured years of intermittent construction and subsequent impacts to the neighborhood. Recently, there has been evidence of activity occurring, including bulky and unkept storage and improper fencing, in the area the current applicant is seeking to be vacated. To our knowledge, the applicant should have received approval of the street vacation or applied for a Revocable Permit from the Bureau of Engineering, typically required for conditional encroachment of the public right-of-way by private parties, prior to utilizing this area. In this instance, the applicant is obstructing the public right of way without a permit, nor an approved street vacation.

As such, I ask members of the Public Works Committee to vote in opposition to this street vacation request.

Kind regards,



Nithya Raman  
Los Angeles City Councilmember, 4th District