

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Public Works Committee

Of the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

December 1, 2021

Honorable Members:

C. D. No. 9

SUBJECT:

Temporary Closure of the Alley Southerly of 85th Street between Main Street and Wall Street

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the alley as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 for a period of eighteen (18) months upon Council approval.
- B. That the City Council find that this 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.
- C. That the City Council adopts the accompanying Resolution signed by the City Attorney.
- D. That the City Council adopts the following findings:
 - 1. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the alley recommended for temporary closure.
 - 2. The temporary closure of the alley will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 - 3. The alley does not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties.
 - 4. The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the alley proposed to be temporarily closed.

5. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the alley contributes to the criminal activities.
 6. The alley has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.
- E. That notification of the time and place on the Public Works Committee meeting to consider this request be sent to:

1. ZEPEDA,LUIS AND AMALIA
102 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
2. RAY,HUGHEY A AND BEYONKA
115 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
3. PINEDA,A CAROLINA AND RONI F AND
118 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
4. VELASQUEZ,ANITA
122 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
5. FALCON,IGNACIO AND MARIA A TRS
126 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
6. OCHOA,AURORA
134 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
7. WADE,ROSIE J AND
138 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
8. ELLIS,KING SR AND
142 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA

90003

9. BERRENT, DAVID TR
1443 E WASHINGTON BLVD PMB 644
PASADENA CA
91104
10. TAYLOR MURPHY, CYNTHIA
146 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
11. REYES, ANTONIO AND MARIA D AND
150 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
12. JAMES, PAMELA ET AL
154 E 85TH ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003
13. PARK, JAMES AND CECILIA
2693 HILLSIDE DR
TORRANCE CA
90505
14. CASTANO, GRACIELA E CO TR
3042 COUNTRY CLUB DR
COSTA MESA CA
92626
15. EL POLLO LOCO INC
3535 HARBOR BLVD STE 100
COSTA MESA CA
92626
16. KIDD, JEANETTE F
3759 SONORA WAY
PALMDALE CA
93550
17. SANTANA, LUIS M TR
7450 VIA AMORITA
DOWNEY CA
90241

18. REYES, OLGA J ET AL
8506 S MAIN ST
LOS ANGELES CA
90003

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Sketch indicating the area to be temporarily closed (Exhibit "A").
2. Draft of Resolution for Temporary Alley Closure
3. Motion from Council District No. 9, dated November 25, 2020
4. Official Action of the Los Angeles City Council, dated May 26, 2021
5. Consent Petition
6. Letter from the Los Angeles Police Department, dated August 23, 2021

CONDITIONS:

1. That any gates to be installed to effectuate a physical closure of the alley area, together with the gate locations:
 - a. be approved by the Fire Department, the Department of Water and Power, the Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Sanitation's Wastewater Collection Systems Division;
 - b. be done under appropriate permits issued by the City Engineer; and,
 - c. be installed by the petitioner at no cost to the City.
2. That the keys to any gates to be installed be provided to all affected City Departments and Public Utility Companies.
3. That the closed area be physically closed within 6 months of Council approval of the temporary closure or the approval be rescinded.

4. That the petitioners remove any installed gates/fences upon termination of the allowed closure period at no cost to the City.

DISCUSSION:

On November 25, 2020, under Council File No. 20-1540, a motion from Council District No. 9 (Transmittal no. 3) was adopted by the City Council directing the City Engineer to initiate proceedings to close the alley Southerly of 85th Street between Main Street and Wall Street. The motion incorrectly stated the alley requested to be closed as “alley adjacent to 142 E 84th Street, located between Wall Street and South Main Street.” The Public Works Committee subsequently adopted a report correcting the closure location to the alley adjacent to 159 East Manchester Avenue, southerly of East 85th Street, which was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on May 26, 2021 (Transmittal no. 4).

The Council motion stated that the “... residents abutting the alley and the Police Department have reported ongoing public safety and health issues at this site, including illegal dumping, and have requested that this alley be closed. According to the Neighborhood Prosecutor, numerous criminal and violent activities have also been occurring at this alley, including fires being set, drug dealing, and an attempted homicide.”

On October 18, 2021, Council District 9 noted that no consent signatures from abutting property owners or residents is necessary for this closure request (Transmittal no. 5).

CONCLUSION:

The temporary closure of the alley Southerly of 85th Street between Main Street and Wall Street is feasible subject to the conditions of this report.

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Respectfully submitted,



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