

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR), FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of Chick Hearn Court between South Figueroa Street and Georgia Street, VAC-E1401399 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated on the attached Exhibit "A": Chick Hearn Court between South Figueroa Street and Georgia Street within the City Engineer report dated July 6, 2022, attached to the Council file.
2. REVIEW and CONSIDER the DEIR (Transmittal III of said City Engineer report), FEIR for the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District (Transmittal IV of said City Engineer report) which were prepared by the City of in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and certified by City on September 4, 2001; the December 2021 Eighth Addendum to the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District (Eighth Addendum) (Transmittal V of said City Engineer report); the December 2021 Joint Analysis for the Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project and JW Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Expansion Project (Eighth Addendum Joint Analysis) (Transmittal VI of said City Engineer report).
3. FIND under CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(a)(1) that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the street vacation that reduce or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects as identified in Chapter III, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program of the FEIR, pages 47 through 83 and in the City's CEQA review Memo, dated April 13, 2022 (Transmittal VII of said City Engineer report) incorporated herein.
4. FIND that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for this street vacation.
5. SPECIFY that the Permit Case Management Division of the Bureau of Engineering located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 is the custodian of the documents or other relevant material which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Council's decision is based.
6. 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 potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
7. 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 City Charter.
8. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
9. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
10. ADOPT said City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$47,080 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 12, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is Chick Hearn Court between South Figueroa Street and Georgia Street (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is to create a pedestrian plaza. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	ABSENT
DE LEÓN	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
HUTT	YES

ME 10/12/22

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