

MOTION

In 2010, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) was granted a parcel map and vacation request (AA-2010-2677-PMLA) which created a consolidated site for development at the Watts 103rd Street train station (C.F. 10-2265-S1). A portion of Graham Avenue, generally bounded by 103rd Street and 104th Street, was incorporated into the site.

The CRA/LA-sponsored redevelopment project did not materialize and the property was conveyed to a private developer for the purpose of affordable housing production. This development was entitled in 2020 for 84 family affordable housing units, has been designed, and is actively recruiting financing to initiate construction.

While Graham Avenue in this location is vacated and currently private property, it is still improved as a public street and is used regularly by the community. The vacated portion of Graham is one of the primary accessways from the Watts Train Station to and from the Watts Towers.

The continued public use of this land poses ongoing operational and maintenance challenges for a private entity and in fact it is not needed to accommodate the new project for 84-unit affordable housing development.

It is in the public interest to revert the prior vacation and to restore Graham Avenue as a public street for use by the entire community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation and any other necessary departments, be instructed to initiate the process to accept the voluntary highway dedication of a portion of Graham Avenue between 103rd Street and 104th Street.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to limit the required improvements for this highway dedication to those necessary for safety and to mitigate real hazards.

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