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October 17, 2008

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RE: VACATING THE VIA LAS VEGAS VACTION DISTRICT (VAC E1401012)

At the meeting of the Council held October 1, 2008, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted	_____	X
Attached motion (-) adopted	_____	
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____	
Effective date	_____	
Set for hearing.....	_____	10-21-08
Mayor approved	_____	
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved	_____	
Findings adopted	_____	X
Negative Declaration adopted	_____	
Categorically exempt.....	_____	X
Environmental Impact report certified	_____	

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating the Via Las Vegas Vacation District (VAC E1401012).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of Halsted Street (portions of) cul-de-sac approximately 600 feet easterly of Via Las Vegas Vacation District, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that the 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 below and shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the June 13, 2007 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:
 - a. Via Las Vegas between Mission Road and Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street.
 - b. The east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas between Mission Road and Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street.
 - c. Anderson Street between 1st Street and the east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas.
 - d. Utah Street between 1st Street and the east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas.
 - e. Plaza Del Sol between Via Las Vegas and Park Paseo.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated June 13, 2007, as the Findings of the Council.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated June 13, 2007 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **October 21, 2008**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$6,926.81 in charges have been expended in the investigation and processing of this proceeding. Since Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 7.46 exempts all governmental agencies from payment of fees, the processing of the vacation of the Via Las Vegas Vacation District will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

- a. Via Las Vegas between Mission Road and Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street.
- b. The east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas between Mission Road and Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street.
- c. Anderson Street between 1st Street and the east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas.
- d. Utah Street between 1st Street and the east/west alley southerly of Via Las Vegas.
- e. Plaza Del Sol between Via Las Vegas and Park Paseo.

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the June 13, 2007 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to consolidate the proposed vacation areas with the adjoining properties to allow for the construction of East Los Angeles High School No. 1. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Furthermore, according to the City Engineer, the vacation of the public street areas as shown on the map designated as Exhibit A could be conditionally approved based upon the following: 1) it is unnecessary for present or prospective public use; 2) it is not needed for vehicular circulation or access; and 3) it is not needed for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

On September 17, 2008, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its June 13, 2007 report. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-5. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	YES

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REPORT & FINDINGS
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
CAT. EXEMPT. APPROVED

SET FOR HEARING... OCTOBER 21, 2008

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