

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue (VAC- E1401143).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue.
2. FIND that the vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
3. 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 February 23, 2017 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

The public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue.

4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the February 23, 2017 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file, be denied.
5. FIND that all the mitigation measures that are within the control of the City, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearing House No. 2008051093) that are associated with the impacts of the street vacation and that other mitigation measures that are not within the authority of the City, have been or should be imposed as set forth in the accompanying findings of the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, dated December 9, 2008.
6. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue. Upon vacation of the alley, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the right-of-way. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easement.
7. FIND that the vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley

southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue 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 of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue 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 of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
10. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated February 23, 2017 with the conditions contained therein.
11. WAIVE the payment of the processing fee for the vacation proceeding in accordance with Section 7.46 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) which exempts all governmental agencies.

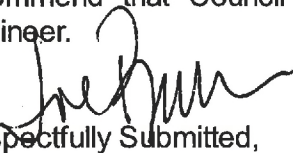
Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$32,100 for the investigation of this request pursuant to LAAC Section 7.42. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated February 23, 2017, the City Engineer recommends approval the proposed vacation of the public right-of-way of Council Street between Juanita Avenue and Madison Avenue, and the L-shaped alley westerly of Madison Avenue from the alley southerly of Beverly Boulevard to its intersection with Madison Avenue. The property owner, the Los Angeles Unified School District requested the vacation of the public street and alley areas. The purpose of the vacation is to consolidate the areas to be vacated with the adjoining properties, the new Lee Medical and health Science Magnet School.

At its meeting held June 12, 2017, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommend that Council approved the proposed vacation, as recommended by the City Engineer.



Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

PRICE: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

RYU: YES

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