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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating the McFarland Avenue between D Street and E Street (VAC E1400999).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of McFarland Avenue between D Street and E Street, will not have a significant impact on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency, the City of Los Angeles, that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE); and ADOPT Negative Declaration (BE No. 456-07) filed with the City Clerk on June 18, 2007.
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 A of the October 2, 2007 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

McFarland Avenue between D Street and E Street.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated October 2, 2007, as the Findings of the Council.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated October 2, 2007 to approve the vacation.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **March 18, 2008**.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to immediately notify Julie Van Wagner of the Bureau of Engineering/Environmental Management Group of the adoption of the Negative Declaration, as described above in Recommendation No. 1, so that the notice of determination can be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk within five working days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$6,420.00 for the investigation of this vacation request pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 7.42. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 may be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

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

McFarland Avenue between D Street and E Street

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the October 2, 2007 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to provide for parking and a loading area. 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 February 6, 2008, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its October 2, 2007 report. After 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. 1-6. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



NEG DEC,  
Findings & Report  
**ADOPTED**

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

SET FOR HEARING ~~March 19, 2008~~

**FORTHWITH**

MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	YES

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