

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacation proceedings for the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue (VAC - E1401249).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue.
2. FIND that the vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma 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 August 14, 2015 City Engineer report:

The north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue.

4. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit B of the August 14, 2015 City Engineer report be denied.
5. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma 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.
6. FIND that the vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
7. FIND that the vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
8. FIND that the vacation of the north/south alley westerly of Cahuenga Boulevard between Selma Avenue and the east/west alley northerly of Selma Avenue is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

9. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated August 14, 2015 with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980.00 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 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 August 14, 2015, the City Engineer discusses the alley vacation described above. The City Engineer reports that the petitioner, Michael Gonzales of Gonzales Law Group, representing the property owner, requests the vacation of the public alley areas shown colored blue and orange. The purpose of the vacation request is to provide a pedestrian plaza in conjunction with a hotel at 6417 Selma Avenue abutting the alley. The City Engineer recommends approval of the vacation colored blue and denial of the area colored orange as shown in Attachment B of the August 14, 2015, report to Council.

At its meeting held September 14, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve the City Engineer's recommendations and conditions relative to the proposed alley vacation.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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