CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacation proceedings (VAC - E1401254) for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed vacation proceedings for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof.
- 2. FIND that the vacation proceedings for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof are 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 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 July 22, 2015 City Engineer report:
 - a. A 3-foot wide portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof.
 - b. The 5-foot wide, 8-foot wide, and 10-foot wide future street easements on the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 290 feet northeasterly thereof.
- 4. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street vacation. 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.
- 5. FIND that the vacation for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
- 6. FIND that the vacation for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 7. FIND that the vacation for future street easements and a portion of the southeasterly side of Fairfax Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to approximately 143 feet northeasterly thereof is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 8. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated July 22, 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 July 22, 2015, the City Engineer states that the petitioner, Jonas Bronk on behalf of Broadstone Fairfax, LLC, owner of the property, requests the proposed vacation. The purpose of the vacation is to provide a sidewalk/parkway area on the property. The vacation is required as a condition of ZA-2013-1165-ZAA-SPR-1A, which was approved by the Central Area Planning Commission on December 10, 2013. The City Engineer recommends approval of the request.

At its meeting held October 26, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve the City Engineer's recommendations and conditions relative to the proposed street vacation proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT **ABSENT**

PRICE:

RYU:

YES

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