

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue (VAC-E1401278) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's 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 8, 2016 City Engineer report to Council:

The portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue.

3. FIND that there is a public benefit to the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park 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.
4. FIND that the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
5. FIND that the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
6. FIND that the vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
7. ADOPT the City Engineer's report dated June 8, 2016 with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980 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 June 8, 2016, the City Engineer recommends approval of a proposed vacation of the portion of the public right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D at East Boulevard and South Park Avenue. The City Engineer states that the area sought to be vacated is the 20-foot wide portions of right-of-way surrounding Island Lot D along East Boulevard and South Park Avenue in excess of the 30-foot half right-of-way required for a Local Street. The proposed vacation should have no adverse effect on vehicular circulation or access and is not needed for the use of pedestrians, bicyclists, or equestrians. According to the City Engineer, the purpose of the vacation request is to hold the property as one parcel.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, Committee Chair and Committee Member recommended that Council approve the proposed vacation, as recommended by the City Engineer.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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

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