



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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November 19, 2009

CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for a public right-of-way vacation of the alley east of Temple Avenue and North of 14th Street. (District 4)

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency
333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
(Application No. 0910-01)

BACKGROUND

The subject alley is located east of Temple Avenue and north of 14th Street, adjacent to Orizaba Park (Exhibit A – Location Map). The vacated 15-foot-wide alley would constitute the new southwestern boundary of an expanded Orizaba Park. The former alley area would be improved with turf and a six-foot-tall concrete block wall – acting as a visual and noise barrier – separating the park from the abutting residential properties.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65402, no street, parcel or alley may be vacated until such action has been submitted to, and reported upon by, the Planning Commission as to its conformity with the adopted General Plan. The General Plan consists of 11 elements, each possessing equal authority on land use matters. A review of the two relevant elements and specific General Plan consistency findings are presented as follows:

Land Use Element

The subject site lies between two General Plan Land Use Districts, as classified in the General Plan's Land Use Element. Properties between the alley to be vacated and the Temple Avenue - 14th Street intersection fall within LUD No. 2 - Mixed Style Homes. The existing park on the opposite side of the alley falls under the LUD No. 11 - Open Space and Parks designation. With a stated goal of advancing public health through contact with

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the natural environment, LUD No. 11 is the ideal Land Use District for the newly vacated land.

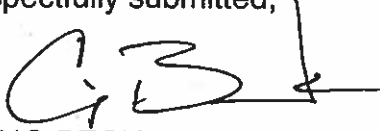
Open Space and Recreation Element

The General Plan's Open Space and Recreation Element supports the vacation, stressing the City's need for more publicly-owned recreation land in light of declining open space per capita rates – a product of the City's built-out environment and rising population figures – and a "problematic" shortage of parkland in specific areas of the City, among them Central Long Beach (location of the subject site).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Categorical Exemption (CE 09-083) was issued for the proposed project (Exhibit B – Categorical Exemption).

Respectfully submitted,

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CRAIG BECK
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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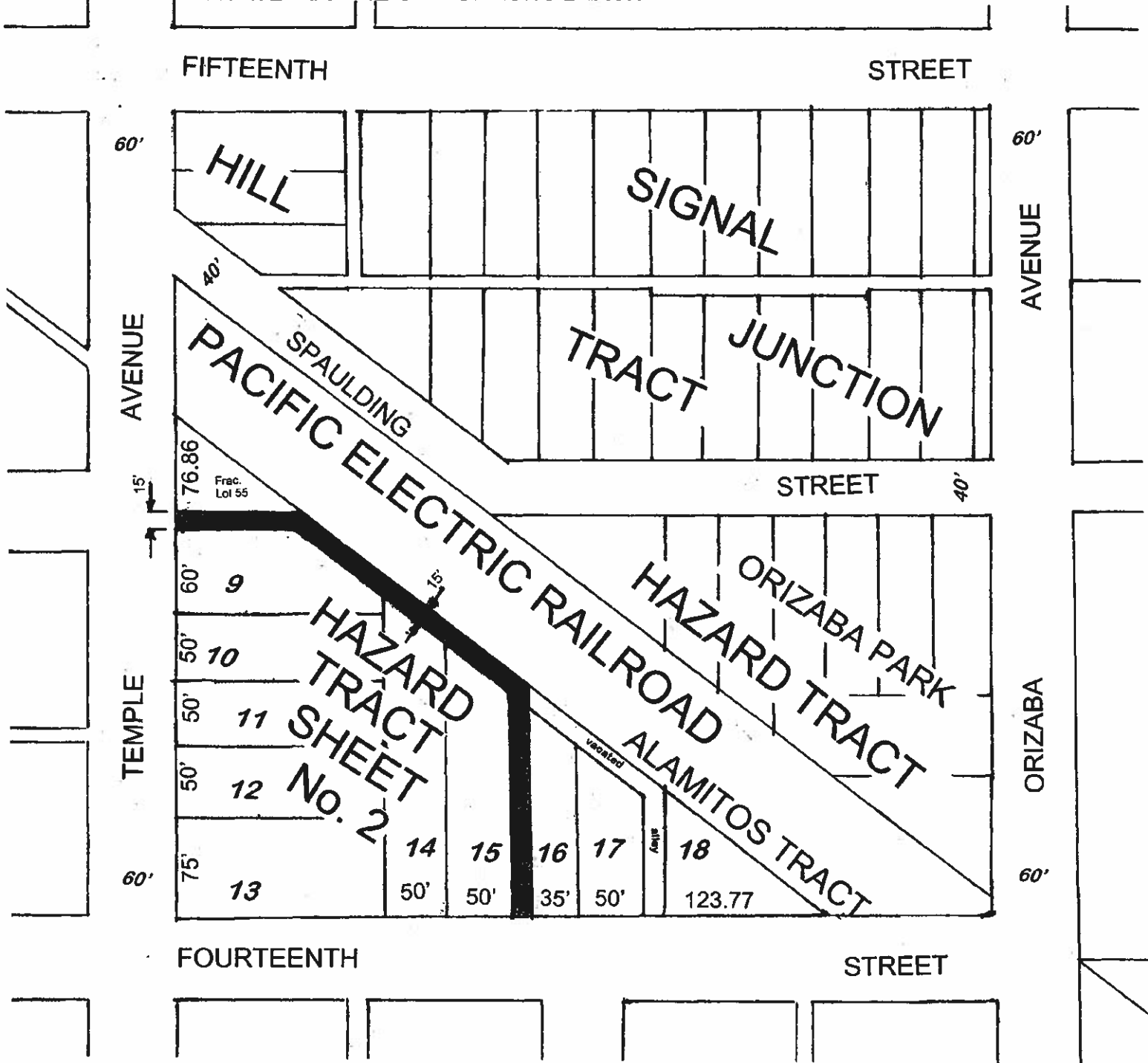
Exhibits

- A. Location Map
- B. Categorical Exemption CE 09-083

EXHIBIT A - LOCATION MAP

SKETCH SHOWING THE ALLEY EAST OF TEMPLE AVENUE AND NORTH OF FOURTEENTH STREET TO BE VACATED BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

SKETCH NO. 993V



 Indicates Area To Be Vacated





EXHIBIT B
 CATEGORICAL
 EXEMPTION
CITY OF LONG BEACH NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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L.A. County Clerk
 Environmental Fillings
 12400 E. Imperial Hwy. 2nd Floor, Room 2001
 Norwalk, CA 90650

Categorical Exemption CE- 09-083

Project Location/Address: 1433 Orizaba Avenue

Project/Activity Description: A 1.10-acre expansion of an existing park.

RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION (15'-WIDE ALLEY) REQUIRING A
 GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY FINDING.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Applicant Name: City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency

Mailing Address: 333 W. Ocean Blvd. - 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

Phone Number: (562) 570-5011

Applicant Signature: [Signature]

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Application Number: 0910-01

Planner's Initials: MH

Required Permits: _____

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 STATE GUIDELINES SECTION 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations
to Land

Statement of support for this finding: Minor alteration in public land
from alley right-of-way to park land.

Contact Person: Craig Chalfant

Contact Phone: 562-570-6368

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 11/12/09