

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 7, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Intention to vacate the north/south alley located north of Spring Street between Elm Avenue to the east and Long Beach Boulevard to the west; set the date of April 11, 2017, for the public hearing on the vacation; accept an easement deed for sidewalk widening along Long Beach Boulevard north of Spring Street; and,

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE 16-277. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

Phase one of the Salvation Army's Master Development Plan to modernize the campus at 3012 Long Beach Boulevard proposes to vacate the north/south alley that runs along the full length of the Salvation Army's easterly property line (Exhibit A). The westerly half of the alley on the north end adjoins both the Salvation Army's property and six residential properties. The alley primarily serves as access to the Salvation Army property and provides no vehicular access to the six residential properties. Standard reversionary vacation practices will divide the vacated alley along the centerline portion between the property owners of the alley.

Two adjacent property owners provided Public Works with written petitions of concern and/or disapproval to potentially receiving additional taxable property to which they would have limited use. The vacation petitioner, the Salvation Army, has indicated that they are working with the property owner(s) to resolve their concerns.

Proceedings for this vacation are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 3, General Vacation Procedure, of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law of the California Streets and Highways Code. Findings must establish that the subject alley is unnecessary for present or prospective public use. The Public Works Department supports this vacation based on findings that the dedicated alley is unnecessary for present or prospective public use.

On December 27, 2016, the Planning Commission determined the subject vacation action is consistent with the General Plan (Exhibit B). In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption No. CE-16-277 was issued for this vacation (Exhibit C).

The interested City Departments, including Traffic Engineering and Fire, have reviewed the proposed alley vacation and land development, and have no objections to this action. Utility easements will be reserved over the alley to continue providing access for the various

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existing utility services. Refuse is collected by private trash collection; therefore, the alley will not be required for City refuse collection.

In addition, to provide a suitable clear path within the bus stop area on the sidewalk adjacent to the southwesterly property line, a 4-foot wide dedication is recommended to achieve a sidewalk width of 12 feet. The developer has agreed to this dedication action.

A public hearing on this matter is to be held on April 11, 2017, and will allow all persons interested in, or objecting to, the proposed vacation to appear and be heard. At that time, the City Council will deliberate and take action on the proposed vacation.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on February 8, 2017 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on February 13, 2017.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 7, 2017, to set a hearing date on this matter for April 11, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

A tentative vacation processing fee of \$9,908 and a dedication processing fee of \$1,232 was deposited in the General Fund (GF) in the Public Works Department (PW). There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG A. BECK

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

FATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER

CB:BP:AB:JC

ATTACHMENTS: EXHIBIT A- VACATION SKETCH NO.1019V

EXHIBIT B- PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS STAFF REPORT

EXHIBIT C- CEQA 16-277

RESOLUTION

EXHIBIT A



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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December 15, 2016

CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-277 and find the proposed vacation of a City alley north of Spring Street between Elm Avenue to the east and Long Beach Boulevard to the west in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 1)

APPLICANT:

Pedro Blanco

Kardent Design for Salvation Army

11 Golden Shore Long Beach, CA 90802 (Application No. 1611-22)

DISCUSSION

The subject request is to abandon a 10-foot-wide (600 feet long) alley running north-south between Elm Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard (Exhibit A – Location Map). The subject alley is bound by 31st Street on the north and Spring Street on the south, and is adjacent to six privately-owned, residential-developed parcels to the east (3045-3095 Elm Avenue) and privately-owned, commercially developed parcels owned by the Salvation Army (3002-3092 Long Beach Boulevard) (Exhibit B – Alley Plan) on the west.

The alley does not provide vehicular access to the residential properties to the east, but primarily provides access to the Salvation Army Campus. A portion of the overhead Edison lines have been placed underground, and an easement will be retained by the city to allow access for maintenance. The alley abandonment would allow for all Salvation Army-owned parcels to be merged, in anticipation of the future development of a gym on the campus (Exhibit C – Proposed Plan).

The alley lies within the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-1), which is intended to be more flexible than conventional zoning to encourage new investment and development along the Long Beach Boulevard corridor. The Specific Plan establishes a land use plan and regulations, infrastructure requirements, design guidelines, and implementation strategies necessary to achieve that vision. The properties abutting the alley are located in a single-family residential zoning district (R-1-N) and the existing residences are permitted uses in the zone. Vacation of the subject alley would not increase the potential for expansion of a nonconforming use.

EXHIBIT B

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General Plan Consistency Findings

Before an application for an alley vacation can be considered by the City Council, a finding of conformity with the maps and policies of the Long Beach General Plan must be made by the Planning Commission. The General Plan consists of 11 elements and each element carries the same authority concerning land use issues. All elements of the General Plan were considered and staff finds this alley vacation to be in conformance with all applicable elements. A review of the relevant elements and specific General Plan consistency findings are presented below.

Land Use Element

The Land Use Element divides the City into 21 land use districts, which provide general guidance as to the appropriate type and density of land uses. The alley is located within Land Use District Number 7 – Mixed Use District (LUD 7). In LUD 7 a careful blending of different types of land uses is encouraged. The LUD allows for multi-purpose activity centers and synergistic blending. Vacation of the subject alley would revert the land to private ownership. As all abutting parcels are developed with commercial and residential uses consistent with LUD 7, vacation of the alley would conform to the Land Use Element.

Mobility Element

The City's Mobility Element is aimed at transforming Long Beach into a community that offers flexible, convenient, affordable, and energy-efficient transportation options for residents and visitors alike. The alley is not used for pedestrian or vehicular access, or for City services, other than service lines provided underground and protected by means of an easement. Alley abandonment would not be detrimental to the movement of people and goods through the area. Therefore, the alley to be vacated is regarded by the Department of Public Works as no longer necessary for present or prospective public use or convenience.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Categorical Exemption CE 16-277 was issued for the proposed project (Exhibit D – Categorical Exemption).

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Respectfully submitted,

LINDA F. TATUM, AICP

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PLANNING BUREAU MANAGER

AMY J. BODEK, AICP

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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Location Map

Exhibit B – Alley Plan Exhibit C – Proposed Plan

Exhibit D - Categorical Exemption

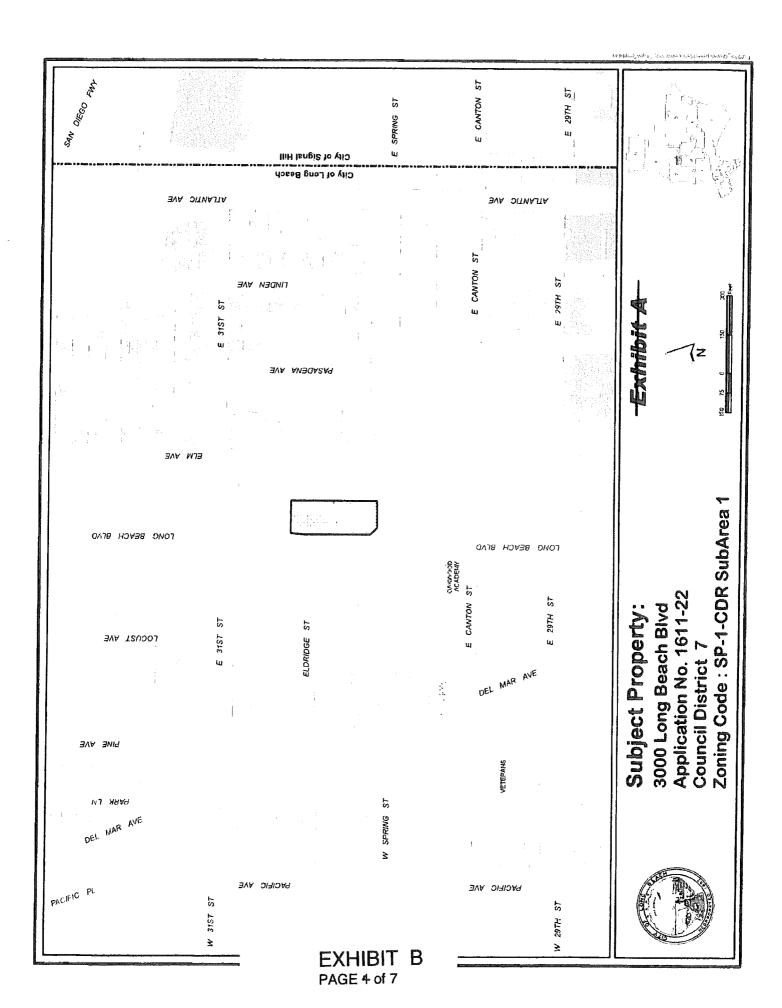


EXHIBIT "A" ALLEY VACATION (LEGAL DESCRIPTION)

A STRIP OF LAND, 10 FEET WIDE, THAT LIES EAST OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 12 AND WEST OF LOTS 13 THROUGH 24, IN BLOCK A, OF TRACT NO. 3207, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 33, PAGE 7 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 6,001 SQUARE FEET, MORE OF LESS.

ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE PART HEREOF.

THIS DESCRIPTION WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECTION, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROFFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR'S ACT.

MICHAEL FURLONG, PLS 8899 LICENSE EXPIRES: 12-31-17 5-25-16

DATE

MICHAEL FURLONG OR LS 8899

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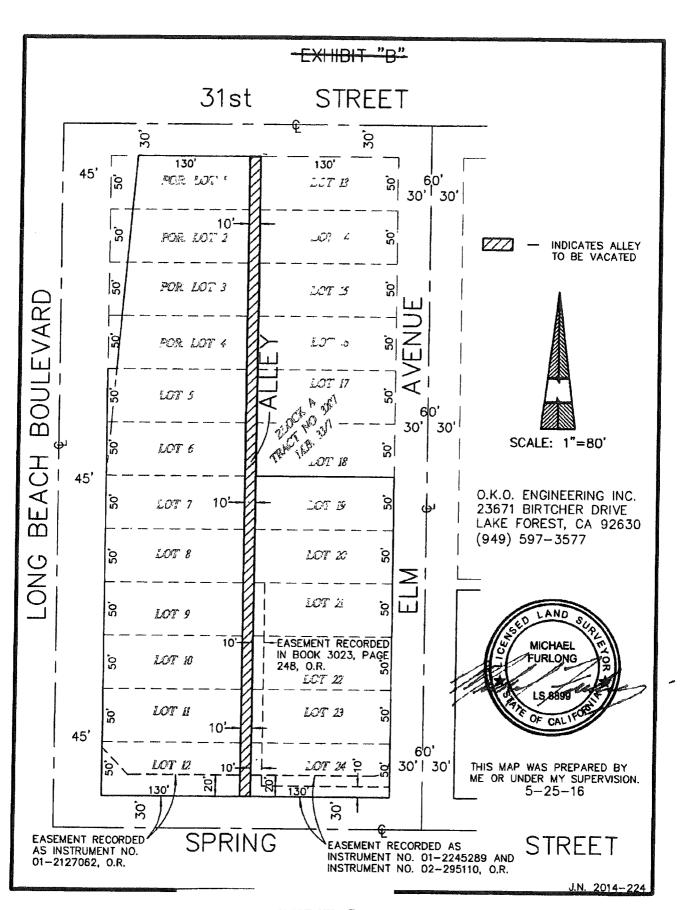


EXHIBIT B
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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEC. EXHIBIT D

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor Long Beach. CA 90802-4664

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY LOCATED NORTH OF SPRING STREET BETWEEN ELM AVENUE TO THE EAST AND LONG BEACH BOULEVARD TO THE WEST, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAYS AND SERVICE EASEMENTS LAW (DIVISION 9, PART 3, CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE); FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN OR OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED VACATION

The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby elects to proceed under Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 3, of the California Streets and Highways Code (Section 8320 *et seq.*), as amended, generally known and referred as the "Public Street, Highways and Service Easements Law", and hereby declares its intention to vacate the north/south alley located north of Spring Street between Elm Avenue to the east and Long Beach Boulevard to the west, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described more particularly as follows:

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All of the foregoing real property is shown on the map or plan Section 2. thereof, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and on file in the office of the City Clerk, which map or plan is known and referred to as "City of Long Beach Department of Public Works" Vacation Sketch No. 1019V".

The City Council hereby fixes the 11th day of April, 2017 at Section 3. the hour of 5:00 p.m., as the time and the City Council Chamber, Plaza Level of the City Hall, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, in the City of Long Beach, California, as the place for hearing all persons interested in or objecting to the proposed vacation.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs that notice of said hearing on this proposed street vacation be published for at least two (2) successive weeks prior to the hearing and in the manner provided by Section 8322 of the State Streets and Highways Code.

Section 5. The City Council hereby directs that notice of this street vacation be posted conspicuously along the street proposed to be vacated at least two (2) weeks before the date set for hearing and in the manner provided by Section 8323 of the State Streets and Highways Code.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

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