

RESOLUTION NO. RES-15-0008

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH CLOSING TO VEHICULAR  
5 TRAFFIC A PORTION OF THE STREET KNOWN AS  
6 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE, BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup>  
7 STREET AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF LONG  
8 BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF  
9 CALIFORNIA  
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11 WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1) authorizes local  
12 authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the  
13 closing of any street or alley in its jurisdiction to vehicular traffic when, in the opinion of  
14 the legislative body having jurisdiction, the street or alley is no longer needed for  
15 vehicular traffic; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach adopted such rules and regulations on  
17 November 1, 1994 with Resolution No. C-25728, as amended on March 7, 1995 by  
18 Resolution No. C-25791, providing that public park and/or recreational purposes are a  
19 valid justification for closure to vehicular use; and

20 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach (the "City") has identified the  
21 intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue as second in terms of most  
22 collisions between January 1, 2005 and September 1, 2010; and

23 WHEREAS, to enhance the safety of drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians by  
24 simplifying the complicated intersection geometry, the City is interested in closing to  
25 vehicular traffic a portion of the public street known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue  
26 located between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street and constructing a park (Alamitos Park Project)  
27 in this area, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this resolution and described more  
28 particularly as follows:

1           Those portions of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (formerly California  
2 Avenue), 100 feet wide and of varying width, Sixth Street, 80 feet wide, and  
3 Seventh Street, 80 feet wide, as shown on Town Site of Long Beach, in the  
4 City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as shown on  
5 a map recorded in Book 19, pages 91 to 96 of Miscellaneous Records, in  
6 the office of the County Recorder of said county, and a portion of Alamitos  
7 Avenue, 75.00 feet wide, as shown on The Resubdivision of Portions of the  
8 Alamitos Tract and Alamitos Beach Townsite, in said city, as shown on a  
9 map recorded in Book 43, pages 9 to 10 of Miscellaneous Records, in the  
10 office of the County Recorder of said county, described as follows:

11           1.       Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 48 of said  
12 Town Site of Long Beach, thence, along the northerly prolongation of the  
13 easterly boundary of said block 48, North 00°05'50" East 15.00 feet to the  
14 intersection with a line parallel with and 25.00 southerly from the centerline  
15 of said Seventh Street, 80 feet wide;

16           2.       Thence, along said line, South 89°54' 10" East 4.14 feet;

17           3.       Thence South 84°11'32" East 20.10 feet to the intersection  
18 with a line parallel with and 27.00 feet southerly from the centerline of said  
19 Seventh Street;

20           4.       Thence, along said line, South 89°54' 10" East 75.86 feet to  
21 the intersection with the northerly prolongation of the westerly boundary of  
22 Villa Lot 23 of said Town Site of Long Beach;

23           5.       Thence, along said prolongation and boundary, South  
24 00°05'50" West 229.73 feet to the southerly corner of last said lot;

25           6.       Thence, at right angle from the easterly boundary of last said  
26 lot, South 75°35'43" East 7.50 feet to a line parallel with and 30.00 westerly  
27 from the centerline of said Alamitos Avenue, 75.00 feet wide;

28           7.       Thence, along said line, South 14°27'59" West 170.58 feet to

1 the beginning of a tangent curve concave northwesterly, having a radius of  
2 30.00 feet;

3 8. Thence, southerly and westerly along said curve through a  
4 central angle of 90°00'00" an arc length of 47.12 feet to a tangent line;

5 9. Thence, along said line, North 75°32'01" West 4.94 feet to the  
6 beginning of a tangent curve concave southerly having a radius of 313.00  
7 feet;

8 10. Thence, westerly along said curve through a central angle of  
9 04°25'40" an arc length of 24.19 feet to the intersection with the southerly  
10 prolongation of the easterly boundary of said block 48;

11 11. Thence, along said prolongation and boundary, North  
12 00°05'50" East 399.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

13 Contains 0.886 acres or 38,591 square feet, more or less.

14 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby make  
15 those findings of facts set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to this resolution that such portion  
16 of the public street is no longer needed for vehicular traffic;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
18 follows:

19 Section 1. Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1), the City  
20 Council of the City of Long Beach makes those findings set forth in Exhibit "B" that a  
21 portion of the public street known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
22 and 7<sup>th</sup> Street as shown on Exhibit "A" is no longer needed for vehicular traffic.

23 Section 2. Pursuant to the authority granted by Vehicle Code Section  
24 21101(a)(1), such portion of the public street shall be closed to vehicular traffic.

25 Section 3. All design, engineering and construction costs associated with  
26 the implementation of this resolution shall be funded by grants from the California  
27 Resource Agency and the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

28 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

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by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 3, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, Price, Mungo,  
Andrews, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

  
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City Clerk



## **CITY COUNCIL FINDINGS**

### **CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE PORTION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR AVENUE BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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1. The subject right-of-way is unnecessary for vehicular use. This finding is based upon the following subfindings:
  - a) Although there will be a fifteen-foot wide paved driveway that runs through the park from Alamos Avenue to E. Cobre Court, vehicular access will be closed by removable bollards at both ends. California National Guard Armory employees will access their parking lot via the alleys west of and south of their facility. The driveway is to be used exclusively by the Armory and only during their yearly exercise.
  - b) The interested City departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed street closure and have no objections to this action.
2. Closure of the street to vehicular traffic will have no impact on the existing public utilities in this right-of-way.
3. The subject right-of-way will be improved for pedestrian access only and park-related amenities, such as landscaping, benches, and play apparatus.
4. The vacation of said rights-of-way will not have a significantly adverse environmental effect. This finding is based upon the following subfindings:
  - a) The right-of-way will remain available for public pedestrian use.
  - b) In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Numbers 45-12 and 34-13 were issued for this project.

**EXHIBIT B**