## CITY OF LONG BEACH



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April 12, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution ordering the summary vacation of portions of Second Street and Naples Plaza adjacent to 5855 Naples Plaza. (District 3)

### DISCUSSION

The owner of the commercial building known as the Naples Plaza Building requests the vacation of excess street right-of-way abutting the property as shown on the attached Exhibit A. The area proposed to be vacated includes the landscaped area between the building and the sidewalk. Once vacated, the property owner will be able to complete various improvements to this area in order to prevent storm water from entering the building.

Proceedings for this vacation are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 4, Summary Vacation, of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law of the California Streets and Highways Code. Section 8334 of that Chapter states that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate that portion of right-ofway which is excess right-of-way not required for street or highway purposes, and/or which portions lie within property under one ownership and do not continue through such ownership or end touching property of another. The Department of Public Works supports this action based on the following evidence, facts, and conditions, finding that the dedicated right(s)-of-way to be vacated are unnecessary for present or future public use.

- 1. On March 3, 2011, the Planning Commission determined that the subject vacation action is consistent with the General Plan, as required in Section 8313 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law. conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number CE 11-010 was issued for this project. The Development Services Department staff report is included as Exhibit B.
- 2. A utility easement will be reserved over the northerly three feet of this area, within the continuation of the 15-foot wide utility easement running east of the building, and the landscaped area lying east of the vacated alley within this property, in order to continue to provide for various existing utility facilities, which include water, sewer, power and communication lines, and a fire hydrant.

- 3. A slope easement will be reserved over that portion of the area to be vacated lying east of the vacated alley within this property, in order to provide for the significant grade differential approaching the bridge to the east.
- 4. The interested City departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and have no objections to this action. Conditions of approval satisfying the concerns of the public utility companies are shown on Exhibit C. The portion vacated will remain subject to utility and slope easements as described above.

Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang prepared the attached resolution of summary vacation on March 28, 2011. The City of Long Beach does not guarantee reversionary rights over the vacated right-of-way.

This matter has been reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 28, 2011, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 25, 2011.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is being requested on April 12, 2011 in order to allow private drainage improvements to be installed.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this vacation request. However, improvement of this commercial building should have a positive impact on local jobs.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL P. CONWAY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:

Attachments

PÁTRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER

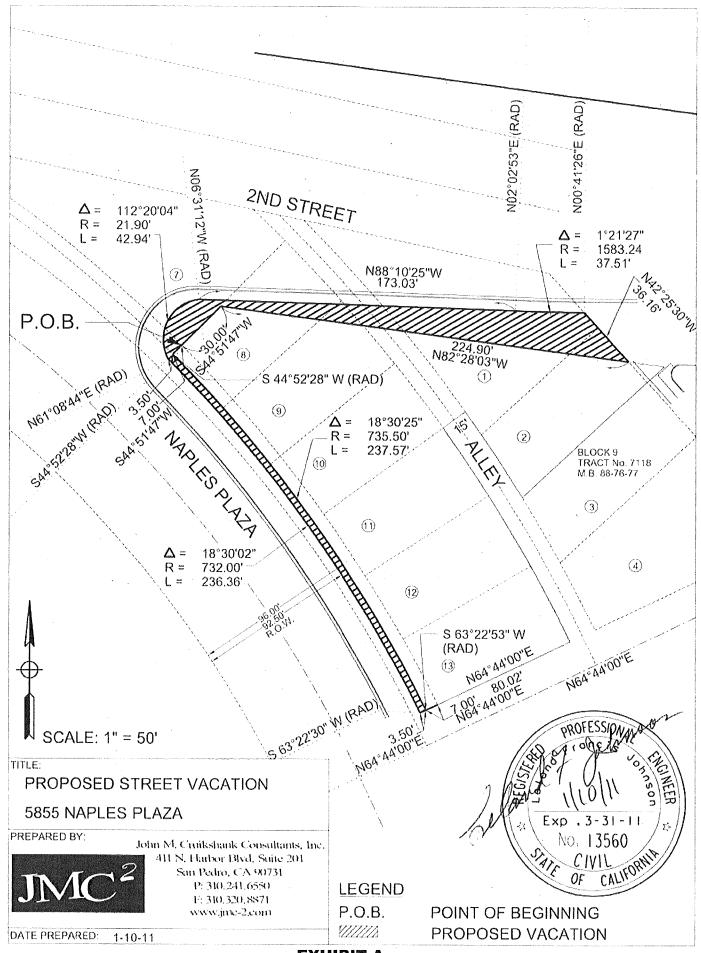
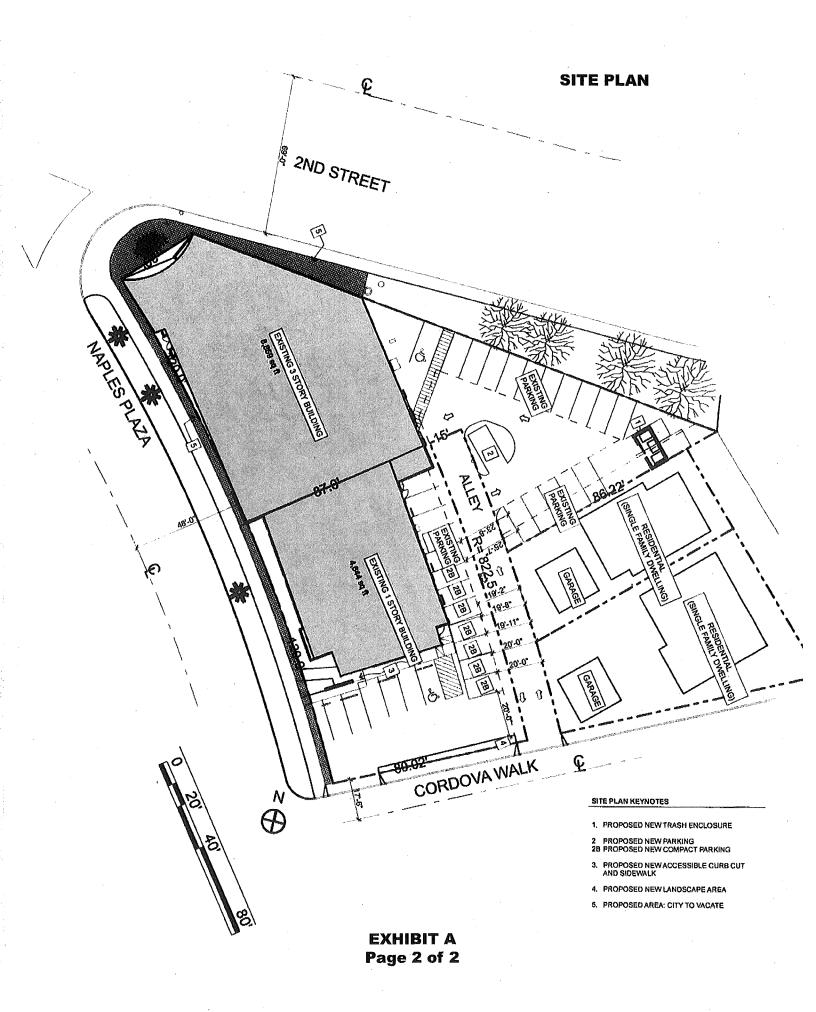


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### AGENDA ITEM No.



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

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MARCH 3, 2011

CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS City of Long Beach California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for the vacation of public right-of-way adjacent to 5855-5865 Naples Plaza within the Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) zone. (Council District 3)

APPLICANT:

Environ Architecture, Inc. 100 Oceangate, Suite P-200 Long Beach, CA 90802 (Application No. 1101-11)

### 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 proposed public right-of-way vacation is herein submitted for review.

The subject site is located on the north side of Naples Plaza directly off of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Naples neighborhood (Exhibit A – Location Map). The subject site consists of three properties; one improved with a three-story professional office building built in 1964, one with a one-story medical office building built in the late 1950's, and the third property contains a small surface parking lot. It is located within the Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) zone. The CNP zone is oriented towards serving pedestrians with small scale neighborhood compatible uses.

The applicant has received approval from the Site Plan Review Committee and the Zoning Administrator for a façade improvement to update the existing three-story office building on the site (Application No. 1005-02). As part of the applicant's efforts to improve the subject property, a request to vacate a strip of land adjacent to the public right-of-way along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Naples Plaza has been submitted (Exhibit B – Plans & Photographs). The vacation will serve two purposes. First, it will allow elements of the façade improvement to be completed; as proposed, the new exterior materials would have encroached onto public property. Second, the vacation along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will permit the construction of a retaining wall to prevent the building from flooding, which has been an ongoing issue for the site given the significant change in elevation between the first level of the building and the 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Street bridge. In general, the use of the vacated property will not change, but enhancements will be made to the landscaping and drainage.

A finding of conformity shall be made when the proposed re-use of the property conforms to the maps and policies of the General Plan. The General Plan consists of 11 elements and each element of the General Plan carries the same authority concerning land use issues. The elements of the General Plan were considered and staff finds this vacation in conformance with those elements. A review of the relevant element(s) and specific General Plan consistency findings are presented below.

### **GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS**

The Land Use Element divides the City into 21 land use districts, which provide general guidance as to the type and density of land uses considered appropriate. The subject site is located within Land Use District No. 8P (Pedestrian-Oriented Retail Strip). As described in the General Plan, this land use district is a special category for use in a few specific areas of the City where small scale services and retail uses catering primarily to pedestrian trade abound or may be developed. Because of the importance of the role that the pedestrian-oriented strips play in serving the adjacent residential uses, they are considered to be a valuable resource to be preserved and enhanced for the future. The requested vacation of the public right-of-way adjacent to the subject property will be maintained in much the same way as it is now with further landscaping and improvements done to enhance the pedestrian experience and the property in general.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

In accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Categorical Exemption (CE 11-010) was prepared for the proposed project (Exhibit C – Categorical Exemption).

Respectfully submitted,

AMÝ J. BODEK, AICP

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**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** 

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Location Map

Exhibit B - Plans & Photographs

Exhibit C - Categorical Exemption (CE11-010)

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

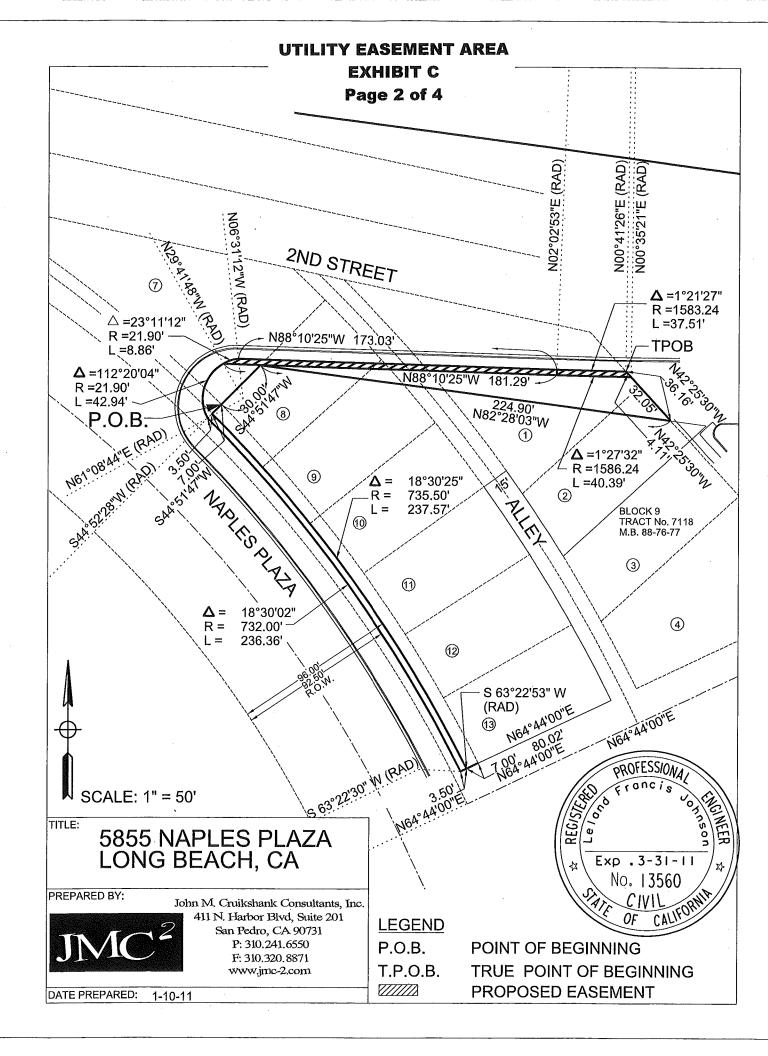
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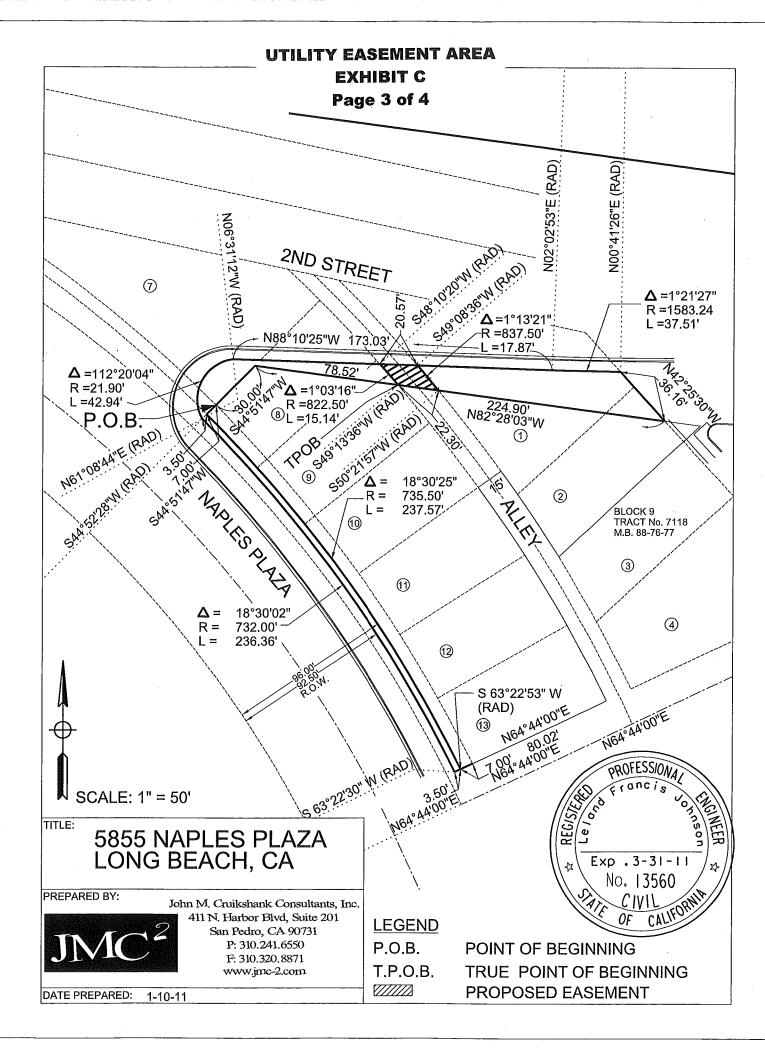
The proposal was reviewed by the interested city departments and public agencies, and there were no objections, provided that the following conditions of approval are included:

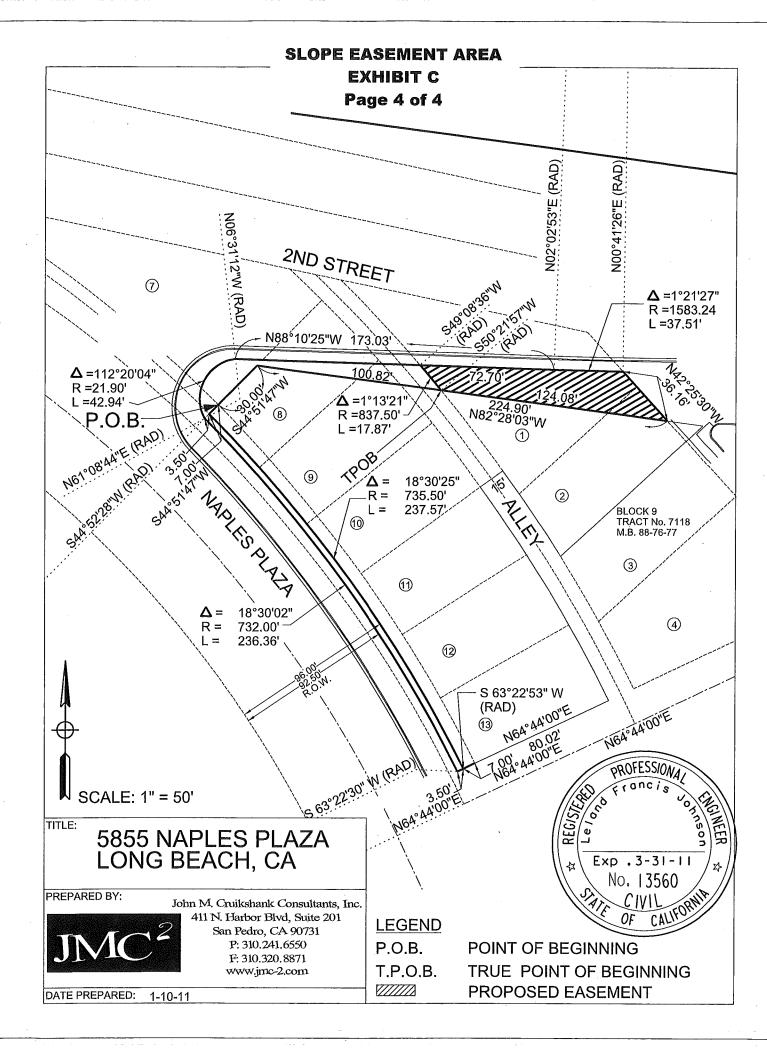
- A utility easement shall be reserved over the areas shown on the attached utility easement exhibit. No buildings may be constructed within the easement area.
- 2. A easement for the maintenance of the slope abutting Second Street shall be reserved over the area shown on the attached slope easement exhibit. Construction within this area must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works.
- 3. The vacation petitioner shall at its own cost resolve any storm water drainage problems resulting from the vacation to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

The above conditions are flexible in that they may be adjusted in consideration of changing conditions or of new evidence which occurs or becomes available prior to the adoption of the resolution vacating by the City Council.

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# OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF SECOND STREET AND NAPLES PLAZA ADJACENT TO 5855 NAPLES PLAZA IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, PART 3 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREET AND HIGHWAYS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopts this resolution pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation law (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8330 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, this resolution vacates portions of Second Street and Naples Plaza adjacent to 5855 Naples Plaza described more particularly as follows:

Those portions of Lots 6 through 9, inclusive, of Block 9, and those portions of the alley of Block 9 of Tract No. 7118, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 88, Pages 76 and 77 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 8 of said Block 9, Tract No. 7118, said point also being on the northeasterly line of Second Street as shown on said map (now Naples Plaza); thence, North 440 51' 47" East 30.00 feet along the northwesterly line of Said Lot 8, to the southerly right-of-way line of Second Street as presently exists (138.00 feet wide right-of-way); thence, South 820 28' 03" East, 244.49 feet, along the southerly line of Second Street to the southwesterly line of Appian Way (a public street) as shown on the map of said Tract No. 7118; thence,

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North 420 25' 30" West, 36.16 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve having a radius of 1,583.24 feet, a radial line to said point bears North 000 41' 26" East; thence, along said curve through a central angle of 10 21' 27", an arc distance of 37.51 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 020 02' 53" West; thence, North 880 10' 25" West, 173.03 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave southeasterly having a radius of 21.90 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 60 31' 12" East; thence, along said curve through a central angle of 1120 20' 04", an arc distance of 42.94 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave southwesterly having a radius of 732.00 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 440 52' 28" West; thence, along said curve through a central angle of 180 30' 02", an arc distance of 236.36 feet, to a point, said point being on the southeasterly prolongation of Lot 13 of said Tract No. 7118, a radial line to said point bears South 630 22' 30" West; thence, North 640 44' 00" East, 3.50 feet along said prolongation of said Lot 13, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve having a radius of 735.50 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 630 22' 53" West; thence, northwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 180 30' 25", an arc distance of 237.57 feet to a point, a radial line to said point bears South 44052'28" West, said point also being on the southwesterly prolongation of said Lot 8 of said Tract No. 7118; thence, along said southwesterly prolongation of said Lot 8 North 440 51' 47" East, 7.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

Reserving unto the City of Long Beach, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement and right-of-way, at any time or from time to time, to lay, construct, maintain, operate, repair, renew, replace, change the size of and remove the existing utility lines, including but not limited to sanitary sewers, together with all necessary gates, valves, fittings, hydrants and appurtenances for the transportation of water and gas, with

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the right of ingress to and egress from the same, over, through, under, along and across that certain property vacated herewith; and pursuant to any existing franchises or renewals thereof, or otherwise, to construct, maintain, operate, replace, remove, renew and enlarge lines of conduits, cables, wires, poles and other convenient structures, equipment and fixtures for the operation of telephone lines and other communication lines, and for the transportation or distribution of electric energy, and incidental purposes including access and the right to keep the property free from inflammable materials, and wood growth, and otherwise protect the same from all hazards in, upon and over the part vacated. Said easement reservation shall apply to the two below described portions of Lots 6 through 9, inclusive, of Block 9, and those portions of the alley of Block 9 of Tract No. 7118, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California as per map recorded in Book 88, Pages 76 and 77 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said county:

Portion 1 (being a 3-foot wide strip):

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 8, of said Block 9, Tract No. 7118, said point also being on the northeasterly line of Second Street, as shown on said map (now Naples Plaza); thence, North 440 51' 47" East 30.00 feet along the northwesterly line of said Lot 8, to the southerly right-of-way line of Second Street as presently exists (138-foot wide right-of-way); thence, South 820 28' 03" East, 244.90 feet, along the southerly line of said Second Street to the southwesterly line of Appian Way (a public street) as shown on the map of said Tract No. 7118; thence, North 420 25' 30" West, 36.16 feet, to the True Point of Beginning of this description of this Portion 1, said point being the beginning of a nontangent curve, concave northerly, having a radius of 1,583.24 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 000 41' 26" West; thence westerly along

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said curve through a central angle of 10 21' 27" an arc distance of 37.51 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 020 02' 53" West; thence North 880 10' 25" West, 173.03 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave southeasterly, having a radius of 21.90 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 060 31' 12" East; thence southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 230 11' 12", an arc distance of 8.86 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 29° 41' 48" East; thence, South 88°10'25" East, 181.29 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave northerly, having a radius of 1,586.24 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 020 02' 53" West; thence, easterly along said curve through a central angle of 10 27' 32", an arc distance of 40.39 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 00° 35' 21" West, to said southwesterly line of Appian Way; thence, North 42°25'30" West, 4.11 feet, to the True Point of Beginning (said parcel containing 644 square feet);

And Portion 2 (being a 15-foot wide strip):

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 8 of Block 9, Tract No. 7118, said point also being on the northeasterly line of Second Street as shown on said map (now Naples Plaza); thence, North 44° 51' 47" East 30.00 feet along the northwesterly line of said Lot 8 to the southerly right-of-way line of Second Street as presently exists (138.00 feet wide right-of-way); thence, South 82° 28' 03" East, 78.52 feet, along the southerly line of said Second Street to the True Point of Beginning of this description of Portion 2; thence, continuing along said southerly line South 82° 28' 03" East, 22.30 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave southwesterly having a radius of 837.50 feet, a radial line to said point bears North 50° 21' 57" East, said point also being on the northeasterly line of the previously vacated alley as shown on the map of

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said Tract No. 7118; thence, along said curve through a central angle of 1° 13' 21", an arc distance of 17.87 feet, a radial line to said point bears North 49° 08' 36" East; thence, North 88° 10' 25" West, 20.57 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave southwesterly having a radius of 822.50 feet, a radial line to said point bears North 48° 10' 20" East, said point also being on the southwesterly line of the previously vacated alley as shown on the map of said Tract No. 7118; thence, along said curve through a central angle of 1° 03' 16", an arc distance of 15.14 feet to the True Point of Beginning, a radial line to said point bears North 49° 13' 36" East (said parcel containing 246.6 square feet).

Also reserving unto the City of Long Beach, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement and right-of-way for slope maintenance purposes over the following area:

That portion of Lots 6 through 9, inclusive, of Block 9 and those portions of the alley of Block 9 of Tract No. 7118, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California as per map recorded in Book 88, Pages 76 and 77 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said county, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 8 of Block 9, Tract No. 7118, said point also being on the northeasterly line of Second Street as shown on said map (now Naples Plaza); thence, North 44° 51' 47" East 30.00 feet along the northwesterly line of said Lot 8, to the Southerly right-of-way line of Second Street as presently exists (138.00 feet wide right-of-way); thence, South 82° 28' 03" East, 100.82 feet, along the southerly line of said Second Street to the True Point of Beginning of this parcel; thence, continuing along said southerly line South 82° 28' 03" East, 124.08 feet, to the southwesterly line of Appian Way (a public street) as shown on the map of said Tract No. 7118; thence, North 420 25' 30"

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West, 36.16 feet, to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave northerly having a radius of 1,583.24 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 000 41' 26" West; thence westerly along said curve through a central angle of 10 21' 27", an arc distance of 37.51 feet, a radial line to said point bears South 020 02' 53" West; thence, North 880 10' 25" West, 72.70 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave southwesterly having a radius of 837.50 feet, a radial line to said point bears North 49° 08 36" East, said point also being the northeasterly line of the previously vacated alley as shown on the map of said Tract No. 7118; thenc, southeasterly along said curve through a central angle of 1° 13' 21", an arc distance of 17.87 feet, to the True Point of Beginning, a radial line to said point bears North 50° 21' 57" East (said parcel containing 2161.8 square feet).

Access for maintenance of the above-mentioned facilities must be maintained at all times. No improvements shall be constructed within the easement which would impede the operation, function, maintenance or repair of said facilities. Construction of any improvements, including changes of grade, shall be subject to the prior written approval of all the City departments and public utilities responsible for the above said facilities.

WHEREAS, the above-described property is excess right-of-way and is not required for street or highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the vacation of this right-of-way will not cut off all access to any adjoining property;

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3 of Division 9 of the California Streets and Highways Code (Sections 8330 et seq.), the following findings are made

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regarding the above-described property:

- That the document entitled "Sketch No. 999V," attached hereto as Exhibit "A", accurately depicts the property to be vacated.
- B. That the findings of fact made by the City Council for the purposes of this summary vacation of excess right-of-way pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334, set forth in the document entitled "City Council Findings" and attached hereto as Exhibit "B", are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution by this reference.
- Section 2. The above-described portion of the right-of-way is hereby vacated and closed. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, such vacated right-of-way shall no longer constitute a street or highway.
- The City Clerk is hereby instructed to certify to the adoption of Section 3. this resolution, and to cause a certified copy to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, California.
- Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

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I	hereby certify that the fore	egoing resolution was adopted by the City
Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of		neeting of, 2011, by the
following vote:		
Ayes:	Councilmembers:	
Noes:	Councilmembers:	
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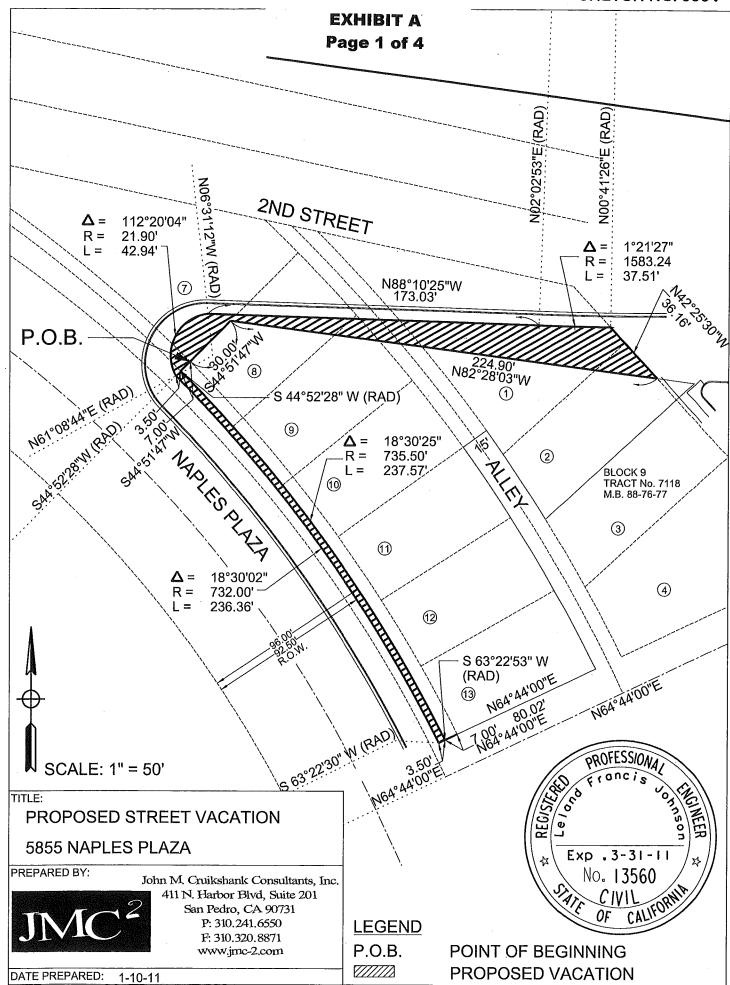
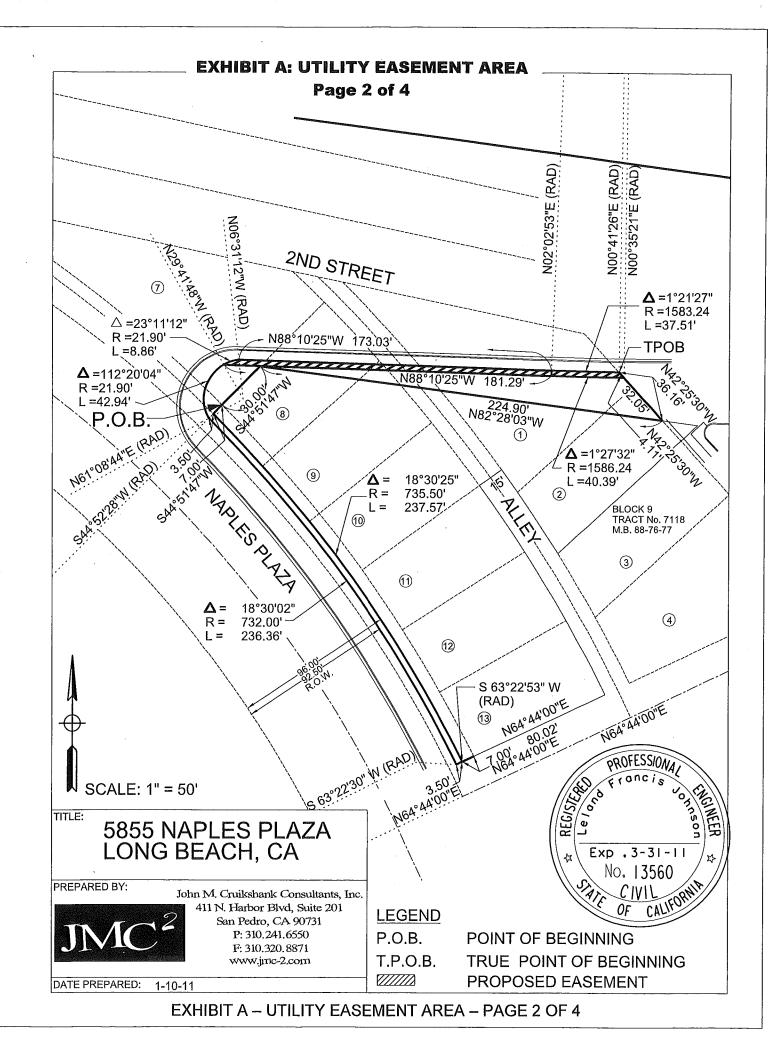
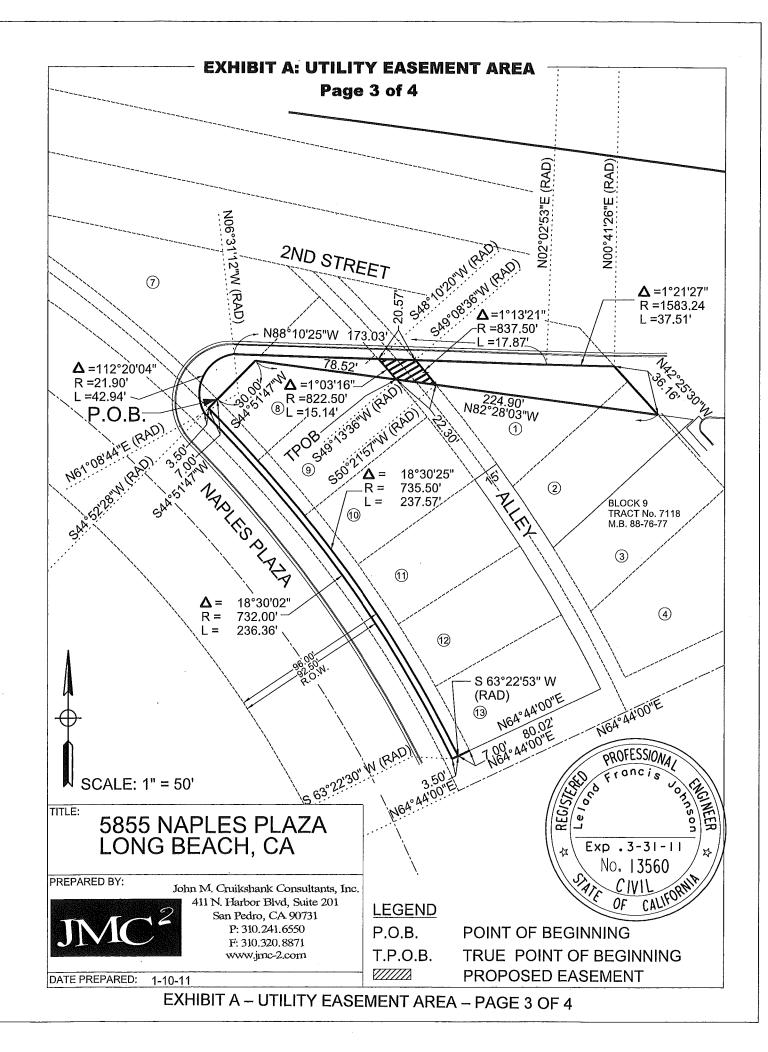
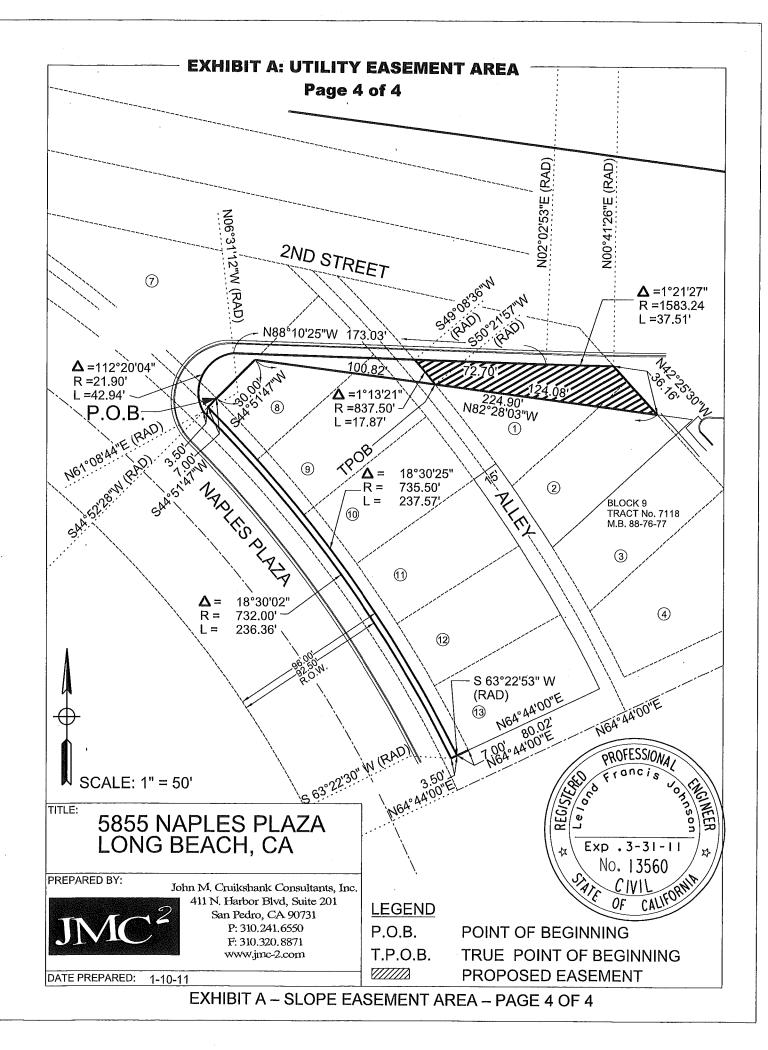


EXHIBIT A - STREET VACATION AREA - PAGE 1 OF 4







### CITY COUNCIL FINDINGS

# VACATION OF PORTIONS OF SECOND STREET AND NAPLES PLAZA ADJACENT TO 5855 NAPLES PLAZA Reference Sketch No. 999V

1. The subject rights-of-way are unnecessary for present or prospective public street use.

This finding is based upon the following subfindings:

- a) These portions of the public right-of-way are not used or improved for public street purposes. These areas are landscaped and maintained by the adjacent property owner. No access to any property will be affected by this vacation action.
- b) On March 3, 2011, the Planning Commission determined that the subject vacation action is consistent with the General Plan, as required in Section 8313 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law. In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number CE 11-010 was issued for this project.
- c) A utility easement will be reserved over the northerly 3 feet of this area, as well as the continuation of the 15-foot wide utility easement running east of the building, in order to continue to provide for various existing utility facilities, which include water, sewer, power and communication lines, and a fire hydrant.
- d) A slope easement will be reserved over that portion of the area to be vacated lying east of the vacated alley shown in Sketch No. 999V, in order to provide for the significant grade differential approaching the bridge to the east.
- e) The interested City departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and have no objections to this action.
- f) The rights-of-way would not be useful for exclusive bikeway purposes.
- 2. 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 is not and will not be needed for public use.
- g) In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption No. CE-11-010 was issued for this project.