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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS WEST LA REINA WAY LOCATED BETWEEN DEL REY COURT AND CHESTNUT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1) authorizes local authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the closing of any street or alley in its jurisdiction to vehicular traffic when, in the opinion of the legislative body having jurisdiction, the street or alley is no longer needed for vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach adopted such rules and regulations on November 1, 1994 with Resolution No. C-25728 and as amended on March 7, 1995 by Resolution No. C-25791; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City applied for Proposition 84's Urban Greening for the Sustainable Communities Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Program is administered by the Strategic Growth Council and provides funds to preserve, enhance, increase or establish green areas such as urban forests, open spaces, and community gardens; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to transform an alley within an urban residential block into a model for sustainable pedestrian way by improving the walkability, incorporating stormwater management features, planting drought tolerant plants, and other sustainable enhancements; and

WHEREAS, to provide access to front yards and side entrances, safe play

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space for children, meeting place for neighbors, and enhance pedestrian and bicycle circulation in the neighborhood, the City is interested in closing to vehicular traffic a portion of the public right-of-way known as West La Reina Way located between Del Rey Court and Chestnut Avenue, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this resolution and described more particularly as follows:

That portion of La Reina Way, formerly known as the unnamed alley, 10 feet wide, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, abutting Lots 1 and 3, in Block 35, Town Site of Long Beach, as shown on map recorded in Book 19, pages 91 to 96 inclusive, of Miscellaneous Records, described as follows:

Bounded westerly by the northerly prolongation of the westerly boundary of said Lot 3, and prolongation beginning at the northwesterly corner of said Lot 3 and terminating at the southwesterly corner of said Lot 1;

Bounded easterly by the northerly prolongation of the easterly boundary of said Lot 3, said prolongation beginning at the northeasterly corner of said Lot 3 and terminating at the southeasterly corner of said Lot 1.

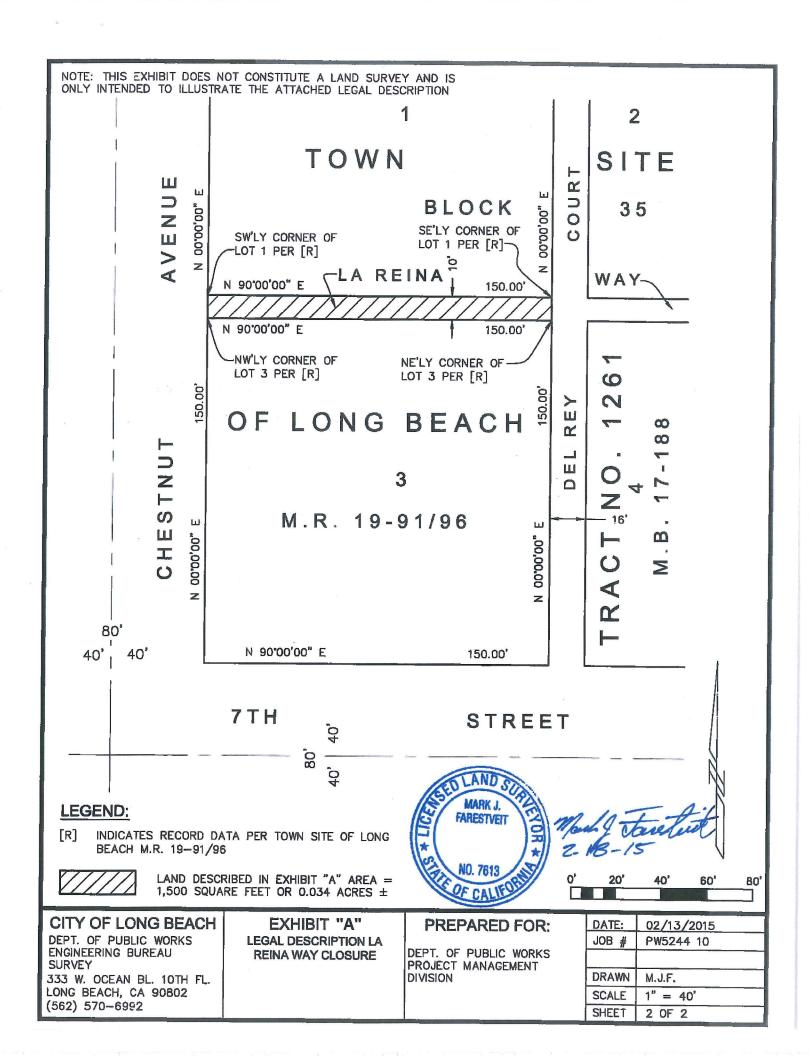
Contains 1,500 square feet or 0.034 acres, more or less.

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

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21101(a)(1), the City Council of the City of Long Beach makes those findings set forth in Exhibit "B" that a portion of the public right-of-way known as West La Reina Way located between Del Rey Court and Chestnut Avenue as shown on Exhibit "A" is no longer needed for vehicular

1	traffic.		
2	Sect	tion 2. Pursuant to	the authority granted by Vehicle Code Section
3	21101(a)(1), such portion of the public street shall be closed to vehicular traffic.		
4	Sect	tion 3. This resolution	on shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
5	by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.		
6	I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City		
7	Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 10, 2015,		
8	by the following vote:		
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10	Ayes:	Councilmembers:	Price, Mungo, Andrews, Austin,
11			Richardson, Lowenthal.
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14	Noes:	Councilmembers:	None.
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16	Absent:	Councilmembers:	Gonzalez, Uranga.
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CITY COUNCIL FINDINGS

CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE PORTION OF WEST LA REINA WAY BETWEEN CHESTNUT AVENUE AND DEL REY COURT

- 1. The subject right-of-way is unnecessary for vehicular use. This finding is based upon the following subfindings:
 - a) Vehicular access will be closed at both ends of La Reina Way between Chestnut Avenue and Del Rey Court. The east end of La Reina Way will be blocked by bollards and the east end will have a raised sidewalk curb on Chestnut Avenue preventing cars from driving in to the alley.
 - b) The interested City departments, including Fire, have reviewed the proposed street closure and have no objections to this action.
 - c) Emergency access to the adjacent properties will use Chestnut Avenue and Del Rey Court.
- 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 and bicycle access only and amenities, such as drought tolerant landscaping, bioswales, benches, decorative pavers, and bicycle racks.
- 4. The vacation of said right-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 and bicycle use.
 - b) In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number 42-12 was issued for this project.