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July 1, 2008

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cc: Land Development Group
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Board of Public Works
Department of Transportation,
Traffic Division
Office of Zoning Administration
Board of Water & Power Commissioners
Attn: Barbara Moschos

RE: VACATING HILL STREET (AIRSPACE) AND 36TH STREET VACATION DISTRICT (VAC E1401028)

At the meeting of the Council held June 25, 2008, the following action was taken:

City Engineer instructed to proceed	
No Protests	
Protest denied	
Findings adopted	X
Resolution adopted	
FORTHWITH	X
Set for Hearing	07-23-08
Categorical exemption approved	X
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)	X

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COMMUNICATION

File No. 07-4026

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER BILL ROSENDAHL, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE relative to vacating Hill Street (airspace) and 36th Street Vacation District (VAC E1401028).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of Hill Street (airspace) and 36th Street Vacation District, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.

2. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit A of the February 13, 2008 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

   a. 36th Street between Hill Street and Broadway.

   b. The limited airspace of a portion of Hill Street between approximately 302 feet to approximately 317 feet northerly of the centerline of 36th Place, lying approximately 17.25 feet to 31.25 feet above the finished street surface.

3. AUTHORIZE that the limits of the vacation airspace area to be adjusted, horizontally and vertically, to final alignments and datums, approved by the City Engineer.

4. WAIVE the payment of fees for the vacation proceedings in connection with the vacation of Hill Street (airspace) and 36th Street Vacation District in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 7.46 which exempts all governmental agencies.

5. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated February 13, 2008, as the Findings of the Council.

6. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 13, 2008 to approve the vacation.

7. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **July 23, 2008.**

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, no charges have been expended in the investigation and processing of this vacation proceeding. Since LAAC Section 7.46 exempts all governmental agencies from payment of fees, the processing of the vacation of Hill Street (airspace) and 36th Street Vacation District will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

a. 36th Street between Hill Street and Broadway.

b. The limited airspace of a portion of Hill Street between approximately 302 feet to approximately 317 feet northerly of the centerline of 36th Place, lying approximately 17.25 feet to 31.25 feet above the finished street surface.

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the February 13, 2008 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to consolidate the vacation areas with the adjoining properties for the construction of the Central Los Angeles Area New Middle School No. 4. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Furthermore, according to the City Engineer, the vacation of the public street areas as shown on the map designated as Exhibit A could be conditionally approved based upon the following: 1) it is unnecessary for present or prospective public use; 2) it is not needed for vehicular circulation or access; and 3) it is not needed for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

On June 18, 2008, the Chair of the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its February 13, 2008 report. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-7. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER BILL ROSENDAHL, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Findings
ADOPTED
MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION
JUN 25 2008
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
CAT Exempt Approved
FORTHWITH
SET FOR HEARING July 23, 2008

MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	ABSENT

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