

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Tuesday, **February 24, 2009**
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Cardenas, Greuel, Huizar, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn, LaBonge, Smith and Weiss (5).

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 18, 2009

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 17

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR -
An opportunity for public testimony was provided.

ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED
UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-4

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (LaBonge - Reyes) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn and Weiss (3)
(Item Nos. 1-4)**

ITEM NO. (1) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

[08-0642](#)

CD 6

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Calhoun Avenue and Hart
Street (Reballot) Lighting District.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held February 3, 2009)

ITEM NO. (2) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

[08-2746](#)

CD 3

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Eton Avenue and Valerio Street Lighting District.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held February 3, 2009)

ITEM NO. (3) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

[08-2809](#)

CD 10

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Hayworth Avenue and Saturn Street Lighting District.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held February 3, 2009)

ITEM NO. (4) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ORDINANCE ADOPTED

[08-2814](#)

CD 6

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Hart Street and Woodley Avenue Lighting District.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held February 3, 2009)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 5-15

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED - FORTHWITH

Roll Call #7 - Motion (LaBonge - Hahn) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3)

[08-2394](#)

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the extension of the temporary appointment of Ms. Kristina Morita as Interim City Librarian.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's extension of the temporary appointment of Ms. Kristina Morita as Interim City Librarian for an additional six months, pursuant to Charter Section 508(c), effective March 6, 2009, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 6, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 6, 2009)

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Parks - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn, Smith and Weiss (4) (Item Nos. 6-12)

ITEM NO. (6) - ADOPTED

[08-3227](#)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the sale of one surplus 1984 Seagrave fire engine at the below market price of \$1.00.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Zine - Smith):

1. APPROVE the sale of one 1984 Seagrave fire engine to the Fire Instruction Recruitment Education School to Career Academy (FIRE), for the below market price of \$1.00.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to expedite preparation of the appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer of the above identified surplus equipment at below market price to FIRE.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to inform FIRE (Selwyn A. Lloyd, 7419 Reseda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 91335, 818-756-8673) that the surplus fire engine must be claimed within 60 days from the date of Council approval of the request, at which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Chief Legislative Analyst reports that the sale of the 1984 Seagrave fire engine at below market value is consistent with the City's Financial Policies as FIRE is a non-profit created specifically to further the work of a City department (Los Angeles Fire Department) and is headquartered in the City of Los Angeles. This below market sale will increase the General Fund by \$1.00.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

[07-0439-S1](#)

CD 11

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the transfer of jurisdiction of the City-owned parcel located at 3503 Via Dolce (APN 4225-013-901) to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and associated fund transfers.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rosendahl - Cardenas), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Department of General Services, or designee to expedite a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction of the City-owned parcel located at 3503 Via Dolce (APN 4225-013-901) to the RAP, provided that a Phase I assessment identifies no environmental impediment to the site becoming a public park.
2. TRANSFER up to \$5,000 from the Venice Area Surplus Real Property Fund, Fund 434/50, Account S214 "Grand Canal Rehabilitation" to reimburse Recreation and Parks Fund 205/88, account 901H (grants pre-development) for the Phase I site assessment on an as-needed basis upon proper documentation from the Department of Recreation and Parks.
3. REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to consider and accept the transfer of jurisdiction of the parcel, as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1, and dedicate it if there is no environmental impediment to doing so.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED

[07-0650-S1](#)

CD 11

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed month-to-month rental agreement for a residential property located at 15329 De Pauw Street, Pacific Palisades and all other City-owned residential properties along the Portrero Canyon rim.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to execute a new month-to-month Rental Agreement for 15329 De Pauw Street, Pacific Palisades and all residential properties along Portrero Canyon as they become unoccupied and re-lease on a month-to-month basis under the terms and conditions as detailed in the January 29, 2009 GSD report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The GSD reports that the rent will provide additional annual revenue of \$52,800 to the \$646,824 the City collects from the residential rental properties. Twenty percent of the gross rental income derived from the City-owned properties are placed in the "Residential Property Maintenance Fund."

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

[08-2619](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of permitting mid-sized and smaller City departments to consolidate the purchasing of promotional products under larger departments' purchasing programs or to "piggyback" on their existing contracts.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Smith - Cardenas):

1. DIRECT the Department of General Services (GSD), in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Harbor Department, Los Angeles World Airports and the Department of Public Works, to report in 45 days on the feasibility of permitting mid-sized and smaller departments to consolidate the purchasing of promotional products under the larger department's purchasing programs or to "piggy-back" on their existing contracts.
2. DIRECT the GSD to include in its report, as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1, options for encouraging the purchase of promotional products derived from environmentally friendly materials that are produced locally.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED

[09-0221](#)

CD 9

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to negotiate and execute a new lease with Tom Gilmore and Associates, LLC and Pharmaka Art Gallery at 256-64 South Main Street for an art gallery and cultural space.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a new lease with Tom Gilmore and Associates, LLC and Pharmaka Art Gallery at 256-64 South Main Street for an art gallery and cultural space under the terms and conditions as detailed in the January 29, 2009 GSD report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The GSD reports that the rental of this space will provide minimum monthly revenue of \$2,400 or \$28,800 annually to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED

[09-0253](#)

CD 10

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed amendment to Agreement No. C-103762 with the Korean American Federation of Los Angeles for the lease of City-owned property at 965-75 South Normandie Avenue and 954 South Irolo Street (Land No. A-178).

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - LaBonge):

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to negotiate and execute an amendment to Agreement No. C-103762 between the City and the Korean American Federation of Los Angeles relative to the lease of City-owned property at 965-75 South Normandie Avenue and 954 South Irolo Street, Los Angeles, 90006 (Land No. A-178) for constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a full-service, multi-purpose community and senior citizens center in Koreatown as follows:

- a. Add "the Koreatown Community & Senior Citizen Center" as a co-tenant
- b. Amend Section 3.3 Termination to read (changes in ALL CAPS), "If within SIX YEARS after the Execution Date of this Lease, construction has not commenced...if actual operation of the program has not commenced within EIGHT YEARS after the Execution Date of this Lease. If within EIGHT YEARS from the date of execution of this Lease construction of the senior citizens center and parking facilities as described in Section 4.2 of this Lease is not complete, the City may terminate this Lease."

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

[09-0254](#)

CD 14

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to fund transfers in connection repairing earthquake related damage sustained by the City-owned Chicago Building located at 2130 East First Street.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar - Cardenas), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to TRANSFER \$850,000 from the Capital Expenditure Improvement Program Fund No. 100/54, Account C749, entitled CD14 NCH to the Department of General Services Fund 100/40 accounts as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1101	Construction Hiring Hall	\$275,000
1121	Construction Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits	96,250
1191	Construction Hiring Hall Overtime	25,500
3180	Construction Materials and Supplies	453,250

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to TRANSFER \$1,650,000 from MICLA Fund 298/50, Account A345, entitled Neighborhood City Hall- CD14, into the Department of General Services Fund 100/40 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1101	Construction Hiring Hall	\$600,000
1121	Construction Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits	203,750
1191	Construction Hiring Hall Overtime	49,500
3180	Construction Materials and Supplies	796,750

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, in accordance with Recommendation Nos.1 and 2, to transfer cash from Fund 100/54 and 298/50 to reimburse the General Fund on an as-needed basis upon proper documentation from the Department of General Services and approval of the Project Manager.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to perform technical corrections to the motion as required.
5. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works to make any technical corrections to the fund transfer instructions, as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3, as necessary to implement the intent of this action.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (13) - CONTINUED TO MARCH 4, 2009

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Cardenas - Parks) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (14); Absent: Greuel (1)

[09-0282](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to enforcement of the City's Sweat-Free Procurement Ordinance (Ordinance No. 176291).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the February 5, 2009 Department of General Services (GSD) report relative to enforcement of the City's Sweat-Free Procurement Ordinance (Ordinance No. 176291).
2. INSTRUCT the GSD to report back to the Information Technology and General Services Committee within 60 days in regard the elimination of Rocky Brands from the Galls contract (Contract No. C-57889; Council file No. 07-2575) to include an account of the circumstances leading to the City's action to eliminate Rocky Brands as a subcontractor.
3. INSTRUCT the GSD to report back to the Information Technology and General Services Committee within 60 days in regard to disseminating information to the public in connection with the City's enforcement of the Sweat-Free Ordinance on a real-time basis.
4. INSTRUCT the GSD to report back to the Information Technology and General Services Committee prior to releasing a future Request for Proposals for an independent monitoring organization in connection with the Sweat-Free Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Parks - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn, Smith and Weiss (4)

[08-3490](#)

CD 11

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an appeal of an Exception from the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, Variances, an Adjustment, Coastal Development Permit, Project Permit Compliance, and Mello Act Compliance for property at 5218 South Pacific Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (WLAAPC) as the Findings of Council.

2. RESOLVE TO DENY APPEAL filed by Maurice Magid, Applicant/Appellant (Constatine Tziantzis, Representative) from the decision of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (WLAAPC) in part, and THEREBY SUSTAIN the decision of the WLAAPC in denying the following relative to property at 5218 South Pacific Avenue: (a) an Exception from the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan to permit development (a guest parking spot) to be located in the easterly fifteen foot portion of the required setback area as is otherwise not permitted; and denied an Exception to permit nine total parking spaces in lieu of providing 12 total parking spaces as is otherwise required for a five unit dwelling located on a lot that has a width of 40 feet or more; (b) a Variance to permit five dwelling units in lieu of a one-family dwelling as is otherwise permitted in the RW1-1 Zone; and in denying without prejudice a Variance to permit eight parking spaces in lieu of nine parking spaces otherwise required; (c) an Adjustment to permit a parking stall to be located within the front yard setback as is otherwise not permitted; (d) a Coastal Development Permit; (e) a Project Permit Compliance; and, (f) a Mello Act Compliance. APCW 2007-4975 SPE-ZV-ZAA-CDP-SPP-MEL

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Planning Department reports that there is no General Fund impact, as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 26, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 25, 2009)

ITEM NO. (15) - CONTINUED TO MARCH 10, 2009

Roll Call #12 - Motion (Parks - Perry) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3)

[08-0600-S40](#)

CD 8

BUDGET and FINANCE and ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH and AGING COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to status of proceeds from the sale of the Bethune Branch Library.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the City Administrative Officer's report relative to the status of proceeds from the sale of the Bethune Branch Library, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 16-20

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

**Roll Call #8 - Motion (LaBonge - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Greuel and Weiss (2)
(Item Nos. 16a-16j)**

ITEM NO. (16) - ADOPTED

09-0005-S95

et al. RESOLUTIONS relative to removing various properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS removing the following properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), inasmuch as the owner(s) have corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the LAHD's report of February 17, 2009:

09-0005-S95

CD 10

- a. Property at 1244 South Dunsmuir Avenue (Case No. 187866).
Assessor I.D. No. 5085-014-010

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 16, 2008)

09-0005-S96

CD 8

- b. Property at 1517 West 82nd Street (Case No. 207461).
Assessor I.D. No. 6034-011-018

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 6, 2008)

09-0005-S97

CD 9

- c. Property at 1571 East 45th Street (Case No. 8193).
Assessor I.D. No. 5106-002-019

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 10, 2005)

09-0005-S98

CD 1

- d. Property at 1931 West Avenue 30 (Case No. 7928).
Assessor I.D. No. 5455-001-016

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 24, 2004)

[09-0005-S99](#)

CD 1

- e. Property at 1938 South Park Grove Avenue (Case No. 190732).
Assessor I.D. No. 5124-018-016

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on August 14, 2008)

[09-0005-S100](#)

CD 10

- f. Property at 3509 West 17th Street (Case No. 14068).
Assessor I.D. No. 5072-020-011

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on April 6, 2006)

[09-0005-S101](#)

CD 9

- g. Property at 4317 South Long Beach Avenue (Case No. 106821).
Assessor I.D. No. 5116-021-015

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 14, 2007)

[09-0005-S102](#)

CD 9

- h. Property at 5936 South Bonsallo Avenue (Case No. 121360).
Assessor I.D. No. 6004-031-010

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on August 9, 2007)

[09-0005-S103](#)

CD 14

- i. Property at 615 South Soto Street (Case No. 7773).
Assessor I.D. No. 5183-024-035

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 2, 2005)

[09-0005-S104](#)

CD 14

- j. Property at 953 South Soto Street (Case No. 2795).
Assessor I.D. No. 5189-006-013

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 19, 1999)

**Roll Call #2 - Motion (Perry - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn, Smith and Weiss (4)
(Item Nos. 17-18)**

ITEM NO. (17) - ADOPTED

[04-0977](#)

CD 9

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and RESOLUTION relative to the vacation of First Street and Main Street Vacation District (Airspace vacation; VAC E1400892).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in California State Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15162, and therefore, the existing environmental documents describe the potential impacts for the vacation of First Street and Main Street Vacation District.
2. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of December 12, 2007 that the Council has imposed all the mitigation measures that are within the control of the City, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearing House No. 2001011098) that is associated with the impacts of the airspace vacation and that other mitigation measures that are not within the authority of the City, have been or should be imposed as set forth in the findings of the California Department of Transportation District 7 (Caltrans), dated October 26, 2001 pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and in compliance with the CEQA; and that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 04-0977 in the custody of the City Clerk (BE 97-07) and in the files of the Environmental Management Group of the Bureau of Engineering.
3. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of December 12, 2007, that this vacation is in substantial conformance with the General Plan pursuant to Section 556 of the Los Angeles City Charter.
4. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION TO VACATE NO. 08-1400892 for the vacation of First Street and Main Street Vacation District.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit, following Council adoption, Resolution to Vacate No. 08-1400892 to the Land Development Group of the Bureau of Engineering for recordation of said Resolution with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK COMPLETED FOR THIS PROJECT

ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

07-3051
CD 3

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and RESOLUTION TO VACATE relative to the vacation of the alley turnaround approximately 190 feet westerly of Etiwanda Avenue and southerly of Sherman Way (VAC E1401082).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of January 25, 2008, that the vacation of the alley turnaround approximately 190 feet westerly of Etiwanda Avenue and southerly of Sherman Way, pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines, 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. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of January 25, 2008, that this vacation is in substantial conformance with the General Plan pursuant to Section 556 of the Los Angeles City Charter.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION TO VACATE NO. 09-1401082 for the vacation of the alley turnaround approximately 190 feet westerly of Etiwanda Avenue and southerly of Sherman Way.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit, following Council adoption, Resolution to Vacate No. 09-1401082 to the Land Development Group of the Bureau of Engineering for recordation of said Resolution with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK COMPLETED FOR THIS PROJECT

ITEM NO. (19) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #9 - Motion (Parks - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3)

07-1116-S1

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ALARCON - WESSON) relative to extending the termination date of the Ad Hoc Committee to End Poverty by an additional six months to June 30, 2009.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to extend the termination date of the Ad Hoc Committee to End Poverty from the current termination date of December 31, 2008 by an additional six months to June 30, 2009 in order to allow for updating of the existing documentation with current and emerging data as well as to propose to the Council expanded strategies for implementation to meet the growing needs of the community facing a fast growing economic crisis.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Roll Call #10 - Motion (Hahn - Alarcon) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3)
(Item Nos. 20a-20b)

ITEM NO. (20) - ADOPTED

[09-0361](#)

et al. MOTIONS relative to "Special Events" to be held in the various Council Districts.

Recommendations for Council action:

DECLARE the following community events as "Special Events"; APPROVE any temporary street closures as requested; and, INSTRUCT the involved City departments to perform such services as detailed the Council motions attached to the various listed Council files, including the waiver of fees, costs and requirements and other related issues, as specified:

[09-0361](#)

CD 13

- a. MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to declaring the East Hollywood Artcycle on February 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$2,838).

[09-0360](#)

CD 13

- b. MOTION (GARCETTI - ZINE) relative to declaring the Woman's Image Network on February 17, 2009 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

ITEM NO. (21) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #3 - Motion (Parks - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Hahn, Smith and Weiss (4)

[09-0320](#)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PARKS - GREUEL) relative to City Attorney recommendations regarding a conflict waiver request from the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond PC.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the request from the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond PC for a waiver of potential conflicts of interest as presented in the letter referenced in the Motion.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the waiver on behalf of the City.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (22) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #11 - Motion (Rosendahl - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3)

[09-0390](#)

CD 13

MOTION (GARCETTI - LABONGE) relative to funding for infrastructure projects in Council District 13.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER \$60,000 from the Pipeline Franchise Revenue portion of the Council District 13 Real Property Trust Fund to the Street Services Fund No. 100/86, as follows: \$10,000 to Account No. 692 (Salaries-General), \$30,000 to Account No. 3030 (Construction Expenses), \$20,000 to Account No. 6020 (Operating Supplies) for construction services associated with the Glenfeliz/Dover/Valleybrink Intersection Improvements Project.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Weiss - Reyes) Adopted, Ayes (14); Absent: Greuel (1)

[08-3422-S1](#)

RESOLUTION (WEISS - GARCETTI - GREUEL - ET AL.) relative to extending the temporary provisions regarding the issuance of building permits for off-site signs, digital displays and supergraphic signs.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to extend the provisions of Ordinance No. 180445 temporarily prohibiting the issuance of building permits for off-site signs, off-site sign digital displays, and supergraphic signs for an additional 45 days to May 10, 2009 or upon adoption of permanent regulations.

MOTIONS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO RULE NO. 16 - TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

[09-0434](#)

et al. MOTIONS relative to "Special Events" to be held in the various Council Districts.

Recommendations for Council action:

DECLARE the following community events as "Special Events"; APPROVE any temporary street closures as requested; and, INSTRUCT the involved City departments to perform such services as

detailed the Council motions attached to the various listed Council files, including the waiver of fees, costs and requirements and other related issues, as specified:

[09-0434](#)

CD 13

MOTION (GARCETTI - HUIZAR) relative to declaring the East/West Studios Opening on January 17, 2009 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

[09-0433](#)

CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - CARDENAS) relative to declaring the Invited Media Event on June 1, 2009 a Special Event (all costs incurred by the City associated with this event will be paid by the event sponsor).

[09-0391-S1](#)

CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - CARDENAS) relative to declaring the Friends Serving Friends - Homeless Feed on February 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,000).

[09-0432](#)

CD 1

MOTION (REYES - PERRY) relative to declaring the Saint Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral Community Gathering on March 8, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$6,500).

[07-0520-S1](#)

CD 1

MOTION (REYES - PERRY) relative to declaring the 29th Annual Ceremony to Honor Cuauhtemoc on February 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$3,000).

[08-2138-S2](#)

CD 15

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the Saint Lawrence of Brindisi Church Spring Carnival on March 14-15, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$2,226).

[09-0431](#)

CD 11

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - PARKS) relative to declaring the LAPD Pacific Area Spring Carnival on March 20-22, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$30,171).

[09-0430](#)

CD 11

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - PARKS) relative to declaring the Ida Avenue Block Party on February 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$2,453).

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his Request, and without objections, Councilmember Smith was excused from the Council session of March 27, 2009 due to Personal business.

Upon his Request, and without objections, Councilmember Rosendahl was excused from Council session of March 24 and 25, 2009 due to Personal business.

Upon his Request, and without objections, Councilmember Zine was excused to leave at 11:30 a.m. from the Council session of March 4, 2009 due to City business.

Upon his Request, and without objections, Councilmember Cardenas was excused to arrive at 11:00 a.m. for the Council session of February 25, 2009 due to City business.

Upon her Request, and without objections, Councilmember Hahn was excused to arrive at 12:00 p.m. for the Council session of February 27, 2009 due to City business

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

- [09-0004](#) - Juvenile Intervention & Prevention Program (Garcetti)
- David Rusch (Rosendahl)
- Michael Kriha (Zine - All Councilmembers)

**At the conclusion of this day's Council Session
ADJOURNING MOTIONS WERE ADOPTED in tribute to the memory of:**

- [09-0003](#) - George De La Torre (Hahn)
- Martha Jane French Gewe (Huizar - LaBonge - Reyes)
- Brad Van Pelt (LaBonge - All Councilmembers)
- Wayne Thomas (LaBonge - All Councilmembers)
- Julie Ann Carpenter (LaBonge - Perry - All Councilmembers)
- Janet Witkin (LaBonge - All Councilmembers)
- Virginia Alatorre Preciado De Vistorin (Rosendahl)

Ayes, Alarcon, Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson and Zine (12); Absent: Greuel, Weiss and President Garcetti (3).

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Karen E. Kalfayan, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL