



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 12/13/2011

**Report Type:** Public Hearing

**Title:** Temporary Street Closure of Alleys/Street Located in Council District 2, Temporary Closure of Traffic Proceeding No. TSC11-04

**Report ID:** 2011-00993

**Location:** Various alleys/streets located in City Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the subject alleys and streets to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

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**Presenter:** Thomas Adams, Engineering Technician II, (916) 808-7929; Nicholas Theocharides, Engineering Services Manager, (916) 808-5065, Department of Transportation

**Department:** Transportation Department

**Division:** Development Engineering

**Dept ID:** 15001151

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**City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form  
Paul Gale  
12/7/2011 7:41:32 AM

**City Treasurer Review**

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt  
Russell Fehr  
11/29/2011 9:22:09 AM

**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 12/5/2011 9:25:16 AM



## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Pursuant to the procedure set forth in former Sacramento City Code Chapter 38 or current Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16 and pursuant to the authority granted to the City through California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 the subject alleys/streets were previously temporarily closed to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to serious and continual criminal activity. However a temporary closure of any street should not be more than 18 months except when an extension is authorized pursuant to the procedures set forth in former Sacramento City Code Chapter 38 or current Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16. Although the subject alleys/street remain physically closed to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the temporary closures for all the subject alleys and streets have expired and the adjacent property owners wish to maintain the temporary closure status. The Police, Fire and Transportation Departments support the temporary closure of the subject alleys and streets and would like to see all the subject alleys and streets maintained as temporary closures

A summary of the project's history is included in Attachment 1, Background, and the alleys/street locations are included as Attachment 2.

**Policy Considerations:** The procedures under which the closure to vehicular and pedestrian traffic is initiated are set forth in Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 and Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16 allowing the temporary closure of alleys and streets to through vehicular or pedestrian traffic for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare. The temporary closures are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan focus area to improve and expand public safety, achieve sustainability and enhance livability. This is in keeping with the City's vision of being the most livable city in America.

### **Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Environmental Planning Services section of the Community Development Department has reviewed the proposed temporary street closures and determined that the activity is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301(f) of the CEQA Guidelines. This project consists of the temporary closure of existing alleys/street by adding a gate to the entrance of the subject alleys/street. This project falls under CEQA Guidelines of Categorical Exemptions Section 15301(f) in that this temporary street closure involves no expansion of use beyond what currently exists. Access to the road will be given to appropriate departments and agencies.

**Sustainability Considerations:** None.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Adoption of the attached Resolution will provide additional security for the property owners by eliminating the opportunity for individuals to commit illegal acts and illegally dump within these subject alleys.

**Financial Considerations:** As of November 17, 2011, the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) has a total budget of \$335,299 and an unobligated balance of \$70,814, which is sufficient to process this request. The estimated cost to process this request is \$3,500.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None.



## **Background**

The proposed Temporary Closure of the 16 subject alleys and one public street were previously approved by City Council as temporary closures to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to serious and continuing criminal activity. The alley/street locations are included as Attachment 2. The closure period has expired for all of the 16 subject alleys and one public street. The closures were processed according to State Vehicle Code 21101.4, City Code Section 12.16 or former Sacramento City Code Chapter 38. The subject alleys were authorized to be closed to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic for an 18 month period. The subject alleys/street are public right-of-ways that were once unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Unfortunately, the subject alleys/street were utilized as conduits for illegal activity such as burglary, vandalism and illegal dumping. The Police Department has reviewed the subject alleys/street and supports the temporary closures of all the alleys/street listed in Attachment 3.

The alleys/street are closed off with wrought iron gates that restrict access to through traffic. The gates limit the vehicular and pedestrian access while still allowing full access to the adjacent property owners, City maintenance personnel, utility companies and all emergency personnel.

The City of Sacramento is responsible for the maintenance of all the manual gates that have been installed under the temporary closures process approved by City Council. All electric gates have been properly permitted and meet the criteria for encroachment into the City's right of way.

In addition to the Police Department's support of the temporary closures of the subject alley, the City of Sacramento Fire Department has also given support to the temporary closures of the subject alleys/street. The Fire Department certifies that the proposed temporary closure of the alleys/street will not adversely impact its operations or the safety within the surrounding neighborhoods (see Attachment 4).

The temporary closure of the subject alleys/street is supported by the City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation (DOT) Traffic Engineering Division. DOT certifies that the proposed temporary closures of the subject alleys/street do not include a through highway or arterial street and that the temporary closures allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on the adjacent streets (see Attachment 5).

The temporary closures of subject alleys/street listed is not to exceed (18) months unless the closure is extended pursuant to the procedure set forth in Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16. Pursuant to Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16, once approved, the closure may be extended for an additional eight (8) consecutive periods of not more than eighteen (18) months each. Noticing to the public regarding the temporary street closure has been completed prior to this City Council meeting in accordance with City Code Section 12.16.220.

The majority of the adjacent property owners along with City staff support the temporary closures of the subject alleys/street.



## Attachment 2

### **Alley/Street Locations-Cross Streets**

1. Santiago Avenue, Evergreen Street, Lexington Street, Frianza Avenue
2. Selma Street-Dixieanne and El Camino Avenue, Lexington and Clay Streets
3. Dixieanne and El Camino Avenues, Empress and Beaumont Streets
4. Del Paso Boulevard, Calvados Avenue, Fairfield and Cantalier Streets
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
300 Richards Blvd, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THROUGH TRAFFIC OF THE 16 ALLEYS/STREET LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alleys/street proposed for temporary closure. On behalf of the Police Department, I find that the proposed alley/street closures detailed within Council District 2 will benefit the adjacent property owner and residents. Restrictive devices such as gates or bollards will deter criminal activity and illegal dumping. I recommend that the proposed temporary closures of the subject alleys/street be implemented. Such action will benefit the community. Additional comments may follow bellow.

COMMENTS:

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SGT. PAT KELLER #3102  
Police Department Signature

11/30/11  
Date





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I have reviewed the material on the subject alleys/street proposed for temporary closure. On behalf of the Fire Department, I find that the proposed temporary closure will not adversely impact the operations of the Sacramento Fire Department. The Fire Department supports the temporary closure of the subject alleys/street in Council District 2. Additional comments may follow below.

**COMMENTS:**

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Fire Department Signature

10-31-11  
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Date



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Sacramento  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF 16 ALLEYS/STREET SEGMENTS WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

In reference to the requested Temporary Closure, I have reviewed the material on the above subject alleys/street. I find the alleys/street are under the City of Sacramento's jurisdiction and the proposed temporary closure of the subject alleys/street does not include an arterial or a through street. It also appears that the temporary closures will allow adequate traffic circulation within the subject areas. The City's Department of Transportation supports these temporary closures and the restriction of through traffic on the subject alleys/street. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE RENEWAL OF THESE 16 CLOSURES (TEMPORARY) FOR THESE ALLEYS/STREETS

  
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Traffic Engineer Signature

10-25-11  
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Date





## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO THROUGH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OF 16 ALLEYS/STREET LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 PROCEEDING NO. TSC11-04**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The City previously approved the Temporary Closure of the 16 subject alleys/street in Council District 2. This new request for Temporary Closure relates to the 16 subject alleys/street that had previously been closed but such authorization for closure has now expired.
- B. In accordance with Section 21101.4 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California and with Chapter 12.16 of the Sacramento City Code, the City Council hereby considers approval of the temporary street closure to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic of the subject alleys/street identified in Exhibit A to help prevent occurrences of crime related activities.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Based upon substantial evidence present in the record of the proceedings regarding this matter, City Council hereby makes the following findings:
- a) Closure of the 16 subject alleys/street to vehicular and pedestrian traffic will assist in preventing the occurrence or reoccurrence of the serious and continual criminal activity that was found to exist when the 16 alleys/street were initially closed.
  - b) The alleys/street recommended for closure is under the City's jurisdiction and has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.
  - c) Vehicle or pedestrian traffic in the alleyways recommended for closure contributes to the criminal activity that is occurring there.
  - d) The alley/street closures will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the street recommended for closure.

- Section 2. The temporary closure of the subject alleys/street identified in Exhibit A to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic is necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare of the neighborhood.
- Section 3. City Council grants the temporary street closure of the subject alleys/street listed in Exhibit A with the following conditions:
- a) A locking security device approved by the Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on each gate.
  - b) City departments and utility companies will have twenty-four (24) hour access to their facilities within the alley.
  - c) Adjacent owners may be granted access to the alleys and street through the security device that has been approved by the City's Department of Transportation.
  - d) In the event that the security device requires construction by a private entity for improvements in the public right-of-way, a revocable encroachment permit and an excavation permit must be obtained from the Department of Transportation. The revocable encroachment permit may be issued subsequent to this Resolution. The excavation permit, if required, may be issued subsequent to this Resolution, but must be obtained prior to the construction of improvements in the public right-of-way.
- Section 4. Exhibits A, B, C, D and E are attached and are part of this Resolution.

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## EXHIBIT A

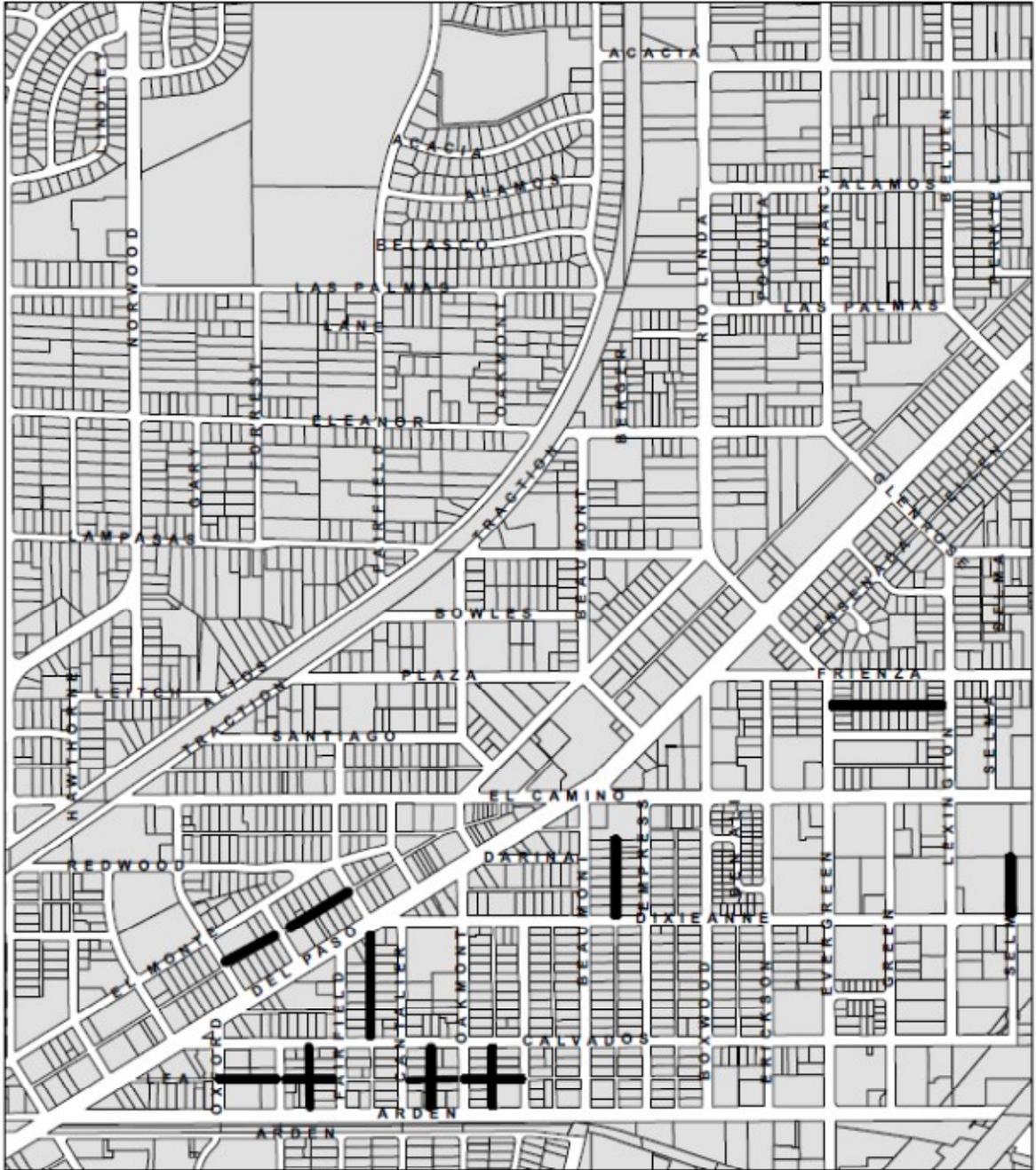
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### EXHIBIT B

Subject Alleys...

CD #2 Alley Closures





**EXHIBIT C**

Subject Alleys... 

**CD #2 Alley Closures**





# EXHIBIT D

## CD #2 Alley Closures

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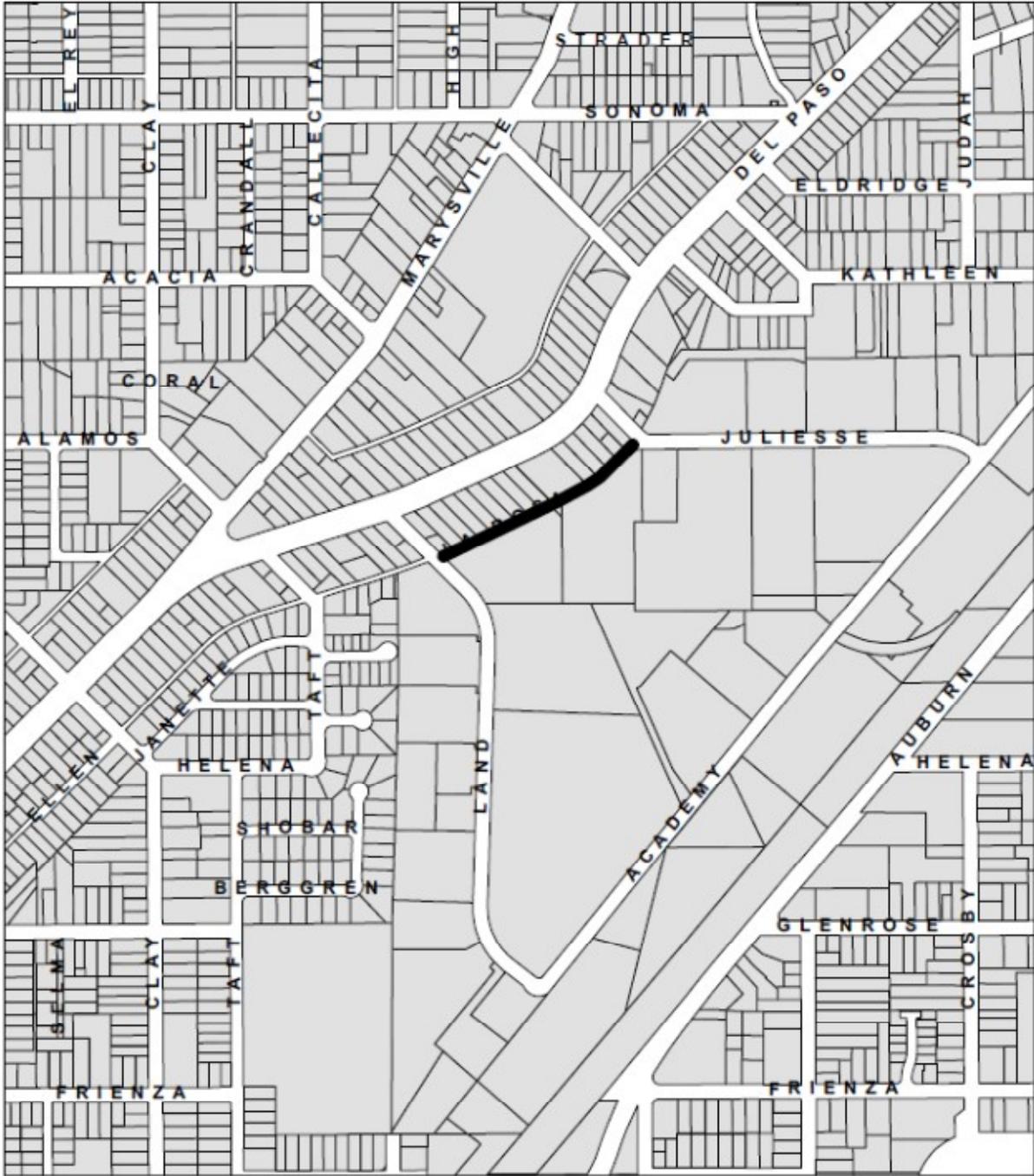




# EXHIBIT E

CD #2 Alley Closures

Subject Alley.....



Map Contact: T. Adams  
Map Date: Aug/11

