

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: March 15, 2004

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of City's Quitclaim of an Easement for State
and Highway Purposes at 2220 East Foothill Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution quitclaiming an easement for street and highway purposes at 2220 East Foothill Boulevard and authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute the Quitclaim Deed.

BACKGROUND:

In 1991, an easement for street and highway purposes along the frontage at 2220 East Foothill Boulevard was dedicated to the City to widen Foothill Boulevard for future street purposes. The width of the easement area is 20 feet along the entire 50-foot frontage of the subject property. The subject property is the only property on the south side of Foothill Boulevard between Craig Avenue and Vista Avenue that has an easement for future street and highway purposes. The current property owners, who are the same property owners who dedicated the easement to the City, have requested a quitclaim of the easement.

In 1994, the City adopted the Comprehensive General Plan which required that the majority of previously approved street widenings will not be necessary in the City because of the focus of transportation on alternative modes. Of the 585 blocks of street widening projects that were approved by the City Council prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive General Plan in 1994, only five projects, totaling 10 blocks of street widenings, were recommended and approved in the Mobility Element in 1994. The five projects did not include Foothill Boulevard where the subject property is situated. Therefore, staff has determined that the quitclaim area is no longer needed for future street and highway purposes. Consequently, it is recommended that the City approve the requested quitclaim.

The quitclaim will reduce the number of unnecessary easements the City holds. The City's interest in the easement has no market value and, therefore, the easement is not considered surplus property subject to disposition pursuant to the City's surplus property ordinance.

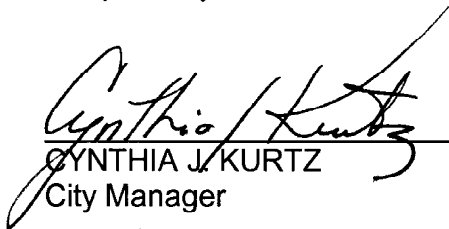
BACKGROUND: Continued

The proposed quitclaim document has been prepared by the Department of Public Works, reviewed by the City Attorney's office, and is now ready for approval by the City Council and execution by the City Manager. The property included in the proposed quitclaim is legally described in the text and is graphically shown on the attached Department of Public Works Drawing No. 5359.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No revenue will be expended or generated by the approval of this quitclaim. The property owners have paid all costs for preparing and processing the quitclaim. There will be a positive impact on the property tax.

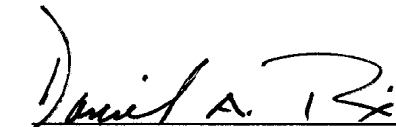
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