

Council Meeting of  
October 11, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council

**SUBJECT: Community Development Department – Adopt RESOLUTION  
summarily vacating a portion of Van Ness Way north of Del Amo  
Boulevard**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** summarily vacating a portion of Van Ness Way north of Del Amo Boulevard.

### **FUNDING**

No funding required.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The portion of Van Ness Way, located north of Del Amo Boulevard, is proposed for vacation as a City initiated action. Van Ness Way, previously Arlington Avenue, was dedicated to the City of Torrance via Tract Map 6223 on March 28, 1923. The portion of Van Ness Way north of Del Amo Boulevard is not improved and appears as a part of the adjacent vacant lots. There is no plan or need for the City to improve this portion of Van Ness Way as it deadends at the BNSF Railroad and the ExxonMobil tank farm. The area of the proposed vacation is 6000 square feet.

The reason for the vacation is that the portion of Van Ness Way north of Del Amo Boulevard was found to be contaminated with petroleum products. Some of the adjacent residential properties on the north side of Del Amo Boulevard near Van Ness Way were also found to have some contamination and the existing structures have been removed. ExxonMobil has purchased these lots, and the underlying fee to the Van Ness Way right-of-way, to begin the clean up process. ExxonMobil obtained the underlying fee ownership of the proposed vacation area from REMCO (Real Estate



## RESOLUTION 2011-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A STREET EASEMENT  
ON VAN NESS WAY (PREVIOUSLY ARLINGTON AVENUE) NORTH OF DEL AMO  
BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Torrance was granted a street easement on Tract Map 6223 as recorded in Book 66 Pages 2 – 3 located in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California further described as:

## PARCEL 1:

That portion of the west half of Arlington Avenue, 60 feet wide, as shown on said Tract No. 6223, which would pass with a conveyance of the following described land by operation of law:

Lot 14 of said Tract No. 6223, excepting the southerly 25 feet thereof.

## NOTE:

Said portion of Lot 14 of Tract 6223 is now described as Lots 1 through 10, inclusive of Tract No. 8857, recorded in Book 146, Page 84 of Maps, records of said county.

## PARCEL 2:

That portion of the east half of Arlington Avenue, 60 feet wide, as shown on said Tract No. 6223, which would pass with a conveyance of the following described land by operation of law:

Lot 13 of said Tract No. 6223, excepting any portion thereof lying southerly of the south line of Lot 2 of Tract No. 4956, recorded in Book 146, Page 85 of Maps, records of said county.

## NOTE:

Said portion of Lot 13 of Tract No. 6223 is now described as a portion of Tract No. 4956, recorded in Book 146, Page 85 of Maps, records of said county.

**WHEREAS**, the existing street easement has not been used for its intended purpose;

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of said proposed vacation, the City Council elects to proceed under the Vacation Provision Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 4, beginning with Section 8330 of the Streets and Highways Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds from the evidence submitted that the street easement described in this Resolution is unnecessary for present or prospective public use;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Torrance as follows:

**SECTION 1**

That it is hereby found and determined that the street easement herein above more particularly described is unnecessary for present and prospective purposes and the public interest requires the vacation thereof.

**SECTION 2**

That the City of Torrance and its assigns, without limitation, does reserve and except from the vacation a 12' wide easement centered over the centerline of the existing sewer main, which is parallel to and located 10' east of the centerline of the vacated area for the right at any time to construct, maintain, operate, reconstruct, repair, and use for existing and future sewer purposes.

**SECTION 3**

That the City of Torrance and its assigns, without limitation, does reserve and except from the vacation an easement over the northerly and westerly 10' of the above described area of vacation to Southern California Edison for the right at any time to construct, maintain, operate, reconstruct, repair, and use for existing and future utility line purposes.

**SECTION 4**

That the City of Torrance and its assigns without limitation, does reserve and except from the vacation an easement over the easterly 10' of the above described area of vacation for Pacific Bell Telephone Company, doing business as AT & T California to, from time to time, construct, maintain, operate, replace, remove, and renew such aerial and underground communication facilities (including ingress thereto and egress therefrom) consisting of poles, anchors, guys, cables, wires, crossarms, conduits, manholes, handholes, markers, pedestals, terminal equipment cabinets, electrical conductors and necessary fixtures and appurtenances.

**SECTION 5**

That the above described street easement is hereby vacated and abandoned and that, from and after the date this Resolution is recorded, these portions no longer constitute an easement for street purposes.

**SECTION 6**

That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution and Attachments A and B to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER  
2011.**

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

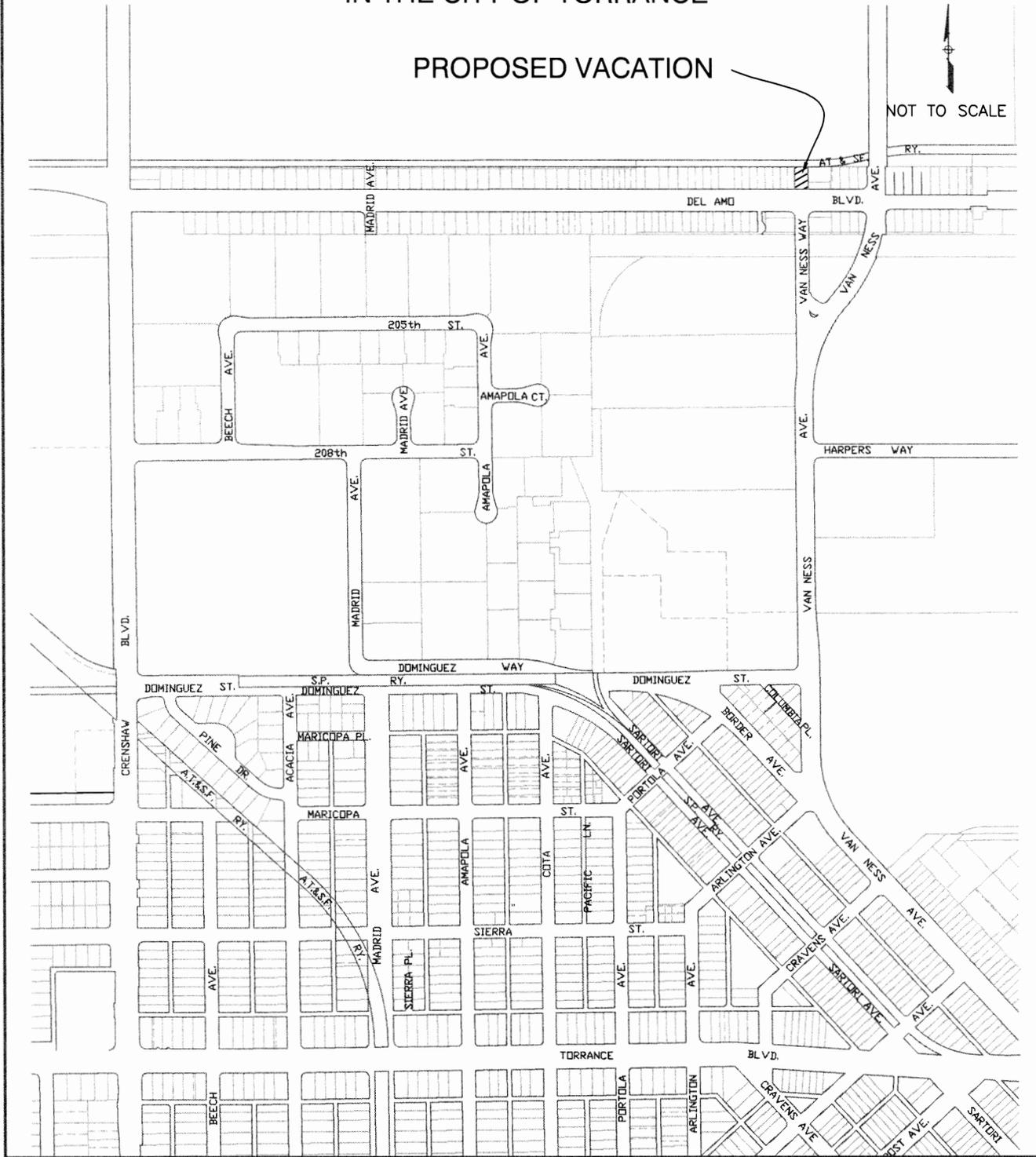
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Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant  
City Attorney



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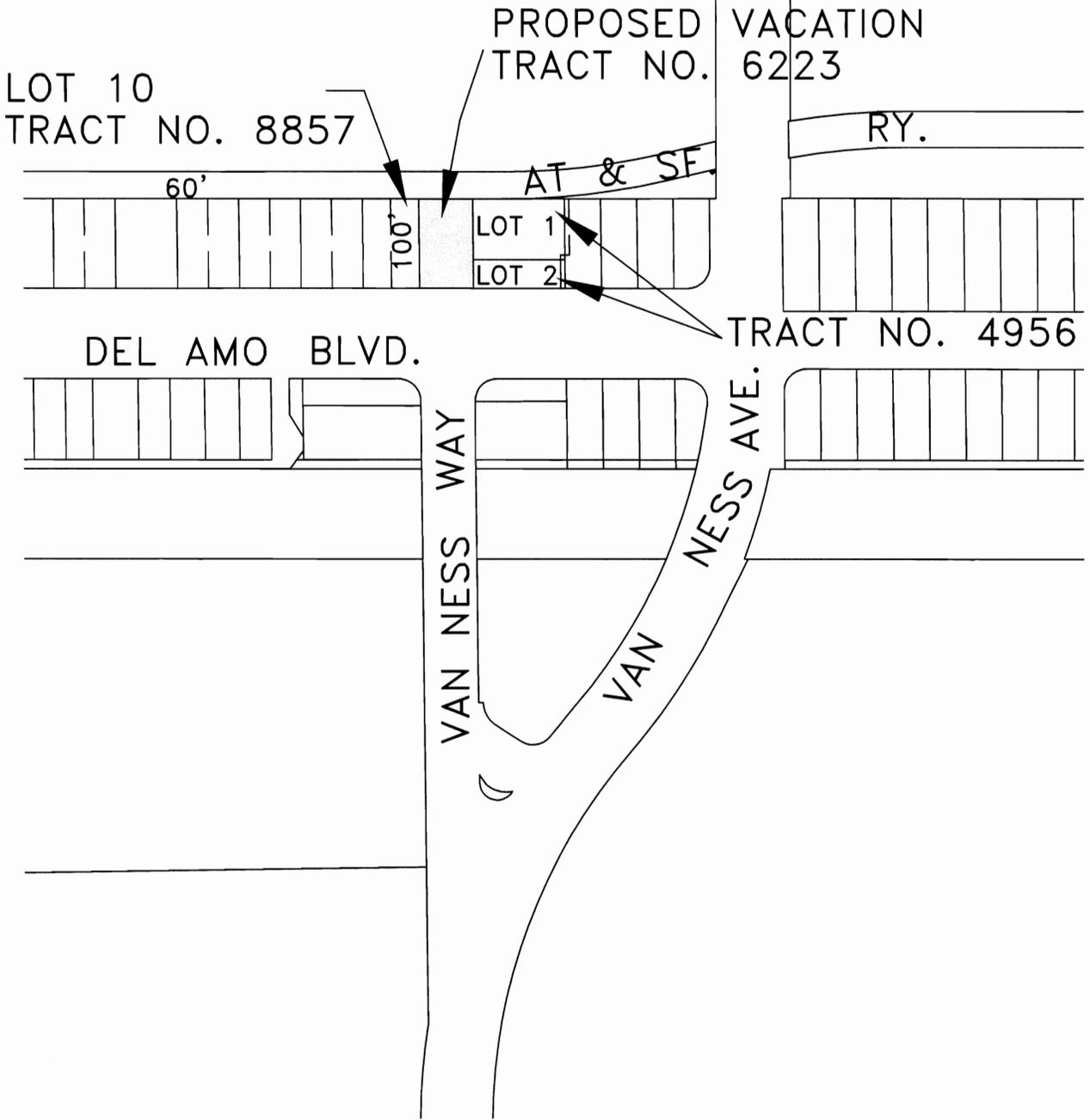
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