



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 17, 2009
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David Gustavson, Director of Public Works & Transportation
Subject: Heath Avenue Fence
Attachments: 1. Exhibit

INTRODUCTION

This report requests City Council direction on a matter that has been brought to Staff's attention by Mayor Brucker.

DISCUSSION

Heath Avenue, south of Olympic Boulevard in the southwest corner of the City of Beverly Hills, was annexed from the City of Los Angeles in the late 90s. The right-of-way is adjacent to another right-of-way, Century Park East, which is located in the City of Los Angeles. As a matter of fact, the two rights-of-way abut one another, with no privately held property between them, for the distance from Pico Boulevard to Hillgreen Drive. The City of Los Angeles has placed a 4-foot high chain link fence separating these rights-of-way along this entire distance, except for the cul-de-sac at the southern terminus.

Residents who live on or adjacent to Heath Avenue have voiced concerns to the Mayor about scavengers and homeless people entering Heath Avenue through a gap that exists in the fence north of Hillgreen Drive. Originally, staff believed that these rights-of-way shared a common boundary for an even greater distance and had attempted to have the City of Los Angeles extend this fence. Staff has been unsuccessful in making this happen. In preparation for this report, staff conducted additional research. This research consisted of looking at the LA County Assessor's parcel maps, viewing images on Google Earth, and visiting the site (including the pacing off of the existing gap in the fence, approximately 510 feet). As it turns out, the gap in the fence is located adjacent to a large, irregularly shaped private through-lot that houses a large condominium complex on the southeast corner of Century Park East and Olympic Blvd in the City of Los Angeles. In light of these facts and pursuant to City Council direction garnered on November 18, 2008, staff contacted the General Manager of the Homeowner's Association for this land to see if they would be willing to construct the fence for their and our mutual benefit. Unfortunately, the General Manager was **not** the least bit interested

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in placing a fence there and further stated that there never had been a fence at this location to the best of his knowledge. The General Manager indicated they are satisfied with the existing infrastructure.

The property for your reference is located at 2160-2170 Century Park East and is known as the Century Park East Towers. In the meantime, I'm working with LA staff, that Vince Bertoni has connected me with, in an effort to secure the original entitlement documents for the property. I believe the project was built some time during the late 60s or early 70s.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the City of Beverly Hills has to expend resources to complete this 4 foot-high chain link fence, staff currently estimates it will cost about \$9,000 for the construction. This estimate was provided by a company the City has used in the past for fencing projects. Since the fence would be located adjacent to privately owned land, we would need to budget an additional \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a survey to make sure it is placed properly. The total needed would amount to \$12,000 to \$14,000.

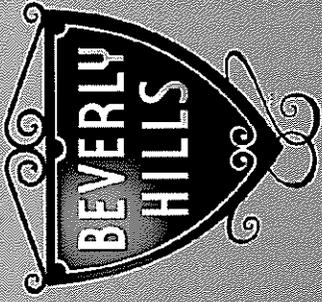
REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Staff respectfully requests direction from the City Council as to whether the City of Beverly Hills should fund the placement of this fence.

Should the City Council decide that the placement of this fence is in the best interest of the City of Beverly Hills, staff is prepared to make it happen.

David D. Gustavson
Approved By





Department of Public Works and Transportation

Project: Heath Av. Fence



Project location

