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Honorable City Council City of Los Angeles c/o City Clerk Room 395, City Hall Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Assistant

REQUEST FOR "SURPLUS LAND" DECLARATION FOR THREE VACANT CITY OWNED PROPERTIES IN THE PACIFIC PALISADES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

The Department of General Services (GSD) requests that the City Council declare the properties listed in the "Property Description" section of this report and depicted in Attachment A as "surplus land" and not necessary for the City's use, in accordance with the California Surplus Land Act (Government Code Section 54220 et seq.).

BACKGROUND

The City of Los Angeles (City) acquired these properties through Tax Deeds in the 1960s. The Department of Building and Safety issued an order to comply – Class 1 Slope Failure, on August 10, 1999 which is still in effect for all properties referenced in this communication.

17550 Revello Dr. – Order: RD 30057 17549 Castellammare Dr. – Order: RD 30078 17553 Castellammare Dr. – Order: RD 30079

Under direction authorized by Council Motion, Council File 09-1063, approved on May 19, 2009, the City was authorized to spend \$137,500 of a total of \$275,000 for a geotechnical investigation of the "Tramonto Landslide" (Landslide), which lies between Tramonto Drive on the north side and Pacific Coast Highway to the South, whereby Caltrans was to share in the costs in an equal amount of \$137,500.





As a result of the geotechnical investigation approval, a consultant, URS, was retained to explore, study, and provide a plan to remediate the slide area to restore the streets. At the time of the 2010 study, the cost of remediation of the entire landslide area was estimated between \$16 million and \$22 million. It does not appear that there was any further action by the City or Caltrans to remediate the landslide.

The disposition of the Property would, at a minimum, reduce the City's exposure to future slope failure liability at least where the properties referenced in this communication are concerned. The City owns other property in this area with similar backgrounds which have been disposed of similarly.

The California Surplus Land Act (Gov. Code, § 54220 et seq.) places requirements upon local government agencies before agencies can sell surplus property. The Surplus Land Act defines surplus land as "land owned in fee simple by any local agency for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and not necessary for the agency's use." (Gov. Code, § 54221(b)(1).) The Surplus Land Act requires that a local agency declare property as "surplus" supported by written findings before any action may be taken to dispose of the property. Additionally, Council District 11 has been contacted by GSD and has no objections to the recommendation requesting City Council to declare all properties referenced herein "Surplus Land" in accordance with California State law.

FINDINGS

The City finds the Property below is no longer required for use by the City and furthermore, finds and determines that the public interest is best served by its disposal.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

ADDRESS/LOCATION	APN	LOT SIZE	CD
17550-52 Revello Dr.	4416-011-900	3,744	11
17549-53 Castellammare Dr.	4416-010-902	3,675	11
17547 Castellammare Dr.	4416-010-900	3,711	11

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

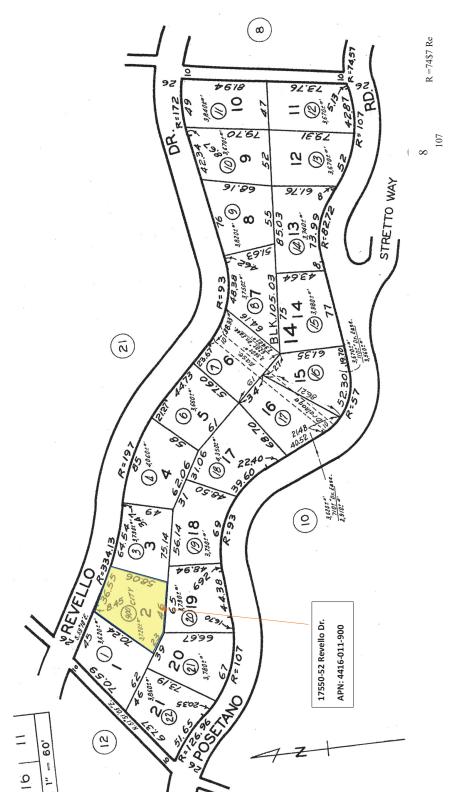
RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to Mayoral approval:

1. Declare that all properties identified in this communication and, as otherwise depicted in Attachment A, is "surplus land", as supported by the findings set forth in this report.

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Attachments: Map of Properties



STRETTO WAY

