

Summary Vacation of Public Service Easement – Caritas Village

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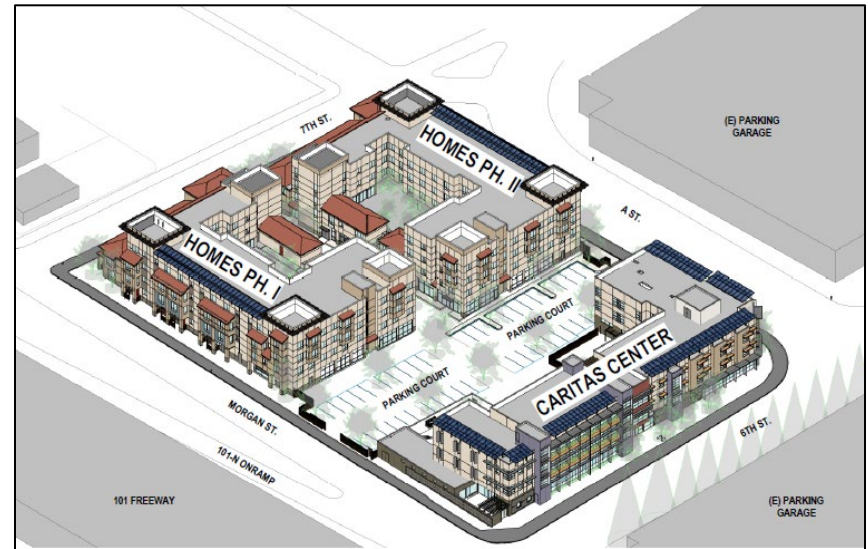
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- The applicant seeks a summary vacation of a public service easement (PSE) that has been partially abandoned and relocated.
- The easement was reserved for public utilities within a now vacated alley right of way. All public and private facilities that were located within the easement have been removed and have been either abandoned or relocated.
- Vacating the PSE is necessary for the orderly development of the approved Caritas Village project.

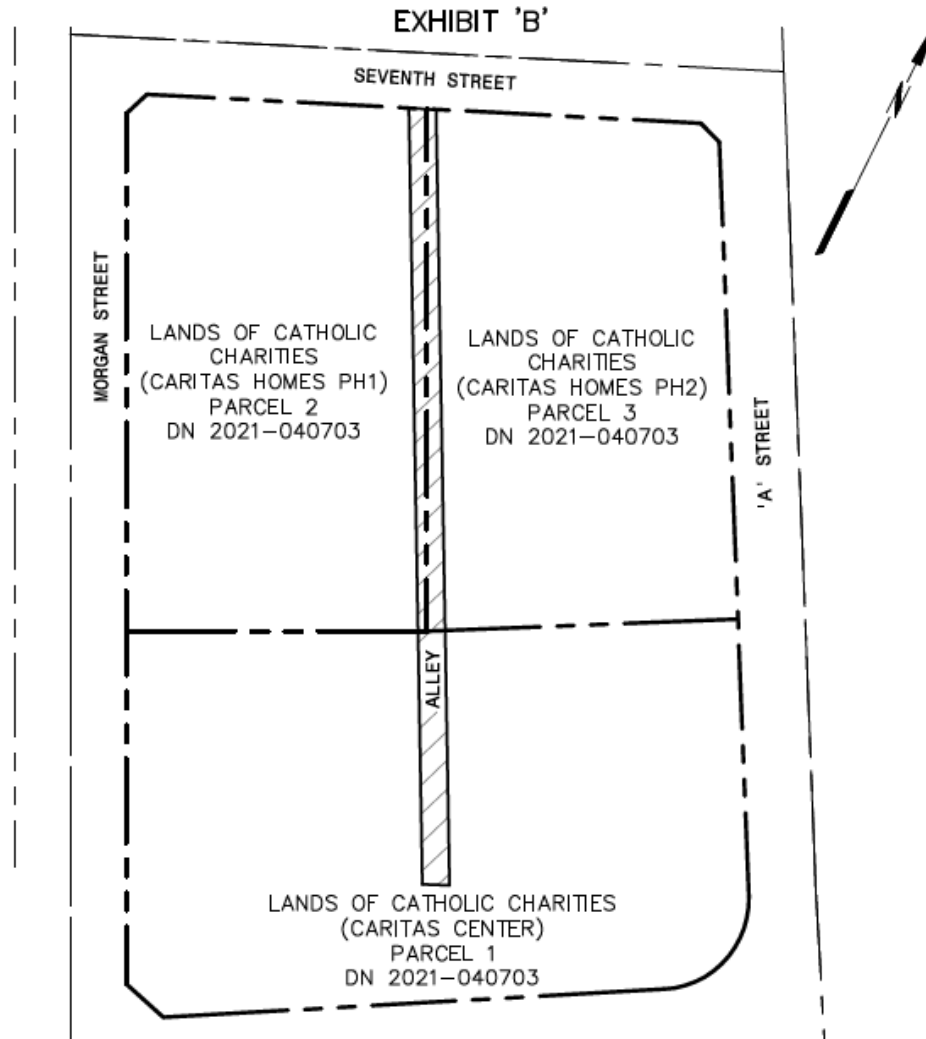
Project Location/Neighborhood Context



- Caritas Village is an approved project that includes the redevelopment of a city block into a comprehensive family and homeless support services facility/emergency shelter, and a 126-unit affordable housing development.



- On March 3, 2020, the City Council approved entitlements for the Caritas Village project.
- On October 13, 2020, the City Council adopted the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan (DSASP). The DSASP amended the General Plan designation for the approved project site to Core Mixed Use (CMU).



- Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(c) of the Code, the City may summarily vacate public service easements if the easement has been superseded by relocation, or determined to be excess by the easement holder, and there are no other public facilities located within the easement.
- In the case of the subject PSE, the easement has been superseded and any utilities within the easement have been relocated. This public service easement meets each of these requirements.

- On March 3, 2020, the City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopted Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Caritas Village project which necessitates this summary vacation. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15162, no additional environmental review is required, as there have been no major revisions to the project and there is no new information showing the project will result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- This action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15305, minor alterations in land use limitations.

- It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that Council, by resolution, approve a summary vacation of a 341-foot by 12-foot (approximately 4,210-square-foot), public service easement that has been partially abandoned and relocated for the Caritas Village project, which is located on a downtown City block, bordered by 7th Street to the north, A Street to the east, 6th Street to the south, and Morgan Street to the west.

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