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**Public Works Order No: 211954** 

Determination to recommend: 1) the summary vacation of a public service easement for public utility purposes at 112 Kensington Way; 2) authorizing the City to quitclaim its interest in the vacation area (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2923, Lot No. 078) to Kevin Jenkins and Lalitha Chandrasekher, the property owners of Lot 078.

WHEREAS, The property located at 112 Kensington Way (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2923, Lot No. 078) is burdened with an used public service easement ("Easement"). There is public interest to summarily vacate the public service easement and quitclaim the City's interest in the Easement to the property owners Kevin Jenkins and Lalitha Chandrasekher (collectively, the "Owners") for \$20,000.00. This price is identified in the agreement between the Real Estate Division and the Owners dated June 1, 2025 ("Agreement for Sale of Real Estate") that will accompany the public service easement vacation ordinance to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The location and extent of the easement area to be vacated (the "Vacation Area") comprises the abovementioned Easement at 112 Kensington Way. The Vacation Area is more particularly shown on the draft Public Works ("PW") SUR Map 2017-001, dated September 18, 2017 ("SUR Map"); and

WHEREAS, The City proposes to quitclaim its interest in the Vacation Area to the Owners of 112 Kensington Way to help facilitate a construction project at 112 Kensington Way pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, The Vacation Area: (1) is unnecessary for the City's present or prospective public service easement purposes; (2) based on public convenience and necessity, the Easement in the Vacation Area is no longer necessary for public purposes; (3) the public interest, convenience, and necessity do not require any easements or other rights be reserved because there are no public or private utility facilities that are in place in the Vacation Area and the Easement should be extinguished upon the effectiveness of the vacation; and (4) it is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors to quitclaim the City's interest to the Owners; and

WHEREAS, The Vacation Area may be summarily vacated according to Streets and Highways Code Sections 8334(a) and (c) and 8334.5 because: (1) the Easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was created for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation; (2) the Easement has been determined to be excess by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC"), as holder of the Easement on behalf of the City, and there are no other public facilities located within the Easement; and (3) there are no in place functioning facilities that would be affected by the vacation; and

WHEREAS, The vacation is being carried out pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code Section 787(a); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the California Streets and Highway Code Sections 8300 et seq., Public Works (Bureau of Surveying and Mapping) has initiated the process to vacate the Vacation Area; and

WHEREAS, Public Works sent notice of the proposed street vacation, a draft SUR Map drawing, and a Public Works referral letter to City departments and utility companies; and

WHEREAS, No City agency, utility company, or other noticed recipient objected to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2017, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department reviewed the SUR Map and determined that the Easement was no longer needed and agreed with and supported the vacation of the Easement; and

WHEREAS, On September 10, 2019, the SFPUC adopted Resolution No.19-0179, finding that the SFPUC had no foreseeable future need for the Easement, and consenting to the conveyance of the City's interest in the Easement under the terms identified in the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, In a letter dated December 5, 2017, the Planning Department found that the proposed Vacation and the transfer of the Vacation Area are, on balance, in conformity with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1 as set forth in Planning Case No. 2014-003297GPR;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT:

The Director hereby approves the following documents either attached hereto or referenced herein:

- 1. Ordinance to summarily vacate the Vacation Area
- 2. Vacation Area SUR Map No. 2017-001

The Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the ordinance to summarily vacate said Vacation Area.

The Director acknowledges that it is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors to approve quitclaim the City's interest in the easement as set forth in the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate.

Signed by:

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