TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

File No. 11-0023

Your

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN STADIUM AND CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION

reports as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), MITIGATION MEASURES, MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, and AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN STADIUM AND CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION REPORT relative to the modernization of the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) and the construction of a new multi-purpose Event Center.

Recommendations for Council action. SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. CERTIFY that the EIR (EIR No. ENV-2011-0585-EIR; State Clearing House No. 2011031049) for the modernization of the LACC and the construction of a new multipurpose Event Center project has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the environmental guidelines of State of California and the City of Los Angeles, and that the City Council has reviewed the information contained therein and considered it along with other factors related to this project; that this determination reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency City of Los Angeles; and that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 11-0023 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; the Project's EIR was presented to the City Council and City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR prior to approving the Project, as well as all other information in the record of proceedings on this Matter; and, ADOPT the EIR.
- 2. FIND that the Project's EIR was presented to the City Planning Commission (CPC) as a recommending body of the lead agency, and the CPC reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR prior to recommending the project for approval, as well as all other information in the record of proceedings on this matter.
- 3. FIND that the project's EIR was presented to Council, and that Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR prior to approving the project, as well as all other information in the record of proceedings on this matter.
- 4. ADOPT FINDINGS made pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and the Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared by the City Planning Department and ADOPT the Statement of Overriding Considerations, as modified by the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation at its special meeting held September 24, 2012.
- 5. ADOPT FINDINGS pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081.6 of the California State Public Resources Code, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as the Findings of Council and ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and the accompanying mitigation measures, as modified by the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation at its special meeting held

September 24, 2012.

- 6. ADOPT FINDINGS of the CPC, including the Environmental Findings as the Findings of the Council, as modified by the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation at its special meeting held September 24, 2012.
- 7. APPROVE the requested Specific Plan Amendment pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.5.7.G to modify Section 4 and Section 6.B.4 of the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District Specific Plan to allow development of the Convention Center Expansion Parcel with any other use permitted by the Specific Plan upon the earlier of the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the New Hall of the Convention Center or October 21, 2021.
- 8. APPROVE the various minor amendments of, and additions to the CPC final determination relative to this project as presented by the representative of the project applicant in a letter dated September 24, 2012 (attached to the Council file), and as stated in the Planning Department report to the Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation dated September 24, 2012 (attached to the Council file): CPC Determination Reports CPC 2012-0849-GPA-VZC-SP-SN, CPC 2012-2311-DA and CPC 2012-2398-DA, CPC 2012-0851-SP, and CPC 2012-2322-DA.
- 9. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to California State Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the City shall monitor or require evidence that mitigation conditions are implemented and maintained throughout the life of the project and the City may require any necessary fees to cover the cost of such monitoring.
- 10. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to State Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, a Fish and Game Fee and/or Certificate of Fee Exemption is now required to be submitted to the County Clerk prior to or concurrent with the Environmental Notice of Determination filing.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, and LACC report that this action will not impact the General Fund. The Board of City Planning Commissioners reports that administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On September 13, 2012, the CPC approved General Plan Amendments, vesting zone change, a Specific Plan, Development Agreement and Development Agreement Amendments, and a Sign District for the project. The Commission's action included the certification and approval of the EIR and related environmental and project mitigations and conditions of approval.

At its special meeting held September 24, 2012, the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation discussed the proposed modernization of the LACC and multi-purpose Event Center project with representatives of the Planning Department. Department staff reviewed the actions taken by the CPC, the EIR, community input and participation in the hearing process, and the applicant's commitment to the project's community benefits package. Staff went on to discuss how the project is consistent with area planning

goals and how it enhances the vibrant character of Downtown Los Angeles. It was further stated that the project will serve as a catalyst for economic development. The Director of Planning reviewed technical amendments proposed by the project applicant and recommended that they be approved along with the CPC action.

The President of AEG was in attendance to discuss the project, touting AEG's success constructing and operating privately financed major sports venues around the world. It was noted that AEG will bear the entire cost of the development and operation of the football stadium.

During the public comment period, support was expressed for the project and the community benefits agreements. Speakers commended AEG and praised the project's positive economic impact on the region and its creation of sorely needed jobs. One speaker expressed opposition.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that Council approve the above recommendations relative to the modernization of the LACC and the construction of a new multi-purpose Event Center, as recommended by the CPC, and as amended to incorporate the technical amendments reflected above.

Respectfully submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN STADIUM AND CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION

- NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS -

MEMBER PERRY: YES
CARDENAS: ABSENT
REYES: YES
LABONGE: YES
ROSENDAHL: ABSENT
HUIZAR (ALT): YES

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