

NEGATIVE DECLARATION, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the Los Angeles River Improvement Overlay (RIO) District.

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

1. FIND that this action is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 2, Subsection (m) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and is in compliance with the CEQA; that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 12-0096-S1 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning (DCP) in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; and ADOPT Negative Declaration [ENV-20073037-ND].
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, including the Environmental Findings, as the Findings of the Council.
4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated July 1, 2014, amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 12.03, 12.04, 12.32, 13.17 to authorize the establishment of RIO Districts and River Design Guidelines for designated areas adjacent to the City's waterways.
5. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 16, 2014, amending LAMC Section 12.04 to establish the Los Angeles RIO District and to amend the zoning map accordingly.
6. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinances dated December 9, 2013 and June 16, 2014.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP or the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against proposal: Atwater Village Neighborhood Council

(Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary

At a regular meeting held on July 1, 2014 (continued from January 14, 2014), the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered reports from the DCP and the City Attorney and ordinances relative to the RIO District. Department staff gave the Committee background information regarding the matter. Members of the public also spoke.

After an opportunity for public comments, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations in the City Attorney report and adopt the ordinances. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES

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