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April 24, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File
No. 13-0197, at its meeting held April 23, 2013.

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FILE NO. 13-0197

Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to a General Plan Amendment for the Warner Center (WC) 2035 Specific Plan, bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the to the west.

1. CERTIFY that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (EIR No. ENV-2008-3471-EIR; State Clearing House No. 1990011055) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Guidelines and the City Guidelines 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 City of Los Angeles; and that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 13-0197 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; and ADOPT the EIR.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS made pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and the Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared by the Department of City Planning (DCP).
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC), including the Environmental Findings, as the Findings of the Council.
4. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, as recommended by the Mayor, the Director of Planning and the LACPC, APPROVING the proposed General Plan Amendment General Plan Amendment to the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan, Transportation Element, as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles (as shown in the exhibits attached to the Council file) for the development of the WC 2035 Specific Plan, bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the to the west. The WC 2035 Specific Plan has been developed to address: 1) previously identified concerns, 2) the environmental analysis required by the 1993 Specific Plan, and 3) new planning and regulatory requirements associated with sustain ability and reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions.

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5. INSTRUCT the DCP to update the General Plan and appropriate maps pursuant to this action.

6. APPROVE the DCP technical changes dated February 19, 2013 (attached to the Council file) with the following amendment:

Revise Technical Correction No. 12 to read as follows: Clarify Section 6.1.2.3.7, Activity Nodes, to bring it into consistence with the LACPC approved map, including Victory Boulevard and De Soto Avenue as a node.

7. APPROVE the request to eliminate value limitation for remodeling projects and not limit remodeling exemptions to investments that are less than 50 percent of the replacement cost.

8. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present ordinances to:

a. Include requested rezoning actions to: effect changes of zone and height district for the WC Specific Plan area, adopt the WC 2035 Specific Plan, replace the existing designation of WC Warner Center Specific Plan Zone to its revised designation of the WC CL (College), CO (Commerce), DT (Downtown), NV (North Village), PK (Park), RV (River), TP (Topanga), and UT (Uptown) Zones, and repeal and replace existing WC Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 174061), for the area generally bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the to the west.

b. Amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish the WC Mobility Trust Fund and WC Cultural Arts Trust Fund.

c. Establish the WC Signage Supplemental Use District.

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.

B. SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, the following:

1. Clarify Section 6.1.2.3.7, Activity Nodes, to bring it into consistence with the LACPC approved map, including Victory Boulevard and Owensmouth Avenue as a node.

2. Allow for director signoff, in the Uptown and Downtown districts, for signs over 75 feet rather than requiring a Project Permit for such signage, to encourage attracting tenants without unnecessary delays for discretionary approvals.

3. Allow the definition of interior signs to cover courtyards where no vehicles are

permitted, as elsewhere in the City, even if open to pedestrians.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact, as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 30, 2013

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – APRIL 30, 2013)

Summary:

At the public hearing held on February 19, 2013, the PLUM Committee considered a General Plan Amendment for the Warner Center (WC) 2035 Specific Plan, bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the to the west. Staff from the DCP gave the Committee background information on the matter. Members of the public and staff from the Council Office also spoke.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve as amended: the reports from the Mayor, Director of Planning, and the LACPC regarding the EIR, the Statement of Overriding Considerations; the Resolution for the proposed General Plan Amendment to the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan, Transportation Element, as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles (as shown in the exhibits attached to the Council file) for the development of the WC 2035 Specific Plan, bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the to the west. The PLUM Committee also amended and approved the technical corrections submitted by the DCP, approved some of the requests submitted by Latham and Watkins LLP on February 19, 2013, and requested the City Attorney to prepare and present Ordinances to: include requested rezoning actions to: effect changes of zone and height district for the WC Specific Plan area, amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish the WC Mobility Trust Fund and WC Cultural Arts Trust Fund, and establish the WC Signage Supplemental Use District. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MEMBER
REYES:
HUIZAR:
ENGLANDER:

VOTE
YES
ABSENT
YES

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ADOPTED
As Amended
APR 23 2013
See Attached Motion
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

- Not Official Until Council Acts -

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council RECEIVE and FILE part B of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee report.

PRESENTED BY _____

DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

April 23, 2013

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ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Warner Center is located in southwestern corner of the San Fernando Valley within the City of Los Angeles and specifically within the communities of Woodland Hills and Canoga Park.

WHEREAS, Warner Center is designated as a Regional Center within the City's Canoga Park-West Hills-Winnetka-Woodland Hills Community Plan.

WHEREAS, historically, the Warner Center is generally bounded by Vanowen Street to the north, the Ventura Freeway to the south, De Soto Avenue to the east, and Topanga Canyon Boulevard on the west. The area is comprised of approximately 924 acres or 1.5 square miles.

WHEREAS, the new Plan for the area will have a new name, the **Warner Center 2035 Plan** replacing the predecessor ordinance's name, the Warner Center Specific Plan and with the new name is a larger geographic boundary which generally includes the north side of Vanowen Street between the Los Angeles River to the north, Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the west and De Soto Avenue to the east.

WHEREAS, the predecessor ordinance for the area, 1993 Warner Center Specific Plan, provided a heavy-handed, overly restrictive regulatory framework which in many ways failed to create any downtown vision and was unsuccessful in achieving many of its core goals.

WHEREAS, the **Warner Center 2035 Plan** is a development guide for the Warner Center Regional Center Transit Oriented District without the heavy-handed restrictions.

WHEREAS, the new Plan will provide a blueprint to give the developer the certainty of what is permitted under the Plan and the community the certainty that a development will provide the necessary public benefits and mitigations prescribed by the Specific Plan ordinance.

WHEREAS, the new Plan, with the new name and a renewed attitude towards development, will embrace development as fundamental to supporting the regional transportation investment with the Orange Line and as a result creating a vibrant TOD area based upon sustainability, community connectedness, accessible public transit, and promotion of innovative businesses, job diversity, and a safe and friendly pedestrian environment.

WHEREAS, like the previous Specific Plan, the new Plan is essentially both the General Plan and the proposed permanent zoning controls for the area and as such, any development consistent with the rules for new development under the Plan will be in compliance with both the General Plan and zoning code.

WHEREAS, the new Plan, with its implementing tools, will guide development to the year 2035 permitting approximately up to 20,000 new dwelling units in 23,500,000 square feet of floor area and up to 14,000,000 square feet of non-residential floor area.

WHEREAS, **Warner Center 2035 Plan** will provide a comprehensive and clear process that will permit development to occur in order to facilitate the creation of an urban center where people can live, work, and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan and the associated Transportation Element of the General Plan be amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been found adequate to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State and City Guidelines relating thereto and, that the City Council hereby certifies the Final Environmental Impact Report and instructs that a "Notice of Determination" be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Los Angeles City Clerk, in accordance with Los Angeles Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF **APR 23 2013**
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



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