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PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

MOTION

The Echo Park Community Design Overlay District (CDO) is located in the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan Area which contain some height district limitations that are not compatible with its neighborhood character.

The Planning department needs to remove the Height District 1-L designation from the Echo Park CDO, which only applies to a very small area within the CDO geographical boundaries.

The Height District 1-L designation within the Echo Park CDO is completely out of scale with surrounding uses and zoning, inasmuch as other heights range from 1-VL (45 feet) to 1-XL 30 feet). The 1L designation allows up to 75 feet in height, and is completely out of scale with the neighborhood.

The removal of 1-L height district will help further the objectives of the Echo Park CDO by protecting the character and identity of the area, preserving the area's significant architecture, preserving view shed, and maintaining a scale that is compatible with existing development, and will also enhance the pedestrian orientation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to initiate the proceedings for a height district change from the existing Height District 1-L designation in the Echo Park Community Design Overlay District which only applies to a small area within its geographical boundaries, inasmuch as it is completely out of scale with surrounding uses and zoning.

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