CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND), ERRATA to INITIAL STUDY and ND, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PLUM) REPORT, RESOLUTION, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to requesting a transfer of the land use authority from the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, and adding and amending Sections of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to effectuate the transfer of land use related plans and functions of the former local CRA.

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

- 1. FIND after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the Negative Declaration No. ENV-2019-4121-ND, Errata dated September 5, 2019 and all comments received, there is no substantial evidence the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; FIND the Negative Declaration reflects the City Council's independent judgment and analysis; and, ADOPT the Negative Declaration No. ENV-2019-4121-ND; DETERMINE, that based on the whole of the administrative record, that the accompanying Resolution and Ordinance are not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Public Resource Code, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15308 and 15320, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
- 2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Department of City Planning as the Findings of Council.
- 3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated September 6, 2019, adding Sections 11.13 and 11.5.14 and amending Sections 11.5.9 11.5.10, 12.04, 12.22, 12.24, 16.05, 16.11 and 19.01 of the LAMC establishing the procedures to facilitate the transfer of the land use authority from the former local Designated Local Authority Successor to the CRA (CRA/LA-DLA) to the City, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 34173(I), for the Project locations consisting of the following 19 unexpired Redevelopment Project Areas located throughout the City: North Hollywood, Chinatown, Broadway/Manchester, Wilshire/Koreatown, Crenshaw, Crenshaw/Slauson, Watts Corridor, Council District 9, Hollywood, Mid-City, Western/Slauson, Vermont/Manchester, Laurel Canyon, Westlake, Exposition/University Park, Adelante Eastside, Pacific Corridor, City Center, and Central Industrial.
- 4. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION dated September 6, 2019 requesting the transfer of the land use authority from the CRA/LA-DL to the City.
- 5. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated August 22, 2019 and Resolution dated August 22, 2019.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the Department of City Planning and the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on September 17, 2019, the Planning and Land Use Committee considered reports from the City Attorney, Department of City Planning, and the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, Resolution, and Ordinance relative to the land use authority from the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, and adding and amending Sections of the LAMC to effectuate the transfer of land use related plans and functions of the former local CRA. The Department of City Planning presented the reports and answered the Committee's questions regarding the transfer of authority. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that the Council adopt the Ordinance and Resolution dated September 6, 2019, and the Categorial Exemption, Negative Declaration, Errata, and related CEQA Finding. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON YES
BLUMENFIELD YES
PRICE YES
CEDILLO YES
LEE ABSENT

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