EXEMPTION, NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND), PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to clarify existing zoning requirements to allow for the creation of affordable housing through certain conditional use permits and public benefit projects.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell-Huizar):

- 1. FIND, that the City has complied with all of the procedural requirements related to the preparation, noticing and distribution of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a ND, the ND, and the initial study supporting the determination of a ND, as set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21091 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15071, 15072 and 15073; after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the ND No. ENV-2016-3432-ND, as circulated on March 2, 2017, and all comments received, that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment; that the ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; and, ADOPT the ND.
- 2. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the adoption of the ordinance is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- 3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of the Council.
- 4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated December 8, 2017 and approved by the Director of Planning on behalf of the LACPC, amending Sections 12.24 and 14.00 of the LAMC to clarify existing regulations and align affordability requirements across the range of zoning entitlements that allow for increased density or floor area ratio beyond what is allowed by zoning, ensuring the creation of affordable housing through certain conditional use permits and public benefit projects.
- 5. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2017-2022-CA

CEQA No. ENV-2017-2023-ND

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on December 12, 2017, the PLUM Committee considered a draft Ordinance relative to amending the LAMC to clarify existing zoning requirements to allow for the creation of affordable housing through certain conditional use permits and public benefit projects. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended on consent to approve the draft Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER: YOTE:
HUIZAR YES
HARRIS-DAWSON YES
ENGLANDER YES
BLUMENFIELD YES
PRICE ABSENT

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