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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(6) Abstain(4) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District shall fund only projects that will improve the lack of off street parking, maintenance of public right-of-ways including landscape areas, or beautify open spaces including enhancing public services in the Venice Beach recreation areas. All such funds shall be used only for projects that comply with the current Venice Local Land Use Plan (CCC certified 2001). The VNC shall appoint the two public members to the EIFD.

CIS in Opposition to Council File 14-1349-S1 unless amended

MOTION: Whereas the City of Los Angeles is considering an ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE DISTRICT (“EIFD”) for the geographic region or Venice http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1349-S1_misc_02-09-2017.pdf); and Whereas the community of Venice as represented by the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned that the decision making body described within the proposed EIFD known as “Public Financing Authority” will be a majority of City Council Members who do not represent the constituents of the Venice community; and

Whereas Venice is a unique Coastal Zone community that besides the LAMC falls under the regulations of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), and has special development considerations that are not required in any other community of Los Angeles City; and

Whereas Venice has a CCC Certified Land Use Plan that described community character, scale and mass and how it relates to the historic nature and preservation of its prior geographic designation as a City in California, “Venice of America”; and Whereas in 1925 the City of Venice of America was incorporated into the City of Los Angeles along with the requirement for the City of Los Angeles to maintain all Venice of America holdings which includes all public right-of-ways, public streets, alleys, parking lots, walk streets, waterways, park lands and other open spaces including the beaches; and

Whereas the streets of Venice have not been maintained and does not comply in many cases to current City of Los Angeles standards nor to State or Federal public access standard, railroad tracks in our streets that were abandoned in the 1950’s still remain, the street surfaces are cluttered with temporary pothole patches, sidewalks that do not provide ADA compliance, landscaping along our streets is non-existent or dead weeds, street trees go unpruned and in some cases when a tree is killed within the right-of-way the City does not replace them; and

Whereas many properties in Venice were constructed at a time when public transportation was the primary service to the region and a local circulating miniature train and trolley services moved people into and around the community, and many most properties in Venice do not have onsite automobile parking. In the 1970’s the City of Los Angeles started requiring all projects to provide parking and properties prior to this new law would be credited or grandfathered with phantom stalls. But the Venice Neighborhood Council demand for parking as more and more people live and visit Venice has caused a tremendous need for additional parking.

Therefore, the VNC recommends the EIFD shall fund only projects that will improve the lack of off street parking, maintenance of public rights-of-way including landscape areas, or beautify open spaces including enhancing public services in the Venice Beach recreation areas. All such funds shall be used only for projects that comply with the current Venice Local Land Use Plan (CCC certified 2001). The VNC shall appoint the two public members to the EIFD.