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File No. 15-0038

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to appeals for property at 1905, 1911, and 1915 Armacost.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 15-0038 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration [ENV-2009-1085-MND] filed on October 14, 2011.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee dated April 28, 2015, attached to the Council file, as the Findings of the Council.
3. RESOLVE TO GRANT IN PART / DENY IN PART THE APPEALS filed by Jay Handal, Al Casas, and Samantha Giroux-Chaves, from the entire determination of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC), and THEREBY APPROVE an increase in enrollment to 825 students for the 2015-16 school year and REQUIRE compliance to the additional conditions requested by Council District 11, including a provision prohibiting the New West Charter School from seeking additional enrollment increases for a period of seven years, for the operation of a State-licensed charter middle and high school, located at 1905, 1911 and 1915 Armacost Avenue, subject to modified Conditions of Approval attached to the Council file.

Applicant: New West Charter School

Representative: Neil Brower, Jeffer Mangels Butler and Mitchell, LLP

Case No. CPC-2011-1923-CU-SPR-PA1

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Oppose: West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

TIME LIMIT FILE - MAY 12, 2015

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 12, 2015)

Summary

At the public hearing held on April 28, 2015, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered appeals for property at 1905, 1911, 1915 Armacost. Department of City Planning staff gave the Committee background information on the matter. Councilmember Bonin spoke and requested that the Committee: approve the increase in enrollment to 825 students for the 2015-16

school year, approve the additional conditions, and require compliance to the additional conditions requested by Council District 11, including a provision prohibiting the New West Charter School from seeking additional enrollment increases for a period of seven years. The applicant's representative also spoke and informed the Committee of New West Charter School's objection to Condition No. 1 of Councilmember Bonin's list of conditions and requested that the objection be noted.

Appellants (Jay Handal and Al Casas) and members of the public provided testimony. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council grant in part and deny in part the appeals and thereby approve an increase in enrollment to 825 students for the 2015-16 school year and require compliance to the additional conditions requested by Council District 11, including a provision prohibiting the New West Charter School from seeking additional enrollment increases for a period of seven years, for the operation of a State-licensed charter middle and high school, located at 1905, 1911 and 1915 Armacost Avenue, subject to modified Conditions of Approval attached to the Council file. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
ENGLANDER:	YES

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