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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(23) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(4) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/12/2018

Type of NC Board Action: Against

**Impact Information**

Date: 06/22/2018

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Item Number:

Summary: Re: INCREASE TO CEQA FEES

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- Disclose to the public the agency decision making process utilized to approve discretionary projects through findings and statements of overriding consideration.
- Enhance public participation in the environmental review process through scoping meetings, public notice, public review, hearings, and the judicial process.
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If the purpose of the motion is to adjust for "cost of living" type increases, the Board proposes an increase not to exceed 10% over 5 years as a reasonable cost adjustment.

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**Board of Directors**

June 15, 2018

Planning Commission  
Planning & Land Use Committee  
City Planning Dept.  
200 N. Spring Street  
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CPC-2018-2657-CA CPC-2018-2658-CE  
CF 16-0297

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The purpose of CEQA per the State of California is as follows:

(California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 - 21178, and Title 14 CCR, Section 753, and Chapter 3, Sections 15000 - 15387)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is California's broadest environmental law. CEQA helps to guide the Department during issuance of permits and approval of projects. Courts have interpreted CEQA to afford the fullest protection of the environment within the reasonable scope of the statutes. CEQA applies to all discretionary projects proposed to be conducted or approved by a California public agency, including private projects requiring discretionary government approval.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan Kumamoto', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan Kumamoto  
President, HCNC

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