

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to increase the General Plan Maintenance Surcharge (GPMS) fee.

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

1. FIND that the Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(m) of the City's CEQA Guidelines, in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because the proposed Ordinance merely increases the existing GPMS fee from five percent to seven percent.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated July 17, 2017, amending Sections 19.16 and 98.0418 of the LAMC to increase the GPMS, in order to fund costs related to expansion of the City's Community Planning Program to fund updates to the Community Plans.
3. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) to report back on the implementation plan to update the community plans.
4. NOTE and FILE the report from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) dated July 13, 2017 inasmuch as it is provided for informational purposes only.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that, consistent with the City's Financial Policies, the Mayor and Council have authorized setting the GPMS at a level lower than full cost recovery and have appropriated the necessary funds to subsidize the fee for service. The revised fee will provide a more reliable funding source for the DCP's Community Planning Program and decrease the Department's reliance on the General Fund by \$5 million.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For, if Amended: Palms Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a meeting held on July 25, 2017, the PLUM Committee considered a draft Ordinance to amend the LAMC to increase the GPMS fee. Staff from the CAO and DCP provided a summary of the intent of the Ordinance. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the draft Ordinance and note and file the CAO report. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that is difficult to decipher but appears to be a personal name.

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
HUIZAR	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
ENGLANDER	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PRICE	YES

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