

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL  
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<b>CITY PLANNING CASE:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b>
CPC-2016-2583-GPA	ENV-2015-2329-CE	ALL
<b>PROJECT ADDRESS:</b>		
Citywide		
<b>APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:</b>		<b>CONTACT INFORMATION :</b>
CITY OF LOS ANGELES		
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<b>APPROVED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>		
<p>A proposed resolution amending the Public Recreation Plan of the Service Systems Element of the Los Angeles City General Plan to modernize the definitions for neighborhood, community, and regional sites and facilities and updates the guidelines.</p>		

**COMMISSION ACTION(S) / ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ACTION(S): (CEA's PLEASE CONFIRM)**

**At its meeting of August 11, 2016, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission took the following action:**

- 1. Adopted** the **staff report** as its report on the subject.
- 2. Adopted** the **Findings**.
- 3. Adopted** the Categorical Exemption No. **ENV-2015-2329-CE** as the CEQA clearance on the subject.
- 4. Approved** the **proposed resolution** to amend the Public Recreation Plan, a portion of the Service Systems Element of the General Plan, and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**

- 1. Recommend** that the City Council **adopt** the **proposed resolution** to amend the Public Recreation Plan, a portion of the Service Systems Element of the General Plan.
- 2. Recommend** that the City Council **Find** that the project is Categorically Exempt (No. **ENV-2015-2329-CE**) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and **adopt** the related environmental Findings.

**ENTITLEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

GPA

**FINAL ENTITLEMENTS NOT ADVANCING:**

N/A

**ITEMS APPEALED:**

N/A







# LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LETTER OF DETERMINATION

Mailing Date: **AUG 12 2016**

**CASE NO.:** CPC-2016-2583-GPA  
**CEQA:** ENV-2015-2329-CE

**Location:** Citywide  
**Council Districts:** All  
**Plan Areas:** All  
**Request:** Resolution amending the Public Recreation Plan

**Applicant:** City of Los Angeles

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### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

1. **Recommend** that the City Council **adopt** the **proposed resolution** to amend the Public Recreation Plan, a portion of the Service Systems Element of the General Plan.
2. **Recommend** that the City Council **Find** that the project is Categorically Exempt (No. **ENV-2015-2329-CE**) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and **adopt** the related environmental Findings.

### This action was taken by the following vote:

**Moved:** Perlman  
**Seconded:** Mack  
**Ayes:** Ambroz, Choe, Millman, Dake-Wilson  
**Absent:** Ahn, Katz  
**Recused:** Padilla-Campos

**Vote:** 6 - 0

  
James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II  
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

**Effective Date/Appeals:** The determination of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission is final and not appealable.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Attachment: Findings, Resolution

Principal Planner: Thomas Rothmann, City Planner: Phyllis Nathanson, City Planning Assistant: Yi Lu

## LAND USE FINDINGS

### General Plan/Charter Findings

- 1. In accordance with Charter Section 556, that the proposed resolution (Appendix A) is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan.**

The General Plan Amendment (GPA) amends the Public Recreation Plan of the Service Systems Element of the Los Angeles City General Plan to revise the outdated definitions of recreation site and facilities to reflect the current conditions and needs for park and recreational space.

Chapter 6 of Framework Element of the General Plan states:

- Park standards do not reflect current conditions and needs.
- Standards for various categories of parks, which were created when the availability of open space was not as limited, should be re-examined in view of changing population and urban form dynamics. If the population continues to grow and the amount of open space available remains more or less the same, the discrepancy between what is and what should be will continue to widen.

Chapter 9 of Framework Element of the General Plan policies:

- 9.23.5 Re-evaluate the current park standards and develop modified standards which recognize urban parks, including multi-level facilities, smaller sites, more intense use of land, public/private partnerships and so on. (P14)
- 9.23.7 Establish guidelines for developing non-traditional public park spaces like community gardens, farmer's markets, and public plazas. (P14)

The GPA implements the Framework Element's calls for action to re-evaluate and revise the current Park Standard set by the Public Recreation Plan, a portion of the Service Systems Element of the City's General Plan. The Plan provides recreational definitions, standards, and policies, emphasizing neighborhood and community recreational sites for the City. It also identifies the types of facilities typically provided at these facilities. However, the highly restrictive service radius for different park types has resulted in the city's limited ability to create new parks in certain neighborhoods. The list of allowable park facility type is outdated and out of context for an urbanized City. In addition, the list of facilities do not provide the City with the needed flexibility to respond to community-driven and place-appropriate facilities such as community gardens and trails. This amendment is a direct response to those issues. It revises the definition of parks of different levels and increases flexibility in how parks can be built, which conforms to the purposes, intents and provisions outlined in the Framework Element of the General Plan.

- 2. In accordance with Charter Section 558 (b) (2), the proposed resolution (Appendix A) is in substantial conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice.**

Abundant and accessible parks and open space are essential components of healthy and sustainable neighborhoods. Park and recreational facilities offer opportunities for physical activity, safe places for families and children, and spaces for social interaction. The Southern California Association of Governments Regional Growth Forecast estimates that the City will add approximately 600,000 new residents by 2040. Therefore, it is necessary to acquire and develop new park and recreational facilities to serve the new residential population and to maintain service levels.

The GPA which revises the definition of parks at different levels will help remove the existing constraints for park development, and allow more parks to be established through land dedication or collection of park fees; therefore it supports the growing public need for park and recreational space, as well as the general welfare of the community.

### **CEQA Findings**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this proposed project is exempt pursuant to General Exemption Article 19, Sections: 15273, Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges; a(4); 15378, Project, b(4); and Categorical Exemption sections: 15301, Existing Facilities (Class 1); 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2); 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3); 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4); 15316, Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks (Class 16);

**DETERMINATION MAILING**  
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**MAILING DATE: AUGUST 12, 2016**  
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