

Findings

LAND USE FINDINGS

The Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission, find:

1. In accordance with Charter Section 556, the proposed ordinance (Appendix A) is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan. The ordinance facilitates pet adoption, and provides for a land use important to the community by enabling pet shops having four or more adult dogs overnight to operate in commercial zones. By doing so, it supports the following goals and objectives: Goal 3A of the Citywide General Plan Framework, to further shape “a physically balanced distribution of land uses that contributes towards and facilitates the City’s long-term fiscal and economic viability;” and Objective 3.1, to “accommodate a diversity of uses that support the needs of the City’s existing and future residents, businesses, and visitors.” In addition, by enabling pet shops to operate in commercial zones, the ordinance supports a goal found throughout the Citywide General Plan Framework, which is to reinforce existing neighborhood districts, community centers, or regional centers that, “accommodate a broad range of uses that serve the needs of adjacent residents, promote neighborhood activity, are compatible with adjacent neighborhoods, and are developed as desirable places to work and visit.” Furthermore, the ordinance protects public health, safety and welfare by establishing a set of development and operational standards for pet shops in commercial zones keeping four or more adult dogs overnight.

2. In accordance with Charter Section 558 (b)(2), the proposed ordinance will be in conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice through land use regulations. The development and operational standards represent good zoning practice that will ensure pet shops located in commercial zones will be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and will also protect public health, safety and general welfare. In addition, allowing pet shops to locate in commercial zones will increase the accessibility and visibility of the shops to the general public, making pet adoption more convenient.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Negative Declaration ENV-2017-4076-ND (Appendix C) was prepared. The Department of City Planning determined that the proposed ordinance (Appendix A) would not have a significant impact on the environment. The notice for the attached Negative Declaration was published in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, March 22, 2018, and reflects the lead agency’s independent judgment and analysis. The records upon which this decision

is based are located at the Code Studies Division of the Department of City Planning in Room 701, 200 North Spring Street.

On the basis of the whole of the record before the lead agency, including any comments received, the lead agency finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed ordinance (Appendix A) will have a negative effect on the environment.