NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND), EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTION, and ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to establish an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee (AHLF) and Housing Impact Trust Fund (HITF).

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

- 1. FIND, that the City has complied with all of the procedural requirements related to the preparation, noticing and distribution of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a ND, the ND and the initial study supporting the determination of a ND, as set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21091 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15071, 15072 and 15073; after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the ND No. ENV-2016-3432-ND, as circulated on March 2, 2017, and all comments received, that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment; that the ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; and, ADOPT the ND.
- 2. FIND, that the adoption of the ordinance(s) does not constitute a project, as defined by CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), which states that a project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from CEQA based upon CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), if the adoption of the ordinance(s) was found to be a project.
- 3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of the Council.
- 4. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION approving a fee schedule for the assessment of a AHLF on eligible projects pursuant to LAMC Section 19.18, et seq., and maps establishing the respective market areas throughout the City that informs the amount of the AHLF to be assessed for a given development project.
- 5. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated October 18, 2017, adding Section 19.18 and amending Section 16.02 of the LAMC to establish an AHLF.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated October 18, 2017, adding Section 5.582 to Chapter 176 to the LAAC to create the HITF for the receipt and use of AHLF monies.

- 7. INSTRUCT the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to report back on the necessary analysis and recommendations for its administrative costs, as part of its report back on the Expenditure Plan.
- 8. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) to report back on options for exempting non-profits, including recommendations on a potential waiver process, as part of the first annual review by the Oversight Committee.
- 9. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinances dated October 6, 2017.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2016-3431-CA

CEQA No. ENV-2016-3432-ND

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the LACPC, nor the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

For, if Amended:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Against:

Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Against, unless Amended: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

(Housing Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

<u>Summary</u>:

At a regular meeting held on October 24, 2017, the PLUM Committee considered draft Ordinances relative to establishing the AHLF and HITF. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the draft Ordinances with additional instructions to HCID and DCP to report back on administrative costs as part of the Expenditure Plan and on options for exempting or waiving non-profits, respectively. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER: VOTE:
HUIZAR YES
HARRIS-DAWSON YES
ENGLANDER ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD YES
PRICE YES

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