

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PLUM) REPORT, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to procedures for appealing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations by lower decision-making bodies.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar - Koretz) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the accompanying draft Ordinance is not a "Project" under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308 (Class 8) on the basis that the draft ordinance codifies existing City practices and State law.
2. FIND that the accompanying Ordinance is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class 8 Categorical Exemption) on the basis that it provides clarity and guidance to the general public as to how appeals to CEQA can be made.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPCP) dated August 30, 2018 as the Findings of Council.
4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying draft ORDINANCE dated July 30, 2019 adding Section 11.5.13 to Article 1.5 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish a procedure for appeals to Council from CEQA determinations by a lower decision-making bodies.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2018-2657-CA

Environmental No. ENV-2018-2658-CE

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

10 VOTES REQUIRED ON SECOND READING

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on September 17, 2019, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a City Attorney report and Ordinance dated July 30, 2019, relative to procedures for appealing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations by a lower decision-making bodies. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the Ordinance. This matter is forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PRICE	YES
CEDILLO	YES
LEE	ABSENT

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