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Erik Bowers (E) Jack Little Co. Inc. 17620 Sherman Way Blvd Van Nuys, CA 91406 RE: Tentative Tract Map No. 74500-CN

Related Case No.: N/A

Address(s): 1553 S. Armacost Ave Planning Area: West Los Angeles

Zone : R3-1 D. M. : 126B145

C. D. : 11

CEQA: ENV-2017-13-CE

In accordance with provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 17.03, the Advisory Agency approved Tentative Tract Map No. 74500-CN, located at 1553 South Armacost Avenue for the subdivision of one lot with a maximum of eight (8) condominium units as shown on map stamp-dated January 4, 2017 in the West Los Angeles Community Plan. This unit density is based on the RD1.5 Zone. (The subdivider is hereby advised that the LAMC may not permit this maximum approved density. Therefore, verification should be obtained from the Department of Building and Safety for legal interpretation of the Zoning Code as it applies to this particular property.) For an appointment with the Development Services Center call (213) 482-7077, (818) 374-5050, or (310)231-2598. The Advisory Agency's approval is subject to the following conditions:

NOTE on clearing conditions: When two or more **agencies** must clear a condition, subdivider should follow the sequence indicated in the condition. For the benefit of the applicant, subdivider shall maintain record of all conditions cleared, including all material supporting clearances and be prepared to present copies of the clearances to each reviewing agency as may be required by its staff at the time of its review.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Any questions regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Georgic Avanesian or Julia Li of the Land Development Section, located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 200, or by calling (213) 202-3484.

- 1. That a 2.5-foot wide strip of land be dedicated along the alley adjoining the tract to complete a 10-foot wide half alley.
- 2. That any fee deficit under Work Order No. EXT00737 expediting this project be paid.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, GRADING DIVISION

3. That prior to issuance of a grading or building permit, or prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall make suitable arrangements to assure compliance, satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division, with all the requirements and conditions contained in the Soils Report Approval Letter dated April 5, 2017, Log No. 96185-01 and attached to the case file for Tract No. 74500.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, ZONING DIVISION

An appointment is required for the issuance of a clearance letter from the Department of Building and Safety. The applicant is asked to contact Laura Duong at (213) 482-0434 to schedule an appointment.

- 4. <u>Prior to recordation of the final map</u>, the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Division shall certify that no Building or Zoning Code violations exist on the subject site. In addition, the following items shall be satisfied:
 - a. Obtain permits for the demolition or removal of all existing structures on the site. Accessory structures and uses are not permitted to remain on lots without a main structure or use. Provide copies of the demolition permits and signed inspection cards to show completion of the demolition work.
 - b. Show all street/alley dedication(s) as required by Bureau of Engineering and provide net lot area after all dedication. "Area" requirements shall be re-checked as per net lot area after street/alley dedication.

Notes:

The proposed building plans have not been checked for and shall comply with Building and Zoning Code requirements. With the exception of revised health or safety standards, the subdivider shall have a vested right to proceed with the proposed development in substantial compliance with the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the time the subdivision application was deemed complete. Plan check will be required before any construction, occupancy or change of use.

If the proposed development does not comply with the current Zoning Code, all zoning violations shall be indicated on the Map.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

If you have any questions, contact (213)482-7024 for any questions regarding the conditions.

5. Prior to recordation of the final map, satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the

Department of Transportation to assure:

- A minimum 20-foot reservoir space is required between any security gate or parking space and the property line, to the satisfaction of DOT.
- b. Parking stalls shall be designed so that a vehicle is not required to back into or out of any public street or sidewalk.
- c. This project is subject to the West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan requirements. A parking area and driveway plan shall be submitted to the Department of Transportation for approval prior to submittal of building permit plans by the Department of Building and Safety. Final DOT approval should be accomplished by submitting detailed site/driveway plans at a scale of 1"=40" to DOT's West LA/Coastal Development Review Section located at 7166 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, 90045. Please contact 213-485-1062 for an appointment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contact regarding these conditions must be with the Hydrant and Access Unit. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished <u>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</u>, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting please call (213) 482-6504. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

- 6. <u>Prior to the recordation of the final map</u>, a suitable arrangement shall be made satisfactory to the Fire Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Submittal of plot plans for Fire Department review and approval prior to recordation of Tract Map Action.
 - b. Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.
 - c. The entrance to a Residence lobby must be within 50 feet of the desired street address curb face.
 - d. Where above ground floors are used for residential purposes, the access requirement shall be interpreted as being the horizontal travel distance from the street, driveway, alley, or designated fire lane to the main entrance of individual units.
 - e. The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - f. No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - g. The Fire Department may require additional vehicular access where buildings exceed 28 feet in height.

Policy Exception: L.A.M.C. 57.09.03.B Exception:

- When this exception is applied to a fully fire sprinklered residential building equipped with a wet standpipe outlet inside an exit stairway with at least a 2 hour rating the distance from the wet standpipe outlet in the stairway to the entry door of any dwelling unit or guest room shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel AND the distance from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane to the door into the same exit stairway directly from outside the building shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel.
- It is the intent of this policy that in no case will the maximum travel distance exceed 150 feet inside the structure and 150 feet outside the structure. The term "horizontal travel" refers to the actual path of travel to be taken by a person responding to an emergency in the building.
- This policy does not apply to single-family dwellings or to non-residential buildings.
- h. Building designs for multi-storied residential buildings shall incorporate at least one access stairwell off the main lobby of the building; But, in no case greater than 150ft horizontal travel distance from the edge of the public street, private street or Fire Lane. This stairwell shall extend unto the roof.
- i. Entrance to the main lobby shall be located off the address side of the building.
- j. Any required Fire Annunciator panel or Fire Control Room shall be located within 50ft visual line of site of the main entrance stairwell or to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.
- k. Where rescue window access is required, provide conditions and improvements necessary to meet accessibility standards as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department.
- I. The following recommendations of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which includes the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features: fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width; all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant, and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane
- m. Site plans shall include all overhead utility lines adjacent to the site.
- n. Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

7. Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for compliance with LADWP's Water System Rules and requirements. Upon compliance with these conditions and requirements, LADWP's Water Services

Organization will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1.(c).)

BUREAU OF SANITATION

8. Wastewater Collection Systems Division of the Bureau of Sanitation has inspected the sewer/storm drain lines serving the subject tract and found no potential problems to their structures or potential maintenance problem, as stated in the memo dated January 18, 2017. Upon compliance with its conditions and requirements, the Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Collection Systems Division will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1. (d).).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

9. To assure that cable television facilities will be installed in the same manner as other required improvements, please email cabletv.ita@lacity.org that provides an automated response with the instructions on how to obtain the Cable TV clearance. The automated response also provides the email address of 3 people in case the applicant/owner has any additional questions.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

10. That the Park Fee paid to the Department of Recreation and Parks be calculated as a Subdivision (Quimby in-lieu) fee.

URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

11. Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree plantings, the subdivider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division (213-847-3077) upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.

Note:

All protected tree removals must be approved by the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: 213-847-3077.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING-SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- 12. Prior to the recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall prepare and execute a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Limit the proposed development to a maximum of eight (8) condominium units.
 - b. Provide a minimum of two (2) covered off-street parking spaces per dwelling unit on-site.

c. Provide a minimum of a ½ guest parking spaces per dwelling unit. A maximum of two guest parking spaces may be replaced with bicycle parking pursuant to LAMC Section 12.21-A,4.

All guest spaces shall be readily accessible, conveniently located, specifically reserved for guest parking, posted and maintained satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety.

If guest parking spaces are gated, a voice response system shall be installed at the gate. Directions to guest parking spaces shall be clearly posted. Tandem parking spaces shall not be used for guest parking.

In addition, prior to issuance of a building permit, a parking plan showing off-street parking spaces, as required by the Advisory Agency, be submitted for review and approval by the Department of City Planning (200 North Spring Street, Room 750).

- d. <u>Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy</u>, a minimum 6-foot-high slumpstone or decorative masonry wall shall be constructed adjacent to neighboring residences, if no such wall already exists, except in required front yard.
- e. That a solar access report shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Advisory Agency prior to obtaining a grading permit.
- f. That the subdivider considers the use of natural gas and/or solar energy and consults with the Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company regarding feasible energy conservation measures.
- g. Recycling bins shall be provided at appropriate locations to promote recycling of paper, metal, glass, and other recyclable material.
- h. The applicant shall install shielded lighting to reduce any potential illumination affecting adjacent properties.
- 13. The applicant shall submit proof of compliance with the required tenant relocation assistance as determined by the Housing + Community Investment Department or the applicant shall execute and record a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a form satisfactory to the Advisory Agency binding the applicant and any successor in interest to provide tenant relocation assistance and establish a relocation program in a manner consistent with Section 47.07 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to demolition. The covenant and agreement shall be executed and recorded with 10 days after the expiration of the appeal period (and final action thereon) and a copy provided to each eligible tenant within five days of recordation of the covenant and agreement.
- 14. Within 10 days after the time to appeal has expired, the applicant shall execute and record a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a form satisfactory to the Advisory Agency binding the applicant and any successor in interest to the affirmative duty to abide by all provisions of the Ellis Act (Government Code §§ 7060, et seq.) and §§ 151.22 151.28 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.
- 15. <u>Prior to the clearance of any tract map conditions</u>, the applicant shall show proof that all fees have been paid to the Department of City Planning, Expedited Processing Section.

16. <u>Indemnification and Reimbursement of Litigation Costs.</u>

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- a. Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including <u>but not limited to</u>, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- b. Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages and/or settlement costs.
- c. Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (b).
- d. Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement. (b)
- e. If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interests, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commission,

committees, employees and volunteers.

"Action" shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - STANDARD CONDOMINIUM CONDITIONS

- C-1 That approval of this tract constitutes approval of model home uses, including a sales office and off-street parking. Where the existing zoning is (T) or (Q) for multiple residential use, no construction or use shall be permitted until the final map has recorded or the proper zone has been effectuated. If models are constructed under this tract approval, the following conditions shall apply:
 - 1. Prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall submit a plot plan for approval by the Development Services Section of the Department of City Planning showing the location of the model dwellings, sales office and off-street parking. The sales office must be within one of the model buildings.
 - 2. All other conditions applying to Model Dwellings under Section 12.22A, 10 and 11 and Section 17.05 O of the Code shall be fully complied with satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety.
- C-2 Prior to the recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall pay or guarantee the payment of a park and recreation fee based on the latest fee rate schedule applicable. The amount of said fee to be established by the Advisory Agency in accordance with Section 17.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and to be paid and deposited in the trust accounts of the Park and Recreation Fund.
- C-3 That a landscape plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect, be submitted to and approved by the Advisory Agency in accordance with CP-6730 <u>prior to obtaining any permit</u>. The landscape plan shall identify tree replacement on a 1:1 basis by a minimum of 24-inch box trees for the unavoidable loss of desirable trees on the site. Failure to comply with this condition as written shall require the filing of a modification to this tract map in order to clear the condition.
 - In the event the subdivider decides not to request a permit before the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement satisfactory to the Advisory Agency guaranteeing the submission of such plan before obtaining any permit shall be recorded.
- C-4 In order to expedite the development, the applicant may apply for a building permit for an apartment building. However, <u>prior to issuance of a building permit for apartments building</u>, the registered civil engineer, architect or licensed land surveyor shall certify in a letter to the Advisory Agency that all applicable tract conditions affecting the physical design of the building and/or site, have been included into the building plans. Such letter is sufficient to clear this condition. <u>In addition, all of the applicable tract conditions shall be stated in full on the building plans and a copy of the plans shall be reviewed and</u>

approved by the Advisory Agency prior to submittal to the Department of Building and Safety for a building permit.

OR

If a building permit for apartments will not be requested, the project civil engineer, architect or licensed land surveyor must certify in a letter to the Advisory Agency that the applicant will not request a permit for apartments and intends to acquire a building permit for a condominium building(s). Such letter is sufficient to clear this condition.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - STANDARD CONDITIONS

- S-1. (a) That the sewerage facilities charge be deposited prior to recordation of the final map over all of the tract in conformance with Section 64.11.2 of the LAMC.
 - (b) That survey boundary monuments be established in the field in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and located within the California Coordinate System prior to recordation of the final map. Any alternative measure approved by the City Engineer would require prior submission of complete field notes in support of the boundary survey.
 - (c) That satisfactory arrangements be made with both the Water System and the Power System of the Department of Water and Power with respect to water mains, fire hydrants, service connections and public utility easements.
 - (d) That any necessary sewer, street, drainage and street lighting easements be dedicated. In the event it is necessary to obtain off-site easements by separate instruments, records of the Bureau of Right-of-Way and Land shall verify that such easements have been obtained. The above requirements do not apply to easements of off-site sewers to be provided by the City.
 - (e) That drainage matters be taken care of satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - (f) That satisfactory street, sewer and drainage plans and profiles as required, together with a lot grading plan of the tract and any necessary topography of adjoining areas be submitted to the City Engineer.
 - (g) That any required slope easements be dedicated by the final map.
 - (h) That each lot in the tract complies with the width and area requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - (i) That 1-foot future streets and/or alleys be shown along the outside of incomplete public dedications and across the termini of all dedications abutting unsubdivided property. The 1-foot dedications on the map shall include a restriction against their use of access purposes until such time as they are accepted for public use.
 - (j) That any 1-foot future street and/or alley adjoining the tract be dedicated for public use by the tract, or that a suitable resolution of acceptance be transmitted to the City Council with the final map.

- (k) That no public street grade exceeds 15%.
- (I) That any necessary additional street dedications be provided to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010.
- S-2. That the following provisions be accomplished in conformity with the improvements constructed herein:
 - (a) Survey monuments shall be placed and permanently referenced to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. A set of approved field notes shall be furnished, or such work shall be suitably guaranteed, except where the setting of boundary monuments requires that other procedures be followed.
 - (b) Make satisfactory arrangements with the Department of Transportation with respect to street name, warning, regulatory and guide signs.
 - (c) All grading done on private property outside the tract boundaries in connection with public improvements shall be performed within dedicated slope easements or by grants of satisfactory rights of entry by the affected property owners.
 - (d) All improvements within public streets, private street, alleys and easements shall be constructed under permit in conformity with plans and specifications approved by the Bureau of Engineering.
 - (e) Any required bonded sewer fees shall be paid <u>prior to recordation of the final</u> map.
- S-3. That the following improvements be either constructed <u>prior to recordation of the final map</u> or that the construction be suitably guaranteed:
 - (a) Construct on-site sewers to serve the tract as determined by the City Engineer.
 - (b) Construct any necessary drainage facilities.
 - (c) No street lighting requirements.
 - (d) Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Maintenance. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree planting, the subdivider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division (213-485-5675) upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.
 - (e) Repair or replace any off-grade or broken curb, gutter and sidewalk satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - (f) Construct access ramps for the handicapped as required by the City Engineer.
 - (g) Close any unused driveways satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - (h) Construct any necessary additional street improvements to comply with the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010.

- (i) That the following improvements be either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction be suitably guaranteed:
 - a) Improve Armacost Avenue adjoining the tract by the construction of a new concrete curb and a new concrete gutter and a new 5-foot concrete sidewalk adjacent to the property line and landscaping of the parkway including any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements.
 - b) Improve the alley being dedicated by construction of a 10-foot wide half alley roadway with 2-foot wide center longitudinal gutter including any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvement satisfactory to the City Engineer
 - c) Construct the necessary on-site mainlines sewers satisfactory to the City Engineer.

NOTES:

The Advisory Agency approval is the maximum number of units permitted under the tract action. However the existing or proposed zoning may not permit this density.

Approval from Board of Public Works may be necessary before removal of any street trees in conjunction with the improvements in this tract map through Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division.

Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System, to pay for removal, relocation, replacement or adjustment of power facilities due to this development. The subdivider must make arrangements for the underground installation of all new utility lines in conformance with LAMC Section 17.05N.

The final map must record within 36 months of this approval, unless a time extension is granted before the end of such period.

The Advisory Agency hereby finds that this tract conforms to the California Water Code, as required by the Subdivision Map Act.

The subdivider should consult the Department of Water and Power to obtain energy saving design features which can be incorporated into the final building plans for the subject development. As part of the Total Energy Management Program of the Department of Water and Power, this nocost consultation service will be provided to the subdivider upon his request.

FINDINGS OF FACT (CEQA)

The Department of City Planning, on May 18, 2017, issued ENV-2017-13-CE, and determined that the City of Los Angeles Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act designates the subject project as categorically exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 32.

FINDINGS OF FACT (SUBDIVISION MAP ACT)

In connection with the approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 74500-CN, the Advisory Agency of

the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Sections 66473.1, 66474.60, .61 and .63 of the State of California Government Code (the Subdivision Map Act), makes the prescribed findings as follows:

(a) THE PROPOSED MAP WILL BE/IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

The Land Use Element is one of eleven elements of the General Plan and is comprised of 35 Community Plans. In addition to the goals, objectives, and policies contained within the Community Plan, the Land Use Element is implemented through the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The zoning regulations contained within the LAMC regulates, but is not limited to, the maximum permitted density, height, parking, and the subdivision of land.

The subdivision of land is regulated pursuant to Article 7 of the LAMC. Specifically, Section 17.05-C requires that the tentative tract map be designed in compliance with the zoning applicable to the project site. The project site is located within the West Los Angeles Community Plan, one of 35 Community Plans that make up the Land Use Element of the General Plan. The Community Plan designates the site with a Medium Residential land use designation, which lists the R3 Zone as the corresponding zone. The project site is zoned R3-1, which is consistent with the land use designation, and would permit a maximum of eight dwellings on the approximately 7,004 square-foot site. As shown on the tract map, the project proposes to subdivide the project site for a maximum of eight condominium units, which is consistent with the density permitted by the zone. The site is located in the West Los Angeles Transportation and Improvement Mitigation Specific Plan. The tract map and proposed project was reviewed by the Department of Transportation, which implements the Specific Plan, and has been conditioned to comply with the requirements of the Specific Plan.

In addition to LAMC Section 17.05-C, LAMC Section 17.06-B requires that the tract map be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed surveyor or registered civil engineer. The tract map was prepared by Jack Little Co., Inc. and contains information regarding the boundaries of the project site, as well as the abutting public rights-of-way. As the project site is a legal lot which has frontage and access from Armacost Avenue, an easement is not required for the purposes of access. The tract map indicates the tract number, notes, legal description, contact information for the owner, applicant, and engineer, as well as other pertinent information as required by LAMC Section 17.06-B. Therefore, the proposed map demonstrates compliance with LAMC Sections 17.05-C and 17.06-B and is consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(b) THE DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ARE CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

For purposes of a subdivision, design and improvement is defined by Section 66418 of the Subdivision Map Act and LAMC Section 17.02. Design refers to the configuration and layout of the proposed lots in addition to the proposed site plan layout. Pursuant to Section 66427(a) of the Subdivision Map Act, the location of the buildings is not considered as part of the approval or disapproval of the map by the Advisory Agency. Easements and/or access and "improvements" refers to the infrastructure facilities serving the subdivision. LAMC Section 17.05 enumerates the design standards for a tract map and requires that each map be designed in conformance with the Street Design Standards and in conformance with the General Plan. As indicated in Finding (a), LAMC Section 17.05-C

requires that the tract map be designed in conformance with the zoning regulations of the project site. As the project site is zoned R3-1, the zone would permit a maximum of eight dwellings on the approximately 7,004 square-foot site. The project proposes to develop the site with a maximum of eight condominium units, the map is consistent with the density permitted by the zone.

The tract map was distributed to and reviewed by various city agencies of the Subdivision Committee that have the authority to make dedication, vacation, and/or improvement recommendations. The Bureau of Engineering reviewed the tract map for compliance with the Street Design Standards. The Bureau of Engineering has recommended that improvements to the public right-of-way along Armacost Avenue, consistent with the standards of the Mobility Element. In addition, the Bureau of Engineering has recommended the construction of the necessary on-site mainline sewers and all necessary street improvements will be made to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010. As conditioned, the design and improvements of the proposed subdivision are consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(c) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The project site, located at 1553 South Armacost Avenue, consists of approximately 7,004 square feet of land and was developed with a six-unit apartment building. The project site is located within the 0.25 km (0.16 miles) from the Santa Monica Fault, but is not located within the Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone. The site is located within a designated Santa Monica Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area, which requires the review by Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety. In a letter dated April 5, 2017, the Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety issued a Geology and Soils Report Approval letter with conditions regarding the proposed grading required for the construction of eight condominium units within a four-story building with one-level of subterranean parking. The site is not located within a designated hillside area but is located within the BOE Special Grading Area. The site is not located within a high fire hazard severity zone, methane zone, flood zone, landslide, liquefaction, or tsunami inundation zone. Prior to the issuance of any permits, the project would be required to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department. The site is not identified as having hazardous waste or past remediation. The site is within Flood Zone Type C, which denotes areas of minimal flooding.

The tract has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. Therefore, the site will be physically suitable for the proposed type of development.

(d) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT.

The project site and properties to the north and south have a land use designation of Medium Residential and are zoned R3-1. The surrounding properties are zoned R3-1 and are developed with two- to four-story multi-family residential buildings. The project site is a 7,004 square feet and was developed with a six-unit multi-family residential building. The project proposes to construct a new eight-unit condominium building, which would have a maximum height of 45 feet, excluding roof structures. As proposed, the density

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and height is consistent with the zone and land use designation, which would permit a maximum of eight dwelling units and a height of 45 feet. Additionally, prior to the issuance of a demolition, grading, or building permit, the project would be required to comply with conditions herein and applicable requirements of the LAMC. As conditioned the proposed tract map is physically suitable for the proposed density of the development.

(e) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR SUBSTANTIALLY AND AVOIDABLY INJURE FISH OR WILDLIFE OR THEIR HABITAT.

The project site, as well as the surrounding area are presently developed with structures and do not provide a natural habitat for either fish or wildlife.

(f) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

There appears to be no potential public health problems caused by the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision. The development is required to be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system, where the sewage will be directed to the LA Hyperion Treatment Plant, which has been upgraded to meet statewide ocean discharge standards.

The Bureau of Engineering has reported that the proposed subdivision does not violate the existing California Water Code because the subdivision will be connected to the public sewer system and will have only a minor incremental impact on the quality of the effluent from the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

(g) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH EASEMENTS ACQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE FOR ACCESS THROUGH OR USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION.

As required by LAMC Section 12.03, the project site has a minimum of 20 feet of frontage along Armacost Avenue, which is a public street. The project site consists of a legally recorded lot identified as Lot No. 12, Block 2 of the Pacific Farms Tract and is identified by the Assessor Parcel Map No. 4263-034-017. There are no known easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision, as identified on the tract map. Necessary easements for utilities will be acquired by the City prior to the recordation of the proposed parcel map.

Therefore, the design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements would not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision.

(h) THE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION WILL PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, FOR FUTURE PASSIVE OR NATURAL HEATING OR COOLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SUBDIVISION. (REF. SECTION 66473.1)

In assessing the feasibility of passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities in the proposed subdivision design, the applicant has prepared and submitted materials which consider the local climate, contours, configuration of the parcel(s) to be subdivided and other design and improvement requirements. Providing for passive or natural heating or

cooling opportunities will not result in reducing allowable densities or the percentage of a lot which may be occupied by a building or structure under applicable planning and zoning in effect at the time the tentative map was filed.

The lot layout of the subdivision has taken into consideration the maximizing of the north/south orientation.

In addition, prior to obtaining a building permit, the subdivider shall consider building construction techniques, such as overhanging eaves, location of windows, insulation, exhaust fans, planting of trees for shade purposes and the height of the buildings on the site in relation to adjacent development.

These findings shall apply to both the tentative and final maps for Tentative Tract Map No. 74500-CN.

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Note: If you wish to file an appeal, it must be filed within 10 calendar days from the decision date as noted in this letter. For an appeal to be valid to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, it must be accepted as complete by the City Planning Department and appeal fees paid, prior to expiration of the above 10-day time limit. Such appeal must be submitted on Master Appeal Form No. CP-7769 at the Department's Public Offices, located at:

Downtown San Fernando Valley **West Los Angeles** Figueroa Plaza Marvin Braude West Los Angeles 201 North Figueroa Street, **Development Services Center** San Fernando Valley Constituent Service Center 1828 Sawtelle Boulevard, 2nd 4th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 6262 Van Nuvs Boulevard. Floor Room 251 Los Angeles, CA 90025 (213) 482-7077 Van Nuys, CA 91401 (310) 231-2598 (818) 374-5050

Forms are also available on-line at http://cityplanning.lacity.org/.

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.

If you have any questions, please call Development Services Center staff at (213) 482-7077 or (818) 374-5050.

