

PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY PLANNING CASE:	ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:	COUNCIL DISTRICT:
Site 1: CPC-2017-614-GPAJ-ZCJ-HD-SPR and VTT-74852 Site 2: CPC-2017-589-GPAJ-ZCJ-HD-SPR and VTT-74864	ENV-2017-615-SCEA	14 - Huizar
PROJECT ADDRESS:		
Site 1: 554-562 South San Pedro Street, 555-561 South Crocker Street Site 2: 600-628 South San Pedro Street, 611-615 South Crocker Street, 518-522 East 6th Street		
APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
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<input type="checkbox"/> New/Changed		
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APPROVED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:		
<p>This item is to approve the Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA) for the future consideration of the development of the project identified as Planning Case Numbers for Site 1: CPC-2017-614-GPAJ-ZCJ-HD-SPR and VTT-74852 and Planning Case Numbers for Site 2: CPC-2017-589-GPAJ-ZCJ-HD-SPR and VTT-74864. Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21155.2 requires the City Council to adopt findings and the SCEA prior to project approval if the City Council is not the decision-maker on the project approvals. Planning has reviewed and circulated the SCEA as required by law and is now recommending the SCEA for the City Council's consideration and adoption.</p> <p>The SCEA (ENV-2017-615-SCEA) concludes that all potentially significant environmental impacts can be mitigated to less than significant. Mitigation measures are proposed for the following impact areas: Cultural Resources, Hazard and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services – Police Services, and Transportation/Traffic. This location is not on any of the list enumerated under Gov. Code Section 65962.5. Pursuant to Section 21155.2 of the PRC, this SCEA Initial Study: 1) incorporates all feasible mitigation measures, performance standards, or criteria set forth in the prior applicable environmental impact reports, including the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016-2040 RTP/SCS) prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and adopted in findings made pursuant to Section 21081; and 2) contains mitigation that either avoids or mitigates to a level of less than significant all potential significant or significant effects of the Project required to be identified in the initial study prepared for the Project.</p>		

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

N/A

ENTITLEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 21155.2 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), adoption of the Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA).

FINAL ENTITLEMENTS NOT ADVANCING:

N/A

ITEMS APPEALED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:**REVISED:****ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:****REVISED:**

- ☐ Letter of Determination
- ☐ Findings of Fact
- ☐ Staff Recommendation Report
- ☐ Conditions of Approval
- ☐ Ordinance
- ☐ Zone Change Map
- ☐ GPA Resolution
- ☐ Land Use Map
- ☐ Exhibit A - Site Plan
- ☐ Mailing List
- ☐ Land Use
- ☐ Other _____

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- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Negative Declaration
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report
- ☐ Mitigation Monitoring Program
- ☐ Other _____

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NOTES / INSTRUCTION(S):**Actions for the City Council:**

The City of Los Angeles finds, upon a review of the entire administrative record, including the SCEA No.ENV-2017-615-SCEA, and all comments received, that:

- The Proposed Project qualifies as a transit priority project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21155;
- The Proposed Project is consistent with the general use designations, density, building intensity, and applicable policies specified for the project area in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG);
- The Proposed Project contains more than 50% residential; provides a minimum net density greater than 20 units an acre; and is within one-half mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor included in a regional transportation plan;
- The Proposed Project is a residential or mixed-use project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21159.28(d);
- The Proposed Project incorporates all feasible mitigation measures, performance standards, or criteria set forth in the prior environmental reports, including SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report;
- All potentially significant or significant effects required to be identified and analyzed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in an initial study have been identified and analyzed in an initial study; and
- With respect to each significant effect on the environment required to be identified in the initial study, changes or alterations have been required in or incorporated into the project that avoids or mitigates the significant effects to a level of insignificance.
- Mitigation measures will be made enforceable conditions on the project.

Therefore, the City of Los Angeles finds that the Proposed Project complies with the requirements of CEQA for using an SCEA as authorized pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21155.2(b).

The City Council Adopts the SCEA and the Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the SCEA.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
☐ Yes

☐ No

*If determination states administrative costs are recovered through fees, indicate "Yes".

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- ☐ City Planning Commission (CPC)
- ☐ Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC)
- ☐ Central Area Planning Commission
- ☐ East LA Area Planning Commission
- ☐ Harbor Area Planning Commission

- ☐ North Valley Area Planning Commission
- ☐ South LA Area Planning Commission
- ☐ South Valley Area Planning Commission
- ☐ West LA Area Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE:

TBD

COMMISSION VOTE:

N/A

LAST DAY TO APPEAL:

N/A

APPEALED:

N/A

TRANSMITTED BY:**TRANSMITTAL DATE:**

May Sirinopwongsagon	September 19, 2018
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