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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number:

Summary: The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) considered the Draft Environmental Impact Report for The Fig Project and found that the proposed demolitions cannot be supported in the context of the goals of the Community Plan and the CRA Hoover Project Area goals. NANDC strongly objects to the demolition of eight multi-family residences within the Flower Drive Historic District and, by Board motion at its meeting of November 2, 2017, and November 1, 2018 urges the developer to consider an alternative that incorporates these buildings into his project design. The eight buildings, of which seven are contributors to the Flower Drive Historic District and the eighth is a 1939 building compatible in massing, scale and materials to the District, offer affordable, rent stabilized housing which is severely needed. The demonstrable negative impacts on both housing resources and on the Flower Drive Historic DA project design that incorporates the Flower Drive Historic District and builds on the non-historic parcels is possible. We also note that the project originally included a 21 story hotel tower which allowed for more flexibility in site planning. We believe that an alternative can be devised that preserves the historic and rent controlled housing while meeting most of the project's objectives. We also urge the developer to make the majority of the parking underground which would also allow for a design that is more flexible and aesthetically pleasing. We urge that a FEIR be revised and recirculated that considers a true preservation and housing retention alternative. Of the limited alternatives analyzed in the DEIR, only alternative 2 preserves the Flower Drive Historic District and of those limited choices we would urge that the environmentally superior alternative be chosen. But the choices should not be limited to the four contained in the FEIR.