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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

**ERRATA TO THE INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CRA TRANSFER OF
LAND USE AUTHORITY PROJECT; CF 13-1482-S3**

This document provides minor revisions to the CRA Transfer of Land Use Authority Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) (No. ENV-2019-4121-ND). Authority under Section 15073.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines allows the Lead Agency to add new information to the Negative Declaration which merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the document. The ND need not be recirculated if new information, including changes in the project or new data, is not significant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed Project consists of two legislative actions to transfer the land use authority from the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, Designated Local Authority (CRA/LA-DLA) to the City of Los Angeles: (1) a Resolution transferring the land use plans and functions to the City pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1484 and (2) an Ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to facilitate the transfer of land use plans and functions to the City, including codifying Redevelopment Plan review processes into the City's procedures for review and approval of development projects (Project). The proposed Project, by itself, does not propose or authorize new development or construction or ground disturbing activity. The proposed Project will authorize and establish processes for the Department of City Planning to administer the land use plans and consolidate project review of development projects within a single entity in the City in the remaining 19 unexpired Redevelopment Project Areas. The intent of the proposed Project is to ensure continuity of land use controls in the 19 unexpired Redevelopment Project Areas (collectively known as "Project Location"). CRA/LA Designated Local Authority (CRA/LA-DLA), as the Successor Agency, will no longer perform redevelopment activities but is expected to wind down operations pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB)X1 26 (which dissolved redevelopment agencies).

The City prepared an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration in accordance with Section 15063 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City circulated a Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration (NOI) and Negative Declaration beginning July 18, 2019 ending on August 7, 2019, for a 20-day comment period.

PROPOSED PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

The modification to the IS/ND is to amend the references to definitions in the Resolution and Ordinance (Project). Specifically, footnotes 1, 2, 5, and 6 are modified to be consistent with the definitions in the most recent version of the Resolution and Ordinance. Due to subsequent minor modifications to the Resolution and Ordinance dated March 14, 2019 in Council File 13-1482-S3, the existing ND does not have consistent definitions with the most recent Resolution and Ordinance. The text of footnotes 1, 5, and 6 are modified as follows:

Modify footnote 1 as follows:

As described in the proposed Resolution, land use related plans of the Former Agency shall mean only those provisions of the Redevelopment Plans and Guidelines that govern land use or development (“Land Use Provisions”).

Modify footnote 2 as follows:

As described in the proposed Resolution, land use related functions mean only functions, which, following the effective date of this Resolution, allows the City to apply the Land Use Provisions to the Project Areas; and undertake related activities as necessary.

Modify footnote 5 as follows:

Redevelopment Regulations shall mean all the land use provisions of the Redevelopment Plans and design for development guidelines adopted pursuant to such Redevelopment Plans that govern land use or development that were transferred to the City pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 34173(i).

Modify footnote 6 as follows:

Redevelopment Plan Project shall mean any proposed development activity within a Redevelopment Project Area with an Unexpired Redevelopment Plan that includes the issuance of a building, grading, demolition, sign or change of use permit. A Redevelopment Plan Project shall not include activity that consists solely of interior remodeling, interior rehabilitation or interior repair work. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the following types of projects shall be considered a Redevelopment Plan Project: (i) development activity involving an Historic Resource, including any interior remodeling, interior rehabilitation, or interior repair work that affects the exterior; and/or (ii) development activity involving a Residential Hotel/Single Room Occupancy Hotel (SRO), vacant Dwelling Unit, or a Dwelling Unit housing Lower Income Households in the City Center Project Area and the Central Industrial Project Area, including any interior remodeling, interior rehabilitation or interior

repair work that may result in the loss of a dwelling unit.

ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

The purpose of this modification letter is to provide clarification that the analysis contained in the IS/ND has not changed. This new information is not significant and recirculation is not required. In conformance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the IS/ND, technical appendices and reports thereof, together with this modification letter, and the information contained in this document are intended to serve as documents that will generally inform the decision-makers and the public of environmental effects of the Project.

Based upon the whole of the administrative record, the Department of City Planning has determined that the previously issued IS/ND (ENV-2019-4121-ND) serves to address the potential environmental impacts of the project. The modification will result in a less than significant impact on the environment, does not change any of the physical conditions of the proposed Project or any of the impact conclusions reached in the IS/ND, and does not represent a "substantial revision" to the originally proposed Project, as defined by the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5; therefore, recirculation of the IS/ND is not required.

Sincerely,

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