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ROOM 395, CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD CITY AGENCY
City of Los Angeles

COUNCIL DISTRICT
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PROJECT TITLE
ENV-2013-3555-MND

CASE NO.
CPC-2013-3554-ZC-HD-ZV-CU-ZAA

PROJECT LOCATION
5746 N SEPULVEDA BLVD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY
Raju Patel El Cortez Motel, Inc
5292 Duke Drive
La Palma, CA 90623

FINDING:
The City Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles has Proposed that a mitigated negative declaration be adopted for this project because the mitigation measure(s) outlined on the attached page(s) will reduce any potential significant adverse effects to a level of insignificance
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SEE ATTACHED SHEET(S) FOR ANY MITIGATION MEASURES IMPOSED.

Any written comments received during the public review period are attached together with the response of the Lead City Agency. The project decision-maker may adopt the mitigated negative declaration, amend it, or require preparation of an EIR. Any changes made should be supported by substantial evidence in the record and appropriate findings made.

THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT IS ATTACHED.

NAME OF PERSON PREPARING THIS FORM	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER
THEODORE IRVING	City Planner	(213) 978-1366

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE (Official)	DATE
200 N. SPRING STREET, 7th FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		3/19/2014

Exhibit C

I-10. Aesthetics (Landscape Plan)

- Environmental impacts to the character and aesthetics of the neighborhood may result from project implementation. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- All open areas not used for buildings, driveways, parking areas, recreational facilities or walks shall be attractively landscaped and maintained in accordance with a landscape plan and an automatic irrigation plan, prepared by a Landscape Practitioner (Sec. 12.40-D) and to the satisfaction of the decision maker.

I-20. Aesthetics (Landscape Buffer)

- Environmental impacts to adjacent residential properties may result due to the proposed use on the site. However, the potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- A minimum five-foot wide landscape buffer shall be planted adjacent to the residential use.

I-60. Aesthetics (Parking Structure Rooftop)

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to excessive ambient heat gain resulting from the new open-spaced parking lot. However, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- The parking stalls and driveways of the parking structure that are exposed to the sky shall be finished with either a light-colored surface material such as concrete, and/or a minimum of 80 percent of the total area of the stalls shall be shaded by vine-covered pergola, canopy, or trellis. Solar panels and their related support structures may be utilized to provide required shading.

I-120. Aesthetics (Light)

- Environmental impacts to the adjacent residential properties may result due to excessive illumination on the project site. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- Outdoor lighting shall be designed and installed with shielding, such that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties or the public right-of-way.

I-130. Aesthetics (Glare)

- Environmental impacts to adjacent residential properties may result from glare from the proposed project. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The exterior of the proposed structure shall be constructed of materials such as, but not limited to, high-performance and/or non-reflective tinted glass (no mirror-like tints or films) and pre-cast concrete or fabricated wall surfaces to minimize glare and reflected heat.

III-10. Air Pollution (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)

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- All unpaved demolition and construction areas shall be wetted at least twice daily during excavation and construction, and temporary dust covers shall be used to reduce dust emissions and meet SCAQMD District Rule 403. Wetting could reduce fugitive dust by as much as 50 percent.
- The construction area shall be kept sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind.
- All clearing, earth moving, or excavation activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds (i.e., greater than 15 mph), so as to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
- All dirt/soil loads shall be secured by trimming, watering or other appropriate means to prevent spillage and dust.
- All dirt/soil materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amount of dust.
- General contractors shall maintain and operate construction equipment so as to minimize exhaust emissions.
- Trucks having no current hauling activity shall not idle but be turned off.

VI-10. Seismic

- Environmental impacts to the safety of future occupants may result due to the project's location in an area of potential seismic activity. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The design and construction of the project shall conform to the California Building Code seismic standards as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

VI-70. Liquefaction Area

- Environmental impacts may result due to the proposed project's location in an area with liquefaction potential. However, these potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:

- Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The project shall comply with the Uniform Building Code Chapter 18. Division 1 Section 1804.5 Liquefaction Potential and Soil Strength Loss. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any liquefaction and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to: ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures.

VII-10. Green House Gas Emissions

- The project will result in impacts resulting in increased green house gas emissions. However, the impact can be reduced to a less than significant level through compliance with the following measure(s):
- Only low- and non-VOC-containing paints, sealants, adhesives, and solvents shall be utilized in the construction of the project.

VIII-10. Explosion/Release (Existing Toxic/Hazardous Construction Materials)

- Due to the age of the building(s) being demolished, toxic and/or hazardous construction materials may be located in the structure(s). Exposure to such materials during demolition or construction activities could be hazardous to the health of the demolition workers, as well as area residents, employees, and future occupants. However, these impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- **(Asbestos)** Prior to the issuance of any permit for the demolition or alteration of the existing structure(s), the applicant shall provide a letter to the Department of Building and Safety from a qualified asbestos abatement consultant indicating that no Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) are present in the building. If ACMs are found to be present, it will need to be abated in compliance with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 1403 as well as all other applicable State and Federal rules and regulations.
- **(Lead Paint)** Prior to issuance of any permit for the demolition or alteration of the existing structure(s), a lead-based paint survey shall be performed to the written satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety. Should lead-based paint materials be identified, standard handling and disposal practices shall be implemented pursuant to OSHA regulations.
- **(Polychlorinated Biphenyl – Commercial and Industrial Buildings)** Prior to issuance of a demolition permit, a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) abatement contractor shall conduct a survey of the project site to identify and assist with compliance with applicable state and federal rules and regulation governing PCB removal and disposal.

IX-20. Stormwater Pollution (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)

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- Sediment carries with it other work-site pollutants such as pesticides, cleaning solvents, cement wash, asphalt, and car fluids that are toxic to sea life.
- Leaks, drips and spills shall be cleaned up immediately to prevent contaminated soil on paved surfaces that can be washed away into the storm drains.
- All vehicle/equipment maintenance, repair, and washing shall be conducted away from storm drains. All major repairs shall be conducted off-site. Drip pans or drop clothes shall be used to catch drips and spills.
- Pavement shall not be hosed down at material spills. Dry cleanup methods shall be used whenever possible.
- Dumpsters shall be covered and maintained. Uncovered dumpsters shall be placed under a roof or be covered with tarps or plastic sheeting.

X-40. Land Use

- The proposed project would permit a land use which is not compatible with that of the surrounding projects. However, the potential impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The applicant shall comply with mitigation measures required by this MND.

XII-10. Increased Noise Levels (Landscape Buffer)

- Environmental impacts to the adjacent residential properties may result due to the project. However, the potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- A minimum five-foot wide landscape buffer shall be planted adjacent to the residential use.
- A landscape plan prepared by a licensed Landscape Architect shall be submitted for review and approval by the decision maker.

XII-20. Increased Noise Levels (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)

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- The project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance No. 144,331 and 161,574, and any subsequent ordinances, which prohibit the emission or creation of noise beyond certain levels at adjacent uses unless technically infeasible.
- Construction and demolition shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday.
- Demolition and construction activities shall be scheduled so as to avoid operating several pieces of equipment simultaneously, which causes high noise levels.
- The project contractor shall use power construction equipment with state-of-the-art noise shielding and muffling devices.

XII-40. Increased Noise Levels (Parking Structure Ramps)

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to noise from cars using the parking ramp. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- Concrete, not metal, shall be used for construction of parking ramps.
- The interior ramps shall be textured to prevent tire squeal at turning areas.
- Parking lots located adjacent to residential buildings shall have a solid decorative wall adjacent to the residential.

XII-170. Severe Noise Levels (Residential Fronting on Major or Secondary Highway, or adjacent to a Freeway)

- Environmental impacts to future occupants may result from this project's implementation due to mobile noise. However, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- All exterior windows having a line of sight of a Major or Secondary Highway shall be constructed with double-pane glass and use exterior wall construction which provides a Sound Transmission Coefficient (STC) value of 50, as determined in accordance with ASTM E90 and ASTM E413, or any amendment thereto.
- The applicant, as an alternative, may retain an acoustical engineer to submit evidence, along with the application for a building permit, any alternative means of sound insulation sufficient to mitigate interior noise levels below a CNEL of 45 dBA in any habitable room.

XIV-10. Public Services (Fire)

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the location of the project in an area having marginal fire protection facilities. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- 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.

XIV-30. Public Services (Police)

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the location of the project in an area having marginal police services. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The plans shall incorporate the design guidelines relative to security, semi-public and private spaces, which may include but not be limited to access control to building, secured parking facilities, walls/fences with key systems, well-illuminated public and semi-public space designed with a minimum of dead space to eliminate areas of concealment, location of toilet facilities or building entrances in high-foot traffic areas, and provision of security guard patrol throughout the project site if needed. Please refer to "Design Out Crime Guidelines: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design", published by the Los Angeles Police Department. Contact the Community Relations Division, located at 100 W. 1st Street, #250, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 486-6000. These measures shall be approved by the Police Department prior to the issuance of building permits.

XVIII-20. Effects On Human Beings

- The project has potential environmental effects which cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. However, these potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level through compliance with the above mitigation measures.

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
INITIAL STUDY
and CHECKLIST
(CEQA Guidelines Section 15063)

LEAD CITY AGENCY: City of Los Angeles	COUNCIL DISTRICT: CD 4 - TOM LABONGE	DATE: 01/30/2014
RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES: Department of City Planning		
ENVIRONMENTAL CASE: ENV-2013-3555-MND	RELATED CASES: CPC-2013-3554-ZC-HD-ZV-CU-ZAA	
PREVIOUS ACTIONS CASE NO.:	<input type="checkbox"/> Does have significant changes from previous actions. <input type="checkbox"/> Does NOT have significant changes from previous actions	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DEMO (E) 8,396 SF 32 GUEST ROOM AND CONSTRUCT A 4 STORY HOTEL AND ACCESSORY 2 LEVEL PARKING GARAGE PROVIDING 73 GUEST ROOMS AND 1 MANAGERS UNIT AND 60 PARKING SPACES		
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ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS:		
PROJECT LOCATION: 5746 N SEPULVEDA BLVD		
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: VAN NUYS - NORTH SHERMAN OAKS STATUS:	AREA PLANNING COMMISSION: SOUTH VALLEY	CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: VAN NUYS
<input type="checkbox"/> Does Conform to Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does NOT Conform to Plan		
EXISTING ZONING: R3-1	MAX. DENSITY/INTENSITY ALLOWED BY ZONING: N/A	
GENERAL PLAN LAND USE: NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE COMMERCIAL	MAX. DENSITY/INTENSITY ALLOWED BY PLAN DESIGNATION: N/A	LA River Adjacent: NO
	PROPOSED PROJECT DENSITY: N/A	