

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (CE) and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal for the properties located at 1529-1543 West Olympic Boulevard, 940-954 South Union Avenue and 943 South Grattan Street.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15300 of State CEQA Guidelines, under Class 32 and Article III, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a CE pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (CLAAPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Michel Ohana and THEREBY SUSTAIN the decision of the CLAAPC in approving CE No. ENV-2016-4752-CE as the environmental clearance for the adaptive reuse of an existing commercial office building for the conversion, use and maintenance of a hotel, the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a ground floor cafe and restaurant, a rooftop restaurant and within access-cabinets in each of the 200 guest rooms and the construction, use and maintenance of a 200-room hotel, for the property located at 1529-1543 West Olympic Boulevard, 940-954 South Union Avenue, and 943 South Grattan Street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLAAPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on May 15, 2018, the PLUM Committee considered a CLAACP report and appeal for the properties at 1529-1543 West Olympic Boulevard, 940-954 South Union Avenue, and 943 South Grattan Street. Staff from the Department of City Planning provided an overview of the project. The applicant representative also commented on the project. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to deny the appeal and sustain the decision of the CLAACP. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
HUIZAR	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
ENGLANDER	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD	ABSENT
PRICE	YES

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