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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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**WILSHIRE CENTER
KOREATOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



December 14th, 2020

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