

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal filed for the properties located at 1600-1614 Venice Boulevard.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Sections 15332 (Class 32 Urban In-Fill Development), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Erica Moore (Representative: Kate Scanlon-Double), and THEREBY SUSTAIN the determination of the LACPC in approving a Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for a proposed Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing project consisting of the demolition of three existing residential structures, and the construction of a new four-story, maximum 41-feet in height, 49,948 square foot, multi-family apartment building consisting of 77 dwelling units over one level of subterranean parking containing 43 automobile stalls; the project reserves seven units for Extremely Low Income Household occupancy for a period of 55 years; for the properties located at 1600-1614 East Venice Boulevard.

Applicant: Venice Wave LP, 1600 Venice LLC

Representatives: Michael Cohanzad and Matthew Hayden, Venice Wave LP

Case No. DIR-2019-4920-TOC-1A

Environmental No. ENV-2019-4921-CE-1A

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC 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 August 3, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the LACPC and a CEQA appeal filed for the properties located at 1600-1614 East Venice Boulevard. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. A Representative of Council District 11 provided comments in support of denying the appeal. After an opportunity for public comment, and presentations from the Appellant and Applicant's Representative, the Committee recommended to deny the appeal and sustain the

determination of the LACPC in approving the Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for the project. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
LEE:	YES

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