

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 316-322 South Catalina Street.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Sections 15332, Class 32, 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 Director of Planning, Department of City Planning (DCP), as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Margarita Lopez, Coalition For An Equitable Westlake/MacArthur Park (Representative: Claudia Medina, Law Office of Claudia Medina), and THEREBY SUSTAIN the Director of Planning's determination in approving a Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for the construction, use, and maintenance of a 21,480 square foot, six-story, 30-unit residential building, with three units reserved for Extremely Low Income Household occupancy for a period of 55 years, one level of subterranean parking and one level of ground floor parking, providing a total of 22 on-site automobile parking spaces; and two on-site trees, one of which on-site tree is proposed to be removed; for the properties located at 316-322 South Catalina Street.

Applicant/Owner: Shawn Naim, Frontier Acquisitions, LLC

Representative: Sami Kohanim, Land Use Developers Corp.

Related Case: DIR-2020-2194-TOC-HCA

Environmental No. ENV-2020-2195-CE-1A

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on May 4, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and a CEQA appeal for the properties located at 316-322 South Catalina Street. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After an opportunity for public comment, and presentations from Representatives of the Applicant and Appellant, the Committee recommended to deny the appeal and sustain the Director of Planning's determination in approving the Categorical Exemption for the project. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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