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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 21-127

DATE July 15, 2021

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EAGLE ROCK RECREATION CENTER – LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY; STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) SECTION 21080(b)(4) [SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE AN EMERGENCY], AS ALSO REFLECTED IN ARTICLE 18, SECTION 15269(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES; PRC SECTION 21080.27 [ACTIVITY APPROVED BY OR CARRIED OUT BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN FURTHERANCE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY SHELTERS OR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES] AND GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-32-20 [SUSPENSION OF DIVISION 13, COMMENCING WITH SECTION 21000, OF THE PRC AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THAT DIVISION FOR ANY PROJECT USING HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM FUNDS, HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDS, OR FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN SENATE BILL 89, SIGNED ON MARCH 17, 2020]

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	for * C. Santo Domingo	<u>SP</u>
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____

*M. Shue*  
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

If Approved: Board President *Agnes Potosian* Board Secretary *H. Ainsworth*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve a proposed License Agreement, Contract No. 9.2167, substantially in the form on file in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Office and as attached to this Report as Attachment 1, between the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE), for the use of a 0.4 acre parcel to serve as fire access/turnaround lane, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure, and 2 parking spaces (License Agreement), all in connection with the construction and use of a temporary homeless shelter facility on an adjacent parcel of property as previously approved by the Board under Report No. 21-105, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward the License Agreement to the City Council for approval;

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3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to execute the proposed License Agreement, Contract No. 9.2167, as shown in Attachment 1, upon receipt of the necessary approvals;
4. Authorize RAP's General Manager or his designee to execute the Extension of License Agreement Letter, as shown in Attachment 2, and any other required documentation in relation to License Agreement, Contract No. 9.2167, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to pay the annual rent due under the License Agreement beginning August 1, 2021 to SCE from Fund 302, Department 88, Account No. 6030, and every year thereafter until August 1, 2025 per payment schedule in the Summary of this Report and the License Agreement;
6. Determine that the proposed action, consisting of the issuance of a license necessary for the construction and operation of the temporary homeless shelter facility, is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific actions to prevent or mitigate and emergency], as also reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(c) of California CEQA Guidelines; PRC Section 21080.27 [Activity approved by or carried out by the City of Los Angeles in furtherance of providing emergency shelters or supportive housing in the City of Los Angeles]; and Governor's Executive Order No. N-32-20 [Suspension of Division 13, commencing with Section 21000, of the PRC and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division for any project using Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds, Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds, or funds appropriated in Senate Bill 89, signed on March 17, 2020] and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) within five (5) working days of approval with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office; and,
7. Authorize RAP Staff to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Eagle Rock Recreation Center is located at 1100 West Eagle Vista Drive in the Eagle Rock community of the City. This 20.68-acre park features a community center, childcare center, children's play areas, multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, and outdoor fitness equipment.

Since 1986, RAP has been licensed to use the 0.4-acre parcel owned by SCE for additional parking space at the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. The License Agreement has been renewed at intervals of five (5) years. On May 4, 2016, the Board approved the renewal of said parking license under Contract No. 9.2167 for a five (5) year term (Report No. 16-115). The current parking license will expire in July 31, 2021.

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RAP received a communication from SCE dated June 7, 2021, containing SCE's proposed License Agreement, Contract No. 9.2167. This new agreement, as set forth in Attachment 1, will be for the specified use of SCE's property for a 20 foot wide fire access/turnaround, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure and two (2) parking spaces only. The use, as described in the License Agreement, is related to the proposed use of the adjacent parcel for the construction and use of a temporary emergency homeless shelter facility. The SCE parcel will be used, in part, as fire truck access and turnaround lane to provide emergency access to the shelter facility. The proposed temporary homeless shelter facility (Eagle Rock Tiny Home Village project) has been approved by the Board on June 17, 2021 (Report No. 21-105).

This proposed License Agreement includes increased annual fees that will total Sixteen Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$16,647.20) for the next five-year term of the License Agreement, as shown in the following payment schedule:

Term	Yearly Amount	Payment Date Due
First Year	\$3,135.58	August 1, 2021
Second Year	\$3,229.64	August 1, 2022
Third Year	\$3,326.53	August 1, 2023
Fourth Year	\$3,426.33	August 1, 2024
Fifth Year	\$3,529.12	August 1, 2025

The License Agreement, if approved, will commence on August 1, 2021 and expire on July 31, 2026.

The Office of Council District 14 (CD 14) is fully supportive of this License Agreement.

This License Agreement will need to be approved by City Council following the Board's approval. It is likely that the License Agreement may not be executed prior to the expiration of the current agreement on July 31, 2021. Therefore, SCE provided a letter agreement whereby SCE and RAP agree to extend the current license agreement until the License Agreement is executed, but until no later than October 31, 2021, to give RAP sufficient time to get all necessary approvals for the License Agreement. Said letter agreement, as shown in Attachment 2, must be executed prior to August 1, 2021.

It should be noted that the Eagle Rock Tiny Home Village project still needs to be awarded for construction by the Board of Public Works and the operating agreement needs to be approved by City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action consists of the execution of a license agreement for the use of a 0.4-acre parcel owned by SCE, in connection with the use of an adjacent parcel of property for the construction and use of a temporary homeless shelter facility.

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The new construction of the temporary homeless shelter is meant to prevent or mitigate the conditions arising from a sudden and unexpected dramatic rise in the City's already large homeless population. City Council declared a homeless shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code Section 8698, et seq. on April 17, 2018. The 2020 Homeless population count shows an unexpected and unabated dramatic surge in homelessness, and finds that the number of people experiencing homelessness in the City has increased by 16.1% since 2019, while the unsheltered homeless population has increased by 8.4%. Studies illustrated in the Notice of Exemption (Attachment 2) show the burden that homelessness imposes to life, health, property, and to essential public services in the City. Furthermore, the City is facing an unprecedented emergency at the current time due to the sudden occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this emergency is particularly concerning for the imminent threat it poses to the City's homeless population, as noted in the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-32-20 issued on March 18, 2020. In the United States District Court Central District of California case of LA Alliance for Human Rights Et Al. vs. the City of Los Angeles, Et al. Case No. 20-cv-02291-DOC concerning homelessness, the Court entered a May 2020 injunction, which has since been vacated for other reasons, recognizing that the combined risks of health impacts from living near freeways and the on-going COVID-19 pandemic constitute an emergency.

PRC Section 21080(b)(4) provides that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to "specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." PRC section 21060.3 defines emergency as, "a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services." Section 21060.3 further provides that emergency "includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage." Moreover, Article 18, Section 15269(c) of CEQA Guidelines clarifies that a project to prevent a future emergency – such as this Project, which is designed to mitigate the impacts caused by the sudden and unexpected dramatic rise in the City's already large homeless population, now adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic — need not be sudden or unexpected to qualify as statutorily exempt from CEQA compliance.

Based on these considerations, since the issuance of the License Agreement is necessary for the construction and operation of the temporary homeless shelter facility, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to PRC Section 21080(b)(4), as reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(c) of California CEQA Guidelines.

On September 27, 2019, the California Legislature approved AB 1197, which introduces Section 21080.27 of the California PRC. Section 21080.27 exempts from the requirements of CEQA certain activities approved or carried out by the City of Los Angeles and other eligible public agencies, related to supportive housing and emergency shelters. As described in Attachment 2, the proposed Project responds to the requirements listed in AB 1197, therefore, taking into consideration that the issuance of the License Agreement is necessary to the construction of the temporary emergency homeless shelter facility and its operation, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to PRC Section 21080.27.

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Moreover, on March 18, 2020, Governor Newsom signed and issued Executive Order No. N-32-20 suspending CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines' requirements "for any project using Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds, Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds, or funds appropriated in Senate Bill 89, signed on March 17, 2020." The Governor noted that "strict compliance with the various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic." Because this project uses Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds for at least a portion of the work at the site, therefore, taking into consideration that the issuance of the License Agreement is necessary to the construction and operation of the temporary emergency homeless shelter facility, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from CEQA under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-32-20. City Staff has filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Report will result in an impact to RAP's General Fund, as noted in the annual license fees.

This Report was prepared by Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.

### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – New License Agreement – Contract No. 9.2167
- 2) Attachment 2 – Letter of Extension for Current License Agreement
- 3) Attachment 3 – Notice of Exemption

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LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT between SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, called "Licensor", and CITY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, called "Licensee";

WITNESSETH: That Licensor, for and in consideration of the faithful performance by Licensee of the terms, covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth to be kept and performed by Licensee, does hereby give to Licensee the license to use that certain real property solely for the purpose hereinafter specified, upon and subject to the terms, reservations, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, hereinafter designated as "Property" on the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, being all of Assessor's Parcel Number 5691-017-803, situated in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, subject to any and all covenants, restrictions, reservations, exceptions, rights and easements, whether or not of record.

**Acknowledgment of License and Disclaimer of Tenancy**

Licensee acknowledges and agrees that the License constitutes a limited, revocable, non-possessory, personal and non-assignable privilege to use the Property solely for those permitted uses and activities expressly identified in the Agreement (the "License Privilege"). Licensee further acknowledges and agrees that:

- The consideration paid by Licensee pursuant to Article 3 of the Agreement is consistent with the value of the rights comprising the License Privilege; the consideration is *not* consistent with the higher market value for a greater right, privilege or interest (such as a lease) in the Property or similarly situated parcels.
- Licensee is not a tenant or lessee of Licensor and holds no rights of tenancy or leasehold in relation to the Property.
- The Agreement and/or any prior and/or future acts or omissions of Licensor shall not create (or be construed as creating) a leasehold, tenancy or any other interest in the Property.
- Licensor may terminate the License and revoke the License Privilege at any time, subject, if applicable, to a notice period agreed upon by the parties, as more particularly set forth in the Agreement.
- In consideration of Licensor's grant of the License, Licensee specifically and expressly waives, releases and relinquishes any and all right(s) to assert any claim of right, privilege or interest in the Property other than the License.
- Licensee further acknowledges and agrees that without the representations and agreements set forth herein, Licensor would not enter into the Agreement.

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1. Use: Licensee will use the Property for 20 foot wide fire access/turnaround lane, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure, and 2 parking spaces purposes only. Licensor makes no representation, covenant, warranty or promise that the Property, and any fixtures thereon, are fit or suitable for any particular use, including the use for which this Agreement is made and Licensee is not relying on any such representation, covenant, warranty or promise. Licensee’s use of the property for any other purpose and/or failure to utilize the Property in accordance with this License as determined by the Licensor in its sole discretion will be deemed a material default and grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement in accordance with Articles 28 and/or 30.

2. Term: Unless otherwise terminated as provided herein, this Agreement will be in effect for a term of five (5) years commencing on the first day of August, 2021 and ending on the last day of July, 2026. Licensee acknowledges that this Agreement does not entitle Licensee to any subsequent agreement, for any reason whatsoever, regardless of the use Licensee makes of the Property, the improvements Licensee places on or makes to the Property, or for any other reason.

3. Consideration: Licensee will pay to Licensor the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five and 58/100 Dollars (\$3,135.58) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement with subsequent annual payments. Payment to Licensor must be in the form of a check or money order payable to Southern California Edison Company. No cash payments will be accepted by Licensor. Payment schedule:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Yearly Amount</b>	<b>Payment Due First Day Of</b>
First Year	2021	\$3,135.58	August
Second Year	2022	\$3,229.64	August
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All accounts not paid by the agreed upon due date may be subject to a late fee of up to 20% of the amount that was due on the date.

All payments subsequent to the initial payment will be paid to the Southern California Edison Company, Post Office Box 800 Rosemead, California, 91770, and Attention: Corporate Accounting Department – Accounts Receivable.

4. Insurance: During the term of this Agreement, Licensee shall maintain the following insurance:

- (a) Workers’ Compensation with statutory limits, under the laws of the State of California and Employer’s Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident, disease/each employee, and disease/policy limit. Licensee shall require its insurer to waive all rights of subrogation against Licensor, its officers, agents and employees, except for any liability resulting from the willful or grossly negligent acts of the Licensor.

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- (b) Commercial General Liability Insurance, including contractual liability and products liability, with limits not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate. Such insurance shall: (i) name Licensor, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds, but only for Licensee’s negligent acts or omissions; (ii) be primary for all purposes and (iii) contain separation of insureds or cross-liability clause, and (iv) require its insurer to waive all rights of subrogation against Licensor, its officers, agents and employees, except for any liability resulting from the willful or grossly negligent acts of the Licensor.
- (c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00. Such insurance shall cover the use of owned, non-owned and hired vehicles on the Property.
- (d) Self - Insurance: Licensee may self-insure all of the insurance requirements above if they belong to an approved Secondary Use Category and the self-insurance is maintained under a self-insurance program reasonably satisfactory to Licensor. Twenty Foot wide fire access/turnaround lane, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure, and 2 parking spaces use is an approved Secondary Use Category; Licensee may submit written verification of self-insurance to meet the above insurance requirements.

The failure to maintain such insurance may be deemed by Licensor a material default of this Agreement and grounds for immediate termination pursuant to Articles 28 and/or 30. Licensee shall provide Licensor with proof of such insurance by submission of certificates of insurance, pursuant to Article 38 “Notices”, at least ten days prior to the effective date of this Agreement, and thereafter at least ten days prior to each insurance renewal date. Licensee must provide Licensor at least thirty (30) days notice before any such insurance will be canceled, allowed to expire, or materially reduced. However, in the event insurance is canceled for the non-payment of a premium, Licensee must provide to Licensor at least ten (10) days’ prior written notice before the effective date of cancellation. The required insurance policies shall be maintained with insurers reasonably satisfactory to Licensor, and shall be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Licensor.

5. Licensor's Use of the Property: Licensee agrees that Licensor, its successors and assigns, have the right to enter the Property, at all times, for any purpose, and the right to conduct any activity on the Property. Exercise of these rights by Licensor, its successors and assigns, will not result in compensation to Licensee for any damages whatsoever to personal property, structures, and/or crops located on the Property, nor shall Licensee be entitled to any compensation for any loss of use of the Property or a portion thereof, and/or any related damages, as a result of Licensor’s activities under this Article.

6. Licensee's Improvements: Licensee must submit, for Licensor's prior written approval, complete improvement plans, including, but not limited to, grading, lighting, landscaping, grounding, and irrigation plans, - identifying all existing and proposed improvements, a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to making any use of the Property. Licensee’s conceptual plans for proposed improvements shall be developed in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Appendix to this License. It is understood and agreed that the general guidelines contained in the Appendix are intended to provide a framework for the development of conceptual plans only; and that Licensor may modify or add to the conditions contained in the Appendix hereto, based on individual site characteristics, Licensor’s existing or potential operating needs or Licensee’s proposed use(s). Licensee must submit, for Licensor's prior

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written approval plans for any modifications to such improvements. Written approval may be modified and/or rescinded by Licensor for any reason whatsoever.

To the extent Licensor reviews and/or approves any improvement plans, Licensor is doing so only for purposes of determining whether said improvements are compatible with Licensor’s use of the Property. Under no circumstances shall such review and/or approval be construed as a warranty, representation, or promise that the Property is fit for the proposed improvements, or that said improvements comply with any applicable city, state, or county building requirements, other legal requirements, or the generally accepted standard of care.

At any time, Licensor may require Licensee to modify and/or remove any or all such previously approved improvements at Licensee’s risk and expense and without compensation from Licensor. Licensor is not required, at any time, to make any repairs, improvements, alterations, changes or additions of any nature whatsoever to the Property and/or any fixtures thereon. Licensee expressly acknowledges that any expenditures or improvements will in no way alter Licensor’s right to terminate in accordance with Articles 28, and/or 30.

7. Licensee's Personal Property: (i) Licensor grants Licensee permission to place Licensee’s personal property on the Property consistent with the use identified in Article 1 and other terms of this Agreement. Such permission granted by Licensor shall be revoked upon the earlier of the termination or expiration of this Agreement. All equipment and other property brought, placed or erected on the Property by Licensee shall be and remain the property of Licensee, except as otherwise set forth herein. Licensee shall be responsible for any damage to the Property and/or Licensor’s personal property arising out of Licensee’s activities on the Property, including its use and/or removal of Licensee’s personal property. Licensee further acknowledges and agrees that Licensor is not responsible for Licensee’s personal property during the effectiveness of this Agreement, or upon termination or expiration. Licensor further assumes no duty or obligation to maintain or secure Licensee’s personal property at any time.

(ii) Unless as specifically provided for in an Addendum to this Agreement, Licensee shall not store on the Property, for a period longer than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, any personal property owned by a non-party to this Agreement.

Licensee will defend and indemnify Licensor, its directors, officers, agents, subcontractors, and employees, and its successors and assigns, from any and all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expenses and/or liability arising from the storage of, damage to, and/or loss of use of such non-party’s personal property.

8. Height Limitations and Vertical Clearances: Any equipment used by Licensee or its agents, employees or contractors, on and/or adjacent to the Property, will be used and operated so as to maintain minimum clearances from all overhead electrical conductors as designated in the table below:

<b>Vehicle/ Equipment Vertical Clearance</b>	
500 kV	35 feet
220 kV – 66kV	30 feet
<66kV (Distribution facilities)	25 feet
Telecom	18 feet

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All trees and plants on the Property will be maintained by Licensee at a maximum height of fifteen (15) feet. If requested by Licensor, Licensee will remove, at Licensee’s expense, any tree and/or other planting.

9. Access and Horizontal Clearances: Licensee will provide Licensor with adequate access to all of Licensor's facilities on the Property and at no time will there be any interference with the free movement of Licensor's equipment, personnel, and materials over the Property. Licensor may require Licensee to provide and maintain access roads within the Property, at a minimum usable width of sixteen (16) feet, with commercial driveway aprons and curb depressions capable of supporting a gross load of forty (40) tons on a three-axle vehicle. The minimum width of all roads shall be increased on curves by a distance equal to 400/inside radius of curvature. All curves shall have a radius of not less than 50 feet measured at the inside edge of the usable road surface. Unless otherwise specified in writing by Licensor, Licensee will make no use of the area directly underneath Licensor's towers and will maintain the following minimum clearances:

- a. A 50-foot-radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles and 100-foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles.
- b. A 25-foot-radius around all other poles.

NOTE: Additional clearance may be required by Licensor for structures.

10. Parking: Licensee will not park, store, repair or refuel any motor vehicles or allow parking, storage, repairing or refueling of any motor vehicles on the Property unless specifically approved in a writing executed by Licensor.

11. Weeds, Brush, Rubbish and Debris (Weed Abatement): **(MODIFIED)** Licensee will keep the Property clean, free from weeds, brush, rubbish and debris and in a condition satisfactory to Licensor. Licensee’s obligation includes, without limitation, weekly inspections of the Property and the prompt cleanup of debris, rubbish, and belongings left on the Property to protect against the accumulation of debris and the active prevention of camping on the Property.

12. Flammables, Waste and Nuisances: Unless permitted by Licensor in writing, Licensee will not, or allow others, to place, use, or store any flammable or combustible materials or waste materials on the Property or commit any waste or damage to the Property or allow any to be done. Licensee will be responsible for the control of and will be liable for any damage or disturbance, caused by any trespasser, dust, odor, flammable or waste materials, noise or other nuisance disturbances. Licensee will not permit dogs on the Property.

13. Pesticides and Herbicides: Any pesticide or herbicide applications and disposals will be made in accordance with all Federal, State, County and local laws. Licensee will dispose of all pesticides, herbicides and any other toxic substances declared to be either a health or environmental hazard, and all materials contaminated by such substances, including but not limited to, containers, clothing and equipment, in the manner prescribed by law.

14. Hazardous Waste: Licensee will not engage in, or permit any other party to engage in, any activity on the Property that violates federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations pertaining to hazardous, toxic or infectious materials and/or waste. Licensee will indemnify and hold Licensor, its directors, officers, agents and employees, and its successors and assigns, harmless from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expenses and/or liability arising from leaks of, spills of, and/or

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contamination by or from hazardous materials as defined by applicable laws or regulations, which may occur during and after the Agreement term, and are attributable to the actions of, or failure to act by, Licensee or any person claiming under Licensee.

15. Signs: Licensee must obtain written approval from Licensor prior to the construction or placement of any sign, signboard or other form of outdoor advertising. Licensee shall within three (3) days from the date on which the Licensee learns of the graffiti remove any signs containing graffiti or shall otherwise remove such graffiti from the signs in a manner reasonably acceptable to Licensor. Notwithstanding any other language in this Article, Licensee shall not advertise on any sign any product, service, or good which is (i) not directly related to Licensee’s use of the Property, (ii) offensive to the public, or (iii) which Licensor, in its reasonable discretion, deems objectionable.

16. Fencing and Existing Fixtures: Licensor disclaims any and all express or implied warranties for any fencing and/or other fixtures affixed to the Property, and further disclaims any liability arising from any disrepair of the same. Licensee may install fencing on the Property with prior written approval from Licensor. Such fencing will include double drive gates, in locations specified by Licensor, a minimum of twenty (20) feet in width, and designed to accommodate separate Licensor and Licensee locks. Licensee will maintain and repair all fencing and other fixtures affixed to the Property, including any grounding of the same as deemed necessary by Licensor, in a manner acceptable to Licensor. Grounding plans must be prepared and stamped by a licensed electrical engineer and submitted to Licensor.

17. Parkways and Landscaping: Licensee will keep parkway and sidewalk areas adjacent to the Property free of weeds, brush, rubbish and debris. Licensee will maintain parkways on the Property and provide landscaping that is compatible with adjoining properties and that is satisfactory to Licensor.

18. Irrigation Equipment: Any irrigation equipment located on the Property prior to the commencement of this Agreement, including but not limited to pipelines, well pumping equipment and other structures, is the property of Licensor and will remain on and be surrendered with the Property upon termination of this Agreement. Should Licensee desire to use the irrigation equipment, Licensee will maintain, operate, repair and replace, if necessary, all irrigation equipment at its own expense.

19. Underground and Above-Ground Tanks: Licensee will not install underground or above-ground storage tanks, as defined by any and all applicable laws or regulations, without Licensor's prior written approval.

20. Underground Facilities: Any underground facilities must be approved by Licensor pursuant to Article 6. Licensee must contact Dig Alert and comply with the applicable processes, policies and/or procedures of Dig Alert, prior to any underground installation. Any underground facilities installed or maintained by Licensee on the Property must have a minimum cover of three feet from the top of the facility and be capable of withstanding a gross load of forty (40) tons on a three-axle vehicle. Licensee will compact any earth excavated to a compaction of ninety percent (90%). Licensee will relocate its facilities at its own expense so as not to interfere with Licensor's proposed facilities.

21. Utilities: Licensee will pay all charges and assessments for, or in connection with, water, electric current or other utilities which may be furnished to or used on the Property.

22. Taxes, Assessments and Liens: Licensee will pay all taxes and assessments which may be levied upon any crops, personal property, and improvements, including but not limited to, buildings,

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structures, and fixtures on the Property. Licensee will keep the Property free from all liens, including but not limited to, mechanics liens and encumbrances by use or occupancy by Licensee, or any person claiming under Licensee. If Licensee fails to pay the above-mentioned taxes, assessments or liens when due, Licensor may pay the same and charge the amount to the Licensee. All accounts not paid within thirty (30) days of the agreed upon due date will be charged a "late fee" on all amounts outstanding up to the maximum rate allowed by law.

23. Expense: Licensee will perform and pay all obligations of Licensee under this Agreement. All matters or things required by Licensee will be performed and paid for at the sole cost and expense of Licensee, without obligation by Licensor to make payment or incur cost or expense for any such matters or things.

24. Assignments: This Agreement is personal to Licensee, and Licensee will not assign, transfer or sell this Agreement or any privilege hereunder in whole or in part, and any attempt to do so will be void and confer no right on any third party.

25. Compliance with Law: Licensee will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and local laws, all covenants, conditions and restrictions of record and all applicable ordinances, zoning restrictions, rules, regulations, orders and any requirements of any duly constituted public authorities now or hereafter in any manner affecting the Property or the streets and ways adjacent thereto. Licensee will obtain all permits and other governmental approvals required in connection with Licensee's activities hereunder. Licensee shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify Licensor, its officers, agents and employees, and its successors and assigns, from and against all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of actions, expense and/or liability arising from or resulting from any violation of this provision.

26. Governing Law: The existence, validity, construction, operation and effect of this Agreement and all of its terms and provisions will be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

27. Indemnification: **(MODIFIED)** Licensee shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify Licensor, its officers, agents and employees, and its successors and assigns, from and against all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of actions, expense and/or liability arising from or growing out of loss or damage to property, including that of Licensor, or injury to or death of persons, including employees of Licensor resulting in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, by reason of this Agreement or the use or occupancy of the Property by Licensee or any person claiming under Licensee and which are not a result of Licensor's or its employees' sole performance (or lack thereof) of any duties which are not related to this agreement.

28. Termination: Licensor or Licensee may terminate this Agreement, at any time, for any reason, upon thirty (30) days notice in writing. Additionally, Licensor may immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 30. Termination does not release Licensee from any liability or obligation (indemnity or otherwise) which Licensee may have incurred. Upon termination, Licensor may immediately recover from Licensee all amounts due and owing hereunder, plus interest at the maximum rate permitted by law on such amounts until paid, as well as any other amount necessary to compensate Licensor for all the detriment proximately caused by Licensee's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Licensee's continued presence after termination shall be deemed a trespass. In the event of a termination for any reason other than non-payment of the License fee, Licensor shall refund any previously collected/pre-paid License fees covering the unused portion of the remaining term, to the extent such fees exceed any offset claimed by Licensor under the Agreement

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29. Events of Default: In addition to material defaults otherwise described herein, the occurrence of any of the following shall constitute a material default and breach of this Agreement by Licensee:

- (a) Any failure by Licensee to pay the consideration due under Article 3, or to make any other payment required to be made by Licensee when due.
- (b) The abandonment or vacating of the Property by Licensee.
- (c) Any attempted assignment or subletting of this Agreement by Licensee in violation of Article 24.
- (d) The violation by Licensee of any resolution, ordinance, statute, code, regulation or other rule of any governmental agency for Licensee’s activities under this Agreement.
- (e) Any attempt to exclude Licensor from the licensed premises.
- (f) The making by Licensee of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; the appointment of a receiver to take possession of substantially all of Licensee's assets located on the Property or of Licensee's privileges hereunder where possession is not restored to Licensee within five (5) days; the attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of Licensee's assets located on the Property or of Licensee's privileges hereunder, where such seizure is not discharged within five (5) days.
- (g) Any case, proceeding or other action brought against Licensee seeking any of the relief mentioned in "clause f" of this Article which has not been stayed or dismissed within thirty (30) days after the commencement thereof.
- (h) Any claim by Licensee that it has a possessory interest and/or irrevocable license in the Property.
- (i) With respect to items not otherwise listed in Article 29.a-h, the failure by Licensee to observe and perform any other provision of this Agreement to be observed or performed by Licensee. Licensor shall provide written notice of such failure and Licensee shall be considered in material default where such failure continues for a total of ten (10) or more consecutive days from the date of the notice. Further, with respect to items not otherwise listed in Article 29.a-h, Licensee shall be considered in material default should Licensee fail to observe or perform any other provision of this Agreement for more than fifteen (15) days during the entire Term of the Agreement in the aggregate, after Licensor provides an initial written notice of such failure. After providing initial notice under this provision, Licensor will not be required to provide any subsequent notice of breach of this Agreement.

30. Remedies: Notwithstanding the notice requirement in Article 28, in the event of any material default by Licensee, then in addition to any other remedies available to Licensor at law or in equity, Licensor shall have the option to immediately terminate this Agreement and all rights of Licensee hereunder by giving written notice of such immediate termination to Licensee.

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31. Licensee’s Personal Property Upon Termination or Expiration: In the event that this Agreement is terminated, whether termination is effected pursuant to Article 28 and/or 30, or in the event this Agreement expires pursuant to Article 2, Licensee shall, at Licensee’s sole cost and expense and prior to the earlier of the effective termination date or expiration date, remove all weeds, debris, and waste from the Property and peaceably quit, surrender and restore the licensed Property to the condition it was in prior to the Licensee’s use of the Property, in a manner satisfactory to Licensor.

If Licensee fails or refuses to remove any of Licensee’s personal property, building(s), fixture(s) or structure(s) from the Property prior to the earlier of the termination date or expiration date, said personal property, building(s), fixture(s) or structure(s) shall be deemed abandoned by the Licensee, and the Licensor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove, destroy, sell or otherwise dispose of them with no further notice to Licensee. Licensor shall not be required to seek and/or obtain judicial relief (including, but not limited to, the filing of an unlawful detainer action), nor shall Licensor be responsible for the value of Licensee’s personal property.

Licensor shall have the right to charge and recover from Licensee all costs and expenses incurred by Licensor related to (i) the removal, disposal or sale of Licensee’s personal property, building(s), fixture(s) or structure(s), (ii), the removal of any waste, weeds, or debris on the Property, (iii) environmental studies and environmental remediation and/or cleanup attributable to Licensee’s use of the Property, and (iv) the restoration of the Property to the condition it was in prior to Licensor’s initial use of the Property. Licensee agrees to pay such expenses to Licensor upon demand.

32. Limitation of Liability:

**IN ORDER FOR LICENSEE TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE FEE IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE 3, WHICH INCLUDES A LESSER ALLOWANCE FOR RISK FUNDING FOR LICENSOR, LICENSEE AGREES TO LIMIT LICENSOR’S LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. AS SUCH, IF LICENSEE IS ENTITLED TO ANY RELIEF FOR LICENSOR’S NEGLIGENCE, INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE, FOR DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF LICENSEE’S PERSONAL PROPERTY, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE(S) OR FIXTURE(S) AFTER THE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF LICENSOR SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES ACTUALLY PAID BY LICENSEE TO LICENSOR DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

**FURTHER, IN NO EVENT SHALL LICENSOR BE LIABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO LICENSEE’S BUSINESS, IF ANY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF RENTS OR OTHER EVENTS, LOSS OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, LOSS OF GOODWILL OR LOSS OF USE, IN EACH CASE, HOWEVER OCCURRING, RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT.**

33. Non-Possessory Interest: Licensor retains full possession of the Property and Licensee will not acquire any possessory interest, whether temporary, permanent, or otherwise by reason of this Agreement, or by the exercise of the permission given herein. Licensee will make no claim to any such interest and Licensee will not claim that it has or ever had an irrevocable license in the Property.

34. Waiver: Licensor shall not be deemed to waive any provision of this Agreement orally or by conduct. Any waiver by Licensor of any provision of this Agreement must be in a writing signed by Licensor. No waiver by Licensor of any provision shall be deemed a waiver of any other provision or of any subsequent breach by Licensee of the same or any other provision. Licensor's consent to or approval of any act shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of Licensor's consent to or approval

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of any subsequent act by Licensee. Licensor’s acceptance of payment after providing notice of termination to Licensee shall not constitute a waiver of Licensor’s termination of the Agreement.

35. Authority: This Agreement is executed subject to General Order No. 69-C of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California dated and effective July 10, 1985, incorporated by this reference. As set forth in General Order 69-C, this License is made conditional upon the right of the Licensor either on order of the Public Utilities Commission or on Grantor’s own motion to resume the use of that property (including, but not limited to the removal of any obstructions) whenever, in the interest of Licensor’s service to its patrons or consumers, it shall appear necessary or desirable to do so. Licensee agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. This Agreement should not be construed as a subordination of Licensor’s rights, title and interest in and to its fee ownership, nor should this Agreement be construed as a waiver of any of the provisions contained in said License or a waiver of any costs of relocation of affected Licensor facilities.

36. Electric and Magnetic Fields (“EMF”): There are numerous sources of power frequency electric and magnetic field (“EMF”), including household or building wiring, electrical appliances and electric power transmission and distribution facilities. There have been numerous scientific studies about the potential health effects of EMF. Interest in a potential link between long-term exposures to EMF and certain diseases is based on this scientific research and public concerns.

While some 40 years of research have not established EMF as a health hazard, some health authorities have identified magnetic field exposures as a possible human carcinogen. Many of the questions about diseases have been successfully resolved due to an aggressive international research program. However, potentially important public health questions remain about whether there is a link between EMF exposures in homes or work and some diseases including childhood leukemia and a variety of other adult diseases (e.g. adult cancers and miscarriages). While scientific research is continuing on a wide range of questions relating to exposures at both work and in our communities, a quick resolution of the remaining scientific uncertainties is not expected.

Since Licensee plans to license or otherwise enter Licensor property that is in close proximity to Licensor electric facilities, Licensor wants to share with Licensee and those who may enter the property under this agreement, the information available about EMF. Accordingly, Licensor has attached to this document a brochure that explains some basic facts about EMF and that describes Licensor policy on EMF. Licensor also encourages Licensee to obtain other information as needed to assist in understanding the EMF regarding the planned use of this property.

37. Induced Voltages: Licensee hereby acknowledges that any structures (including, but not limited to, buildings, fences, light poles) that exist or may be constructed on the Property licensed herein, (hereinafter, the “Structures”) in close proximity to one or more high voltage (66 kilovolt or above) electric transmission lines and/or substation facilities may be susceptible to induced voltages, static voltages and/or related electric fault conditions (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Induced Voltages”) unless appropriate grounding or other mitigation measures are incorporated into the Structures. If not properly mitigated, Induced Voltages can cause a variety of safety and/or nuisance conditions including, but not limited to, electric shocks or other injuries to individuals contacting the Structures or other utilities connected to the Structures (including, but not limited to, natural gas lines, water lines or cable television lines), or interference with or damage to sensitive electronic equipment in or around the Structures. Measures to mitigate Induced Voltages, if required, will vary from case to case because of factors such as electric facility configuration and voltage, other utilities involved, or sensitivity of electronic equipment. Licensee will be responsible to determine what Induced Voltages mitigation

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measures should be undertaken regarding the Structures and to implement such mitigation measures at its sole cost and expense.

Licensee agrees for itself and for its contractors, agents, licensees, invitees, and employees, to save harmless and indemnify Licensor, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliated entities and their respective officers and employees against all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expenses and/or liability arising from or growing out of loss or damage to property, including Licensor’s own personal property, or injury to or death of persons, including employees of Licensor caused by or resulting from or connected to Induced Voltages on or related to the Structures.

38. Notices: All notices required to be given by either party will be made in writing and deposited in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To Licensor: Southern California Edison Company  
Vegetation & Land Management  
Land Management – Metro Region  
2 Innovation Way  
Pomona, CA 91768

To Licensee: City of Los Angeles-Department of Recreation and Parks  
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Business Telephone No. (213) 202-2658

Notice will be deemed effective on the third calendar day after mailing. A party will immediately notify the other party in writing of any address change.

39. Recording: Licensee will not record this Agreement.

40. Complete Agreement: Licensor and Licensee acknowledge that the foregoing provisions and any appendix, addenda and exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire Agreement between the parties. This Agreement may not be modified, amended, contradicted, supplemented or altered in any way by any previous written or oral agreements or any subsequent oral agreements or unsigned written agreements. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by way of a writing executed by both parties.

41. Signature Authority: Each of the persons executing this Agreement warrants and represents that he or she has the full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Party for which he or she is signing, and to bind said party to the agreements, covenants and terms contained herein.

42. Survival: Any provision of this Agreement that imposes an obligation after termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate.

LICENSOR:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

By \_\_\_\_\_

SHARAT MISRA  
Real Estate Senior Specialist  
Land Management – Metro Region  
Vegetation & Land Management

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

LICENSEE:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT  
OF RECREATION AND PARKS

By \_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**APPENDIX**

Guidelines for Standard Licensee Improvements

The following criteria are provided to aid in developing a conceptual plot plan to be submitted to Southern California Edison Company herein after referred to as “Licensor” for consideration and approval *prior to the start of any construction on “Licensor” property.*

Plans should be developed indicating the size and location of all planned improvements. The plan should specify the dimensions of all planned improvements and the distance of all planned improvements from property lines and all adjacent “Licensor” towers, poles, guy wires or other “Licensor” facilities.

The plan must show the locations of all “Licensor” towers and poles, 16-foot wide access roads, main water lines and water shut-off valves, electrical service lines and parking areas. All plans must indicate adjacent streets and include a “north arrow” and the Licensee’s name.

SHADE STRUCTURES

*(Definition: A non-flammable frame covered on the top with a material designed to provide shade to aid in growing plants)*

1. Shade structures must maintain minimum spacing of 50 feet between shade structure locations, should be placed perpendicular to Licensor’s overhead electrical conductors (wires) unless otherwise approved in writing by Licensor, and should not exceed maximum dimensions of:
  - a. 100 feet in length
  - b. 50 feet in width
  - c. 15 feet in height
2. Shade structures will not be permitted within the following areas reserved for Licensor’s access:
  - a. Within 2 feet from edge of 16-foot wide access roads
  - b. 50-foot radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - c. 100-foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - d. 25-foot radius around anchors/guy wires, poles and wood poles
3. Shade structures must utilize the following design:
  - a. Temporary/slip joint construction only
  - b. Non-flammable frame only
  - c. Adequately grounded by a licensed electrical engineer
  - d. Shade covering must be non-flammable and manufactured with non-hydrocarbon materials.

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SHADEHOUSES/HOTHOUSES

*(Definition: A simple, non-flammable, enclosed structure designed to control temperature **without** the benefit of heating and/or air conditioning units to aid in propagating and/or growing plants)*

1. Shadehouses/hothouses must maintain minimum spacing of 50 feet between shadehouse/hothouse locations, should be placed in perpendicular to Licensor’s overhead electrical conductors (wires) unless otherwise approved in writing by Licensor, and should not exceed maximum dimensions of:
  - a. 100 feet in length
  - b. 50 feet in width
  - c. 15 feet in height
2. Shadehouses/hothouses will not be permitted within the following areas reserved for Licensor’s access:
  - a. Within 2 feet from edge of 16-foot wide access roads
  - b. 50-foot radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - c. 100-foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - d. 25-foot radius around anchors/guy wires, poles and wood poles
3. Shadehouses/hothouses must utilize the following design:
  - a. Temporary/slip joint construction only
  - b. Non-flammable frame only
  - c. Adequately grounded by a licensed electrical engineer
  - d. Covering must be non-flammable and manufactured with non-hydrocarbon materials

GREENHOUSES

*(Definition: An enclosed structure designed to control temperature and/or humidity by the use of heating and/or air conditioning units to aid in propagating and/or growing plants)*

Greenhouses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS / WELLS

1. Maximum diameter of pipe: 3 inches
2. All pipe must be plastic Schedule 40 or better
3. No irrigation system will be permitted within the following areas reserved for Licensor’s access:
  - a. Within 2 feet from edge of 16-foot wide access roads
  - b. 50 -foot radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles

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- c. 100-foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles
- 4. Sprinkler and drip irrigation controllers must be located at the edge of the right of way
- 5. Suitable identification markers will be required on main controllers and valves
- 6. Locations of main shut off valve will be provided and shown on a plot plan
- 7. Underground facilities must have a minimum cover of three feet
- 8. Earth disturbed must be compacted to ninety percent (90%)

LANDSCAPING

- 1. No trees will be permitted under the overhead electrical conductors or within 20 feet of the “drip line” of the conductors
- 2. Trees must have slow to moderate growth, and must be of a variety that grows to a maximum height of only 40 feet and must be maintained by the Licensee at a height not to exceed 15 feet
- 3. Placement of large rocks (boulders) must be approved in writing by Licensor
- 4. Any mounds or change of grade must be approved in writing by Licensor
- 5. No cactus or thorny shrubs will be permitted
- 6. Retaining walls, planters, etc. may be considered on a case by case basis and must be approved in writing by Licensor

TRAILERS *(Definition: Removable / portable office modules are not permitted without Licensor’s prior permission. Trailers must meet the following criteria to be considered:* Trailers must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must have axles and wheel and be able to be moved
- b. Maximum length: 40 feet
- c. Maximum height: 15 feet
- d. Maximum width: 12 feet
- 2. No trailers will be permitted within the following areas reserved for Licensor’s access:
  - a. Within 2 feet from edge of 16-foot wide access roads
  - b. 50-foot radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - c. 100-foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - d. 25-foot radius around anchors/guy wires, poles and wood poles
  - e. Under or within 10 feet of the conductor “drip lines”

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3. Sewer or gas lines to trailers must be approved in writing by Licensor
4. Location of all electrical and telephone lines must be approved in writing by Licensor
5. Electrical lines must be installed by a licensed -general contractor.
6. Trailers shall not be used for residential purposes
7. Toxic or flammable materials will not be permitted in trailers
8. Adequately grounded by a licensed -general contractor

PARKING AREAS

Parking areas should not be designed under the overhead electrical conductors or within 10 feet of the “drip lines” without Licensor’s prior written approval. Parking spaces to be identified under the approved site plan. “No Parking” striping may be required in areas where additional clearance is required.

MATERIAL STORAGE

1. If an emergency occurs, Licensee must immediately relocate all materials specified by Licensor to provide Licensor clear access to its facilities.
2. Licensee must provide Licensor with a list of material stored on the right of way
3. No toxic or flammable materials will be permitted
4. No materials shall be stored within the following areas reserved for Licensor’s access:
  - a. Within 2 feet from edge of 16-foot wide access roads
  - b. 50 - foot radius around suspension tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - c. 100 - foot radius around dead-end tower legs, H-Frames and poles
  - d. 25 feet from anchors/guy wires, poles and wood poles
5. Storage of materials not to exceed a maximum height of 15 feet
6. No storage of gasoline, diesel or any other type of fuel will be permitted
7. Any fencing around the storage areas must have Licensor’s prior written approval.

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ADDENDUM

**PARKING**

- A. Vehicles parked on the Property are limited to those owned by Licensee and its employees, invitees, customers and visitors. Licensee will not allow the storage, repairing or refueling of any vehicles on the property.
- B. Licensor only allows overflow parking. No portion of the Property will be used to satisfy the minimum parking requirements of any government agency.
- C. Licensee must obtain prior written approval from Licensor for any vehicle parking improvements and/or subsequent modification. Licensee will maintain parking improvements at all times in a safe condition satisfactory to Licensor.
- D. At any time, Licensor may require removal, modification, or relocation of any portion of the parking improvements. At Licensee’s sole expense, Licensee will remove, modify, or relocate same to a location satisfactory to Licensor, within sixty (60) days after receiving notice to remove, modify, or relocate from Licensor.
- E. Parking will be permitted in designated areas only. Unless prior written approval is received from Licensor, no parking will be permitted under or within ten (10) feet of the “drip line” of Licensor’s overhead electrical conductors.
- F. All parking spaces and parking improvements are to be identified on a site plan and submitted to Licensor to obtain prior written approval from Licensor.
- G. Bollards, K-rails, or “No Parking” striping may be required to protect Licensor’s structures or in areas where additional clearance is required.
- H. The Licensee’s parking area shall not interfere with the Licensor’s minimum access road requirements.

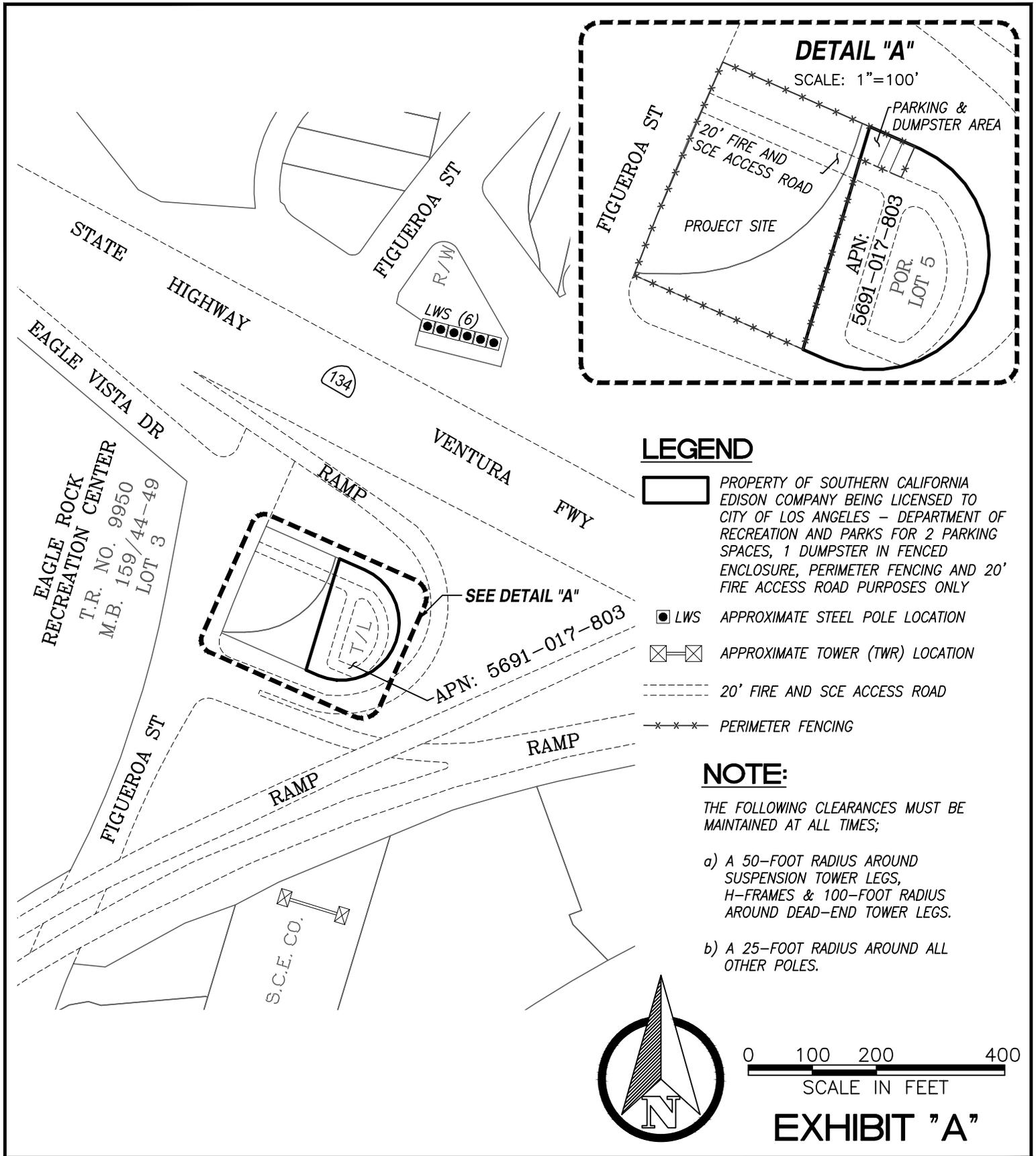
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**TREES/LANDSCAPING**

- A. Existing landscaping improvements (trees, plants, and shrubs) have been inspected and approved by Licensor. This written approval may be modified and/or rescinded by Licensor for any reason whatsoever.
- B. At any time, Licensor may require Licensee to modify and/or remove any or all such previously approved improvements at Licensee’s risk and expense and without any compensation from Licensor.
- C. Licensee agrees and accepts full responsibility for the maintenance and/or removal of all trees, plants, and shrubs (vegetation) located on the property. All costs associated with the maintenance and/or removal of trees/vegetation will be the sole burden of Licensee.
- D. Periodically, the Property will be inspected by Licensor, and upon determination that any tree/vegetation requires trimming or removal, Licensee will be notified by Licensor. Failure by Licensee to trim or remove said tree/vegetation in the time allotted, that results in Licensor’s contractor performing the work, Licensee will be billed by Licensor for the contractor’s expense; and Licensee may be subject to termination under the terms and conditions of the Permit or License.
- E. Trees/vegetation must be slow growing and maintained by Licensee to not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.
- F. Failure by Licensee to maintain all permit or license clearance requirements will require removal at Licensee’s expense.
- G. Unless authorized in writing by Licensor, Licensee agrees not to plant any additional trees, plants, or shrubs within the Property. If additional authorization is requested by Licensee and prior written authorization is received by Licensor, no tree or plant species that is protected by federal or state law shall be planted within Licensor’s land and no cactus or thorny shrubs/plants will be permitted.
- H. Any improvements or alterations, including retaining walls, planters, placement of large rocks, etc. and any mounds or changes of grade, require prior written approval by Licensor.
- I. Licensee will keep the Property clean, free from weeds, rubbish and debris, and in a condition satisfactory to Licensor.
- J. Upon permit or license termination, Licensee agrees to remove all trees/vegetation and improvements and restore the Property to a condition satisfactory to Licensor, at the sole expense of Licensee.

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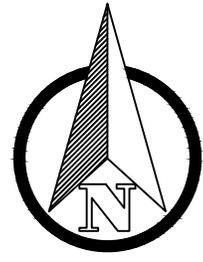


**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY BEING LICENSED TO CITY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR 2 PARKING SPACES, 1 DUMPSTER IN FENCED ENCLOSURE, PERIMETER FENCING AND 20' FIRE ACCESS ROAD PURPOSES ONLY
- LWS APPROXIMATE STEEL POLE LOCATION
- APPROXIMATE TOWER (TWR) LOCATION
- 20' FIRE AND SCE ACCESS ROAD
- PERIMETER FENCING

**NOTE:**

- THE FOLLOWING CLEARANCES MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES;
- a) A 50-FOOT RADIUS AROUND SUSPENSION TOWER LEGS, H-FRAMES & 100-FOOT RADIUS AROUND DEAD-END TOWER LEGS.
  - b) A 25-FOOT RADIUS AROUND ALL OTHER POLES.



**EXHIBIT "A"**

FACILITY NAME: EAGLE ROCK – SOUTH 66 KV T/L R/W		LICENSED AREA (GROSS)	SQ.FT.: 18,368	AC.: 0.42
LICENSEE: CITY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS		CONTRACT NO.:	9.2167	ACCOUNT NO.:
CITY: LOS ANGELES		COUNTY: LOS ANGELES	STATE: CA	T.G.: 565/D5
M.S.: 056-086		M.S.: 056-086		
APN(S): 5691-017-803		SCE DOCUMENT NO.: 49194/002		
SCE SANDERS MAP: 5197047	SCE FIM: 74-75A; 74-74B	REF: 2016/9.2167.DWG		
R.P. LAND AGENT: S. MISRA	LANDBASE MAPPING: WESTLAND GROUP, INC.	CHECKED BY: V. MUNOZ		
ORDER NO.: 801167420	NOT. NO.: 202715217	DATE: 06/08/2021	FILE NAME: 9.2167.DWG	





June 24, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Meghan Luera  
City of Los Angeles – Recreation and Parks  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, California 90601

Re: Extension of License Agreement (Contract No. 9.2167)

Dear Ms. Luera:

Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) and the City of Los Angeles – Recreation and Parks (“LA City”) are parties to that certain License Agreement (Contract No. 9.2167) (the “License”) through which LA City licenses certain property in Eagle Rock area in the City of Los Angeles, California from SCE. The License’s term expires July 31, 2021.

As you are aware, the parties are negotiating a subsequent license (the “New License”) for the licensed property.

SCE and LA City desire to extend the term of the License in order to allow LA City to remain on the licensed property while the negotiation and execution of the New License is pending. The parties hereby agree to extend the termination date of the License to October 31, 2021. Should the New License be entered into prior to October 31, 2021, the License shall terminate as of the date the New License is entered into.

Except for the extension of the term as set forth above, all other terms and conditions of the License are ratified and affirmed, and shall remain in full force and effect. Each of the persons executing this letter warrants and represents that he or she has the full and complete authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the party for which he or she is signing, and to bind such party to the agreement contained herein.

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SCE looks forward to working with LA City on the New License. Please execute this letter below to evidence LA City's agreement with the terms contained herein.

Sincerely,



Shawn Misra  
Sr. Right of Way Agent  
Southern California Edison Company

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES – RECREATION AND PARKS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
 ROOM 395, CITY HALL  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> 14
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<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> EAGLE ROCK RECREATION CENTER - License Agreement, Contract, between the City of Los Angeles , Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE)	<b>LOG REFERENCE:</b>
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 1100 Eagle Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90041

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**

The proposed project consists on the renewal of a License Agreement between the City of Los Angeles , Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE), for the use of a 0.4 acre parcel to serve as fire access/turnaround lane, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure, and 2 parking spaces, instrumental to construction and use of the adjacent parcel as a homeless shelter facility.

<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> 482-6980	<b>EXT.</b>
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<b>EXEMPT STATUS:</b> (Check One)	<b>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</b>	<b>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c)
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2b	ART. 18, Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below	ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15333
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(d)	ART. 18, Sec. 15262
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(i)	ART. 18, Sec. 15282
<b>Class</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>(City CEQA Guidelines)</b>
_____	_____	Art. III, Sec(s). _____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions) Public Resources Code 21080.27 and Governor Executive Order N-32-20		<b>(State CEQA Guidelines)</b>
		Art. 19, Sec(s). _____

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**

This project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c); under Public Resources Code section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles emergency homeless shelters; and, because the project uses "Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds," it is exempt under Governor's order N-32-20 (see attached narrative).

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

<b>SIGNATURE:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Specialist III	<b>DATE:</b>
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<b>FEE \$75.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D. BY:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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## **EAGLE ROCK RECREATION CENTER - License Agreement, Contract, between the City of Los Angeles , Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE)**

### **CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE**

#### **I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Since 1986, RAP has been licensed to use the 0.4-acre parcel (APN 5691-017-803) owned by SCE for additional parking space at the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. The License Agreement has been renewed at intervals of five (5) years. On May 4, 2016, the Board approved the renewal of said parking license under Contract No. 9.2167 for a five (5) year term (Report No. 16-115). The current parking license will expire in July 31, 2021.

RAP received a communication from SCE dated June 7, 2021, containing SCE's proposed License Agreement, Contract No. 9.2167. The proposed project consists on the renewal of a License Agreement between the City of Los Angeles , Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE), for the use of a 0.4 acre parcel to serve as fire access/turnaround lane, perimeter fencing, dumpster in a fenced enclosure, and 2 parking spaces, instrumental to construction and use of the adjacent parce as a homeless shelter facility. The parcel, in fact, will be used as fire truck access and turnaround lane to provide emergency access to the emergency shelter. Use of the property for any other purpose and/or failure to utilize the Property in accordance with the agreement is deemed a material default and grounds for immediate termination.

The project is located at 1100 Eagle Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90041, in the Northeast Los Angeles Community Planning Area (Fig.1).

The project site is within an urban area on a parcel that is currently developed with an asphalt paved parking lot. The project site is zoned PF-1 with a Public Facilities land use designation. The site is surrounded by open space, a City park, and various components of the Ventura Freeway, both uses are considered public institutional uses. As shown in Figure 1, below, there is a combination of qualified urban uses that are adjacent to the site. The parcel is an infill site that is bounded by parcels that are developed with qualified urban uses. The entire perimeter of the parcel is surrounded by qualified urban uses. Therefore, the parcel meets the definition of infill site.

#### **II. PROJECT HISTORY: HOMELESS SHELTER CRISIS AND EMERGENCY**

##### **A. Homelessness Imposes a Loss of, or Damage to, Life, Health, Property, and to Essential Public Services in the City**

Homelessness presents a danger of loss or damage to the health and property of the people of the City and an undue burden on essential public services. Homeless persons constitute approximately 0.78 percent of the City's population (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2018).

In 2018, homeless persons constituted 13.5 percent of LAFD's total patient transports to a hospital, meaning a homeless person is 17 percent more likely to require emergency hospital transportation than the general population (LAFD Battalion Chief and Paramedic Douglas Zabilski, 2019). Studies have shown that individuals identified as homeless utilize health care services more frequently than comparable non-homeless individuals of the same age, gender, and low-income status, particularly high-cost services such as ER visits and psychiatric hospitalizations (Hunter, 2017) (Hwang SW, 2013).

Fig. 1 Project site



Los Angeles County's Chief Executive Officer reported the County spent \$965 million on health, law enforcement, and social services toward individuals experiencing homelessness in fiscal year 2014-2015 (Wu, 2016). Consistent with that report, a 1998 study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that homelessness was associated with substantial excess costs per hospital stay in New York City, with homeless patient staying in the hospital 36 percent longer per admission on average than other patients (Salit, *Hospitalization Costs Associated with Homelessness in New York City*, 1988).

Homelessness also causes significant danger to the health and lives of persons who are homeless. Homeless individuals living in the City are frequent crime victims. In 2018, LAPD reported 2,965 instances where a homeless individual was a victim of a serious crime, including homicide, rape, aggravated assault, theft, and arson (also known as "Part 1 Crimes.") (Commander Dominic H. Choi, 2019). This compares to 1,762 such crimes in 2017, a 68 percent increase (*id.*). This dramatic increase in Part 1 Crime statistics may be due to more rigorous LAPD data collection methodologies, but is consistent with the increasing incidence of homelessness documented in June of 2019 detailed below (*id.*).

Overall, in 2018, the LAPD reported 6,671 instances in total where a homeless individual was a Part 1 Crime victim and/or suspect, among the 31,285 estimated homeless individuals throughout the City (*id.*). This means that in 2018 there was approximately one Part 1 Crime per every 4.68 homeless individuals in the City. By comparison, for the same year LAPD reported 129,549 total Part 1 Crimes Citywide among an estimated population of 4,054,400 City residents, or approximately one Part 1 crime per every 31.29 City residents. Accordingly, the rate of Part 1 crimes among homeless individuals in 2018 was approximately seven times higher than the rate among the City population as a whole (*id.*).

On October 4, 2018 and again on February 6, 2019, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health identified an outbreak of endemic flea-borne typhus in downtown Los Angeles among persons experiencing homelessness. On September 19, 2017, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health declared a Hepatitis A virus outbreak among persons who are homeless and/or use illicit drugs in the County. Likewise, a January 2018 report from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health reported that data from the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Corner's showed that a significant number of deaths in the homeless population were caused by treatable conditions such as arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease, pneumonia, diabetes, cancer, cirrhosis, severe bacterial infections and other conditions (Choi, 2019). As noted more recently by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles on October 29, 2019:

Mortality rates for people experiencing homelessness are much higher than those for the general population, have risen in the County over the past five years, and are expected to increase again for 2019. A recent analysis by the County's Department of Public Health on mortality rates and causes of death among people experiencing homelessness shed critical light on this issue and provided sobering data on recent trends. The overall mortality rate, which accounts for increases in the total homeless population over the 6-year period from 2013 to 2018, increased each year from 1,382 per 100,000 to 1,875 deaths per 100,000, with the total number of deaths among people experiencing homelessness increasing each year from 536 in 2013 to 1,047 in 2018. The leading causes of death included coronary heart disease (22%) and unintentional drug and alcohol overdose (21%), indicating that there are opportunities for interventions to prevent premature deaths (Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Solis, 2019) (Department of Public Health, 2019).

These significant adverse health impacts suffered by the homeless in the City and County of Los Angeles are consistent with the impacts identified by a well-established body of expert social science studies that document the significant adverse health and welfare

impacts experienced by homeless persons in the United States and in other countries, which the homeless in the City and County experience as well. Some of that research has documented the following impacts upon homeless persons.

**Mortality Rates.** A study of the mortality rates of sheltered homeless people in New York City between 1987 and 1994 documented that homeless men died at a rate more than twice that of other residents of New York, and that homeless women died at a rate more than 3.7 times greater than other New York residents (Barrow ,Susan M., PhD, Daniel B. Herman, DSW, Pilar Cordova, BA, and Elmer L. Struening, PhD, 1999). A study conducted between 1985 and 1988 in Philadelphia found that the mortality rate among homeless persons in Philadelphia was nearly four times greater than for the general population (Hibbs, Jonathan R., MD, et. al., 1994). A review of five years of data between 2000 and 2005 in Glasgow, Scotland found that homelessness is, itself, is an independent risk factor for death, distinct from other specific causes (Morrison, 2009).

**Access to Healthcare.** A 2003 nationwide survey of homeless persons documented that homeless adults reported substantial unmet needs for multiple types of health care (Baggett, Travis P., MD, MPH, James J. O'Connell, MD, Daniel E. Singer, MD, and Nancy A. Rigotti, MD, , 2010). The report found 73 percent of the respondents reported at least one unmet health need, including an inability to obtain needed medical or surgical care (32%), prescription medications (36%), mental health care (21%), eyeglasses (41%), and dental care (41%) (Id.).

**AIDS Impacts.** A study of San Francisco residents diagnosed with AIDS from 1996 through 2006 and reported to the San Francisco Department of Public Health demonstrated that homeless persons with HIV/AIDS have greater morbidity and mortality, more hospitalizations, less use of antiretroviral therapy, and worse medication adherence than HIV infected persons who are stably housed (Schwarcz, & al. 2009).

**Cancer Impacts.** A study of 28,000 current and formerly homeless individuals in Boston documented that homeless men saw a significantly higher cancer incident rate than expected compared to the general Massachusetts general population, and that homeless women and men experienced significantly higher cancer mortality rates than the Massachusetts general population (Baggett, Travis P. & al., 2015).

## **B. Unexpected and Unabated Dramatic Surge in Homelessness**

A 2017 Rand Corporation study reported the County of Los Angeles as having the highest rate in the United States of unsheltered individuals who experience homelessness (Hunter, Sarah B., & al. 2017). The impacts of homelessness upon the homeless and upon the community, in terms of the danger to or loss of life, property, health and burden on public services is exacerbated in the City due the very size of the City's homeless population. The homeless shelter crisis and the rise in homelessness are the type of emergency situations that led the State to adopt AB 1197, an urgency statute addressing homelessness that was deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety and for the critical necessity to address the shelter and homeless crisis within the City of Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles (the City) City Council declared a homeless shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code Section 8698, et seq. on April 17, 2018 (The Honorable M. Bonin & M. O'Farrell, 2019), which is currently in effect (The Honorable M. Bonin & M. Harris-Dawson, 2019). Following significant investment of resources by both the County and City, the 2018 Homeless Count showed progress in reducing homelessness, documenting a 5.5 percent overall decrease in the number of persons experiencing homelessness in LA County (LAHSA, 2020).

*Table 1 - 2018 Homeless Count Data Summary* presents the data revealed by the 2018 Homeless Count concerning the City of Los Angeles, as documented in the 2018 Data Summary in Table 1 (LAHSA, 2020).

<b>Table 1</b>		
<b>2018 Homeless Count Data Summary</b>		
	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Change from 2017</b>
Sheltered Homeless	8,398	6% Decrease
Unsheltered Homeless	22,887	5.3% Decrease
Total Homeless Persons	31,285	5.5% Decrease

Despite these efforts and the initial progress shown in 2018, the revised 2019 Homeless Count, released in July 22, 2020, unexpectedly documented a dramatic increase in the number of individuals experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness in (LAHSA, 2020) Table 2 - 2019 Homeless Count Data Summary presents the data revealed by the 2019 Homeless Count concerning the City of Los Angeles, as documented in the 2019 Data Summary as shown in Table 2 (LAHSA, 2020).

<b>Table 2</b>		
<b>2019 Homeless Count Data Summary</b>		
	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Change from 2018</b>
Sheltered Homeless	8,944	6.5% Increase
Unsheltered Homeless	26,606	16.2% Increase
Total Homeless Persons	35,550	13.7% Increase

LAHSA recently published its 2020 Homeless Count, released in July 20, 2020, which shows that the homelessness emergency in the City of Los Angeles continues unabated. The documented number of individuals experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness dramatically increased yet again, as shown in *Table 3 - 2020 Homeless Count Data Summary* (LAHSA, 2020).

<b>Table 3</b>		
<b>2020 Homeless Count Data Summary</b>		
	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Change from 2019</b>
Sheltered Homeless	12,438	39% Increase
Unsheltered Homeless	28,852	8.4% Increase
Total Homeless Persons	41,290	16.1 % increase

### **C. Emergency Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Impacting Homeless Community**

In addition to the crisis of growing homelessness, the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting homeless persons. On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020), and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles declared a local emergency related to the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the local population (Mayor Eric Garcetti, 2020). The City is facing an unprecedented emergency at the current time due to the sudden occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this emergency is particularly concerning for the imminent threat it poses to the City's homeless population.

On March 11, 2020, the State Department of Health issued guidance for protecting homeless Californians from COVID-19, which noted the following:

“We know that individuals experiencing homelessness are at greater risk of having an untreated and often serious health condition. This vulnerable population also has a higher risk of developing severe illness due to COVID-19,” said Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency. “It is important that we act now to protect this population and the compassionate people who serve them.” (Corey Egel, 2020).

The homeless often live unsheltered, unprotected from the elements and in close contact and proximity to other individuals in the homeless community. As noted above, the homeless population is substantially more prone to underlying health conditions. The State Department of Public Health additionally states that populations “with compromised immune systems, and people with certain underlying health conditions like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example, seem to be at greater risk of serious illness.” (California Dept. of Public Health, 2020) Thus, exposure to COVID-19 in the homeless population is an imminent concern for the damage it will cause on these susceptible individuals.

On March 12, 2020, the Governor's Executive Order No. N-25-20 noted the “need to secure numerous facilities to accommodate quarantine, isolation, or medical treatment of individuals testing positive for or exposed to COVID-19.” (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020) On March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. N-32-20 (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020), which further noted imminent impacts to the homeless, as follows:

[T]he emergency of COVID-19 necessitates a more focused approach, including emergency protective measures to bring unsheltered Californians safely indoors, expand shelter capacity, maintain health and sanitation standards and institute medically indicated interventions, and add new isolation and quarantine capacity to California's shelter and housing inventory to slow the spread of the pandemic....

The Governor has stated that “[p]eople experiencing homelessness are among the most vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19,” and “California is deploying massive resources to get these vulnerable residents safely into shelter, removing regulatory barriers and securing trailers and hotels to provide immediate housing options for those most at risk. Helping these residents is critical to protecting public health, flattening the curve and slowing the spread of COVID-19.” (California Governor, Press Release (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020).

On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a stay-at-home order directing residents to stay home or at their place of residence (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020). It noted “in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials.” (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020). Similar local Safer-at-Home orders followed (County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, 2020) (Mayor Eric Garcetti, 2020). The City's Safer at Home order particularly noted the following:

City of Los Angeles officials and contracted partners responsible for homelessness outreach shall make every reasonable effort to persuade such residents to accept, if offered, temporary housing or shelter, as the Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles recommends that sheltering individuals will assist in reducing the spread of the virus and will protect the individual from potential exposure by allowing the individual access to sanitation tools. (Mayor Eric Garcetti, 2020)

In the United States District Court Central District of California case of *LA Alliance for Human Rights Et Al. vs. the City of Los Angeles, Et al.* Case No. CV 20-02291 DOC (The Honorable Judge David O. Carter, 2020), concerning homelessness, the Court entered a May 2020 injunction that had ordered the City of Los Angeles in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, to protect a particular subset of persons experiencing homelessness, finding they are exposed to severely heightened public health risks as a result of where they live. (The Honorable Judge David O. Carter, 2020) Although the Court vacated that order on June 18, 2020, in favor of a homeless shelter agreement between the City and County, the Court retained its right to re-impose the May 2020 injunction. The Court's May 2020 findings concerning the emergency situation faced by homeless persons, therefore, is relevant to understanding the emergency situation.

The Injunction found that the combined risks of health impacts from living near freeways and the on-going Covid-19 pandemic constitute an emergency. The Court found that it is unreasonably dangerous for humans to live in areas which have deleterious health impacts and can shorten a homeless person's life expectancy by decades. These locations near freeways, for example, could be contaminated with lead or other carcinogenic substances and also increase the danger that a homeless person will be struck by a vehicle or injured in the event of an earthquake or crash. Camps in these locations can also burden the general public—for example, by posing potential hazards to passing motorists, or by making sidewalks and other rights-of-way inaccessible to individuals with disabilities.

The Court further found that providing housing for persons experiencing homelessness will help stop the spread of COVID-19 persons experiencing homelessness and will also help reduce the likelihood that the disease will spread throughout the greater Los Angeles community.

Taken together, the unexpected and dramatic increase in homelessness in the City and County of Los Angeles identified first in 2019 continues unabated in 2020, which is now exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic posing a critical emergency situation in the City of Los Angeles. This situation presents documented dangers to health, life, property and a burden on public resources which presents an emergency as defined by CEQA as explained below. Furthermore, the State has created additional CEQA exemptions applicable in the City of Los Angeles concerning homelessness and homeless shelters.

### **III. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW**

#### **A. The Project is Exempt Pursuant to the Emergency CEQA Statutory Exemption (PRC Section 21080(b)(4))**

Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4) provides that CEQA does not apply, to “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” Public Resources Code section 21060.3 defines Emergency as, “a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services.” Section 21060.3 further provides that Emergency, “includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage.”

Finally, 14 California Code of Regulations (Governor's Office of Planning and Research, 2018) Section 15269, "Emergency Projects," provides examples of emergency projects exempt from the requirements of CEQA, including the following:

(c) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. This does not include long-term projects undertaken for the purpose of preventing or mitigating a situation that has a low probability of occurrence in the short-term, but this exclusion does not apply

(i) if the anticipated period of time to conduct an environmental review of such a long-term project would create a risk to public health, safety or welfare, or

(ii) if activities (such as fire or catastrophic risk mitigation or modifications to improve facility integrity) are proposed for existing facilities in response to an emergency at a similar existing facility.

Being specifically instrumental to the construction of a temporary homeless center, this action is a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency - the conditions arising from a sudden and unexpected dramatic rise in the City's already dangerously large homeless population, now adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for all of the reasons set forth above in Part II (Project History). The project, therefore is exempt from CEQA environmental review pursuant to Section 21080(b)(4).

#### **B. The Project is Exempt under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-32-20, Suspending CEQA**

On March 18, 2020, Governor Newsom signed and issued Executive Order No. N-32-20 (Governor Gavin Newsom, 2020) suspending CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines' requirements "for any project using Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds, Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds, or funds appropriated in Senate Bill 89, signed on March 17, 2020." The Governor noted that "strict compliance with the various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic." Because the proposed emergency shelter and its accessories will use Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds for at least a portion of the work at the site," it is exempt from CEQA under the Governor's suspension order.

#### **C. The Project is Exempt Pursuant to AB 1197 Codified at PRC Section 21080.27**

Assembly Bill 1197 (Santiago, 2019), signed into law on September 26, 2019, adopted Section 21080.27 of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) and created a statutory exemption for compliance with CEQA for emergency shelter projects located within the City of Los Angeles. The intent of AB 1197 is to help the City of Los Angeles address its homeless crisis and is an urgency statute that is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety and for the critical necessity to address the shelter and homeless crisis. AB 1197 took immediate effect on September 26, 2019 in order to address the unique circumstances faced by the City of Los Angeles and to expedite the development of emergency homeless shelters. As noted in the following sections, this shelter project complies with the requirements in AB 1197, and thus the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to AB 1197 (PRC § 21080.27).

##### **1. City of Los Angeles Declaration of a Shelter Crisis**

Public Resources Code, section 21080.27(a)(2) requires that emergency shelters be approved during a shelter crisis under Government Code, section 8698.2. The City of Los Angeles City Council declared a homeless shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code Section 8698, et seq. on April 17, 2018 (The Honorable M. Bonin & M. O'Farrell , 2019), which is currently in effect (The Honorable M. Bonin & M. Harris-Dawson, 2019).

## **2. The Project Meets the Definition of a Low Barrier Navigational Center in Government Code Section 65660**

Under AB1197, emergency shelters must meet the definition of “Low Barrier Navigational Center” in Government Code Section 65660, which defines Low Barrier Navigation Center as a “Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities, while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter and housing. The City builds and operates emergency shelters, such as this Project, to be operated as low barrier navigation centers consistent with Government Code Section 65660.

Service-Enriched Shelter with Case Managers Connecting to Services. The requirements are met by this project for a “service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities, while case managers connect families experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter and housing.” This project provides temporary housing, with case managers staffing the facility that provide connections to homeless family services and assistance for the occupants. This is one of the fundamental purposes of this shelter project. For example, the project’s programs include Trauma Informed Care policies and procedures that involve understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. Trauma Informed Care also emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional safety for both families and providers, and helps families rebuild a sense of control and empowerment. Trauma Informed services take into account an understanding of trauma in all aspects of service delivery and place priority on the trauma survivor’s safety, choice, and control. Trauma Informed Care services create a culture of nonviolence, learning, and collaboration.

The shelter will be operated by service providers coordinated with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The intention of this emergency shelter project is to provide persons experiencing homelessness with some stability, so that they can more easily maintain contact with housing navigation and/or case management services to facilitate safe and supportive housing placement.

Per LAHSA’s Crisis and Bridge Housing Scope of Required Services, which will be followed for operating the shelter in this project, service providers that oversee an emergency shelter must provide case management services and develop a Housing Stability Plan with each person. The shelter will program implement a case management and service plan known as Housing-Focused Case Management and Support Services (HFCMSS). HFCMSS includes but is not limited to: support with completing housing applications, accompanying the individual to housing appointments and/or leasing appointments, and other support associated with the housing placement process. The primary objective of HFCMSS is to extend support to individuals through an individualized case management relationship that will ultimately translate to increased housing stability. The HFCMSS offers services to connect individuals to permanent housing. Case Managers present at the shelter make rapid connections to a broad continuum of resources and permanent housing, emphasizing a short-term stay.

HFCMSS connects families to a Housing Navigator who assists individuals to gain access to permanent housing through referrals to housing programs (such as RRH, Permanent Supportive Housing, affordable housing, etc.). A case manager is assigned to an individual when the person enters the program and then helps the participant establish a connection to a Housing Navigator. A Housing Navigator assists individuals with Housing Navigation services. Housing Navigation services are available to individuals to support their housing placement goals and must be focused on assisting the participant in identifying and accessing permanent housing within the general ninety (90) days. Housing Navigation services may be provided onsite or offsite, and may also require participants’ to be accompanied to off-site appointments.

Case management must be conducted on a regular and routine basis and must be routinely documented. The content and outcome of case management meetings with individuals are entered

into a housing management information system with case notes that are tracked in the system. Housing-focused case management sessions are dedicated to assessing and reassessing needs, educating individuals on community resource opportunities, developing Housing Stability Plans, scheduling appointments, and providing necessary follow up to ensure housing stability plans are progressing on schedule and needs are adequately being addressed.

As noted in LAHSA's Program Standards, supportive services for the shelters focus on the income, resources, skills and tools needed to pay rent, comply with a lease, take reasonable care of a housing unit, and avoid serious conflict with other tenants, the landlord, and/or the police. The Program Standards also require service providers to utilize and maintain referral networks with specific lists of health services and public benefit services for connecting occupants to those benefits. Thus, the project is a service-enriched shelter focused on moving individuals into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities, while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter and housing.

**Housing First.** The project is a "Housing First" shelter pursuant to Government Code Section 65660. Also, in being such a Housing First shelter, the project complies with Chapter 6.5 of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commonly referred to as the Housing First Law) as required by Government Code Section 65662 (discussed further below). "Housing First" means the evidence-based model that uses housing as a tool, rather than a reward, for recovery from homelessness, and that centers on providing or connecting people experiencing services as needed and requested on a voluntary basis and that do not make housing contingent on participation in services.

Housing First also includes time-limited rental or services assistance, so long as the housing and service provider assists the recipient in accessing permanent housing and in securing longer-term rental assistance, income assistance, or employment. In the event of an eviction, programs shall make every effort, which shall be documented, to link tenants to other stable, safe, decent housing options. Exit to homelessness should be extremely rare, and only after a tenant refuses assistance with housing search, location, and move-in assistance. If resources are needed to successfully divert an individual from entry into the homelessness system, a referral must immediately be made to a CES Diversion/Prevention program. In order to identify other permanent housing options, service providers continue to have such problem solving conversations with the individual while residing in Crisis and Bridge Housing. More broadly, the project includes a housing and services plan and housing-focused case management, both with an orientation towards supporting individuals to exit to safe and stable housing. This project meets the above-noted Housing First requirements.

The emergency shelters are operated by service providers coordinated through LAHSA. All service providers must comply with LAHSA's Scope of Required Services, Program Standards, and Facility Standards. Per LAHSA's Program Standards, all eligible participants are to be served with a Housing First approach. LAHSA's CES for Families' Principles and Practices that were approved by the CES Policy Council on August 23, 2017 shall be used to guide the development of systems-level policy and to ensure transparent and accountable decision-making with privately owned Service Providers who enter into a partnership with LAHSA. The basic underlying principle of LAHSA's System Components is that access to housing is the primary need for its program participants. Services are voluntary and not required to enter into a shelter. Individuals will not be rejected or exited from participation in the emergency shelter due to any unnecessary barriers.

The City's shelters are intended to be a Housing First program focused on quickly moving individuals experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and then providing the additional supports and services each person needs and wants to stabilize in that housing. The basic underlying Housing First principle is that individuals are better able to move forward with their lives once the crisis of homelessness is over and they have control of their housing. The City's emergency shelter will, provide a safe, low barrier, housing-focused, and homeless services

support in a twenty-four (24) hour residence to help individuals who experience homelessness that meet the above-noted requirements for Housing First. One of the core components of the Housing First model is that longer-term housing accepts referrals directly from shelters. The City's shelters, including this project, are primarily focused on connecting, transitioning, and referring homeless individuals into such permanent housing as quickly as possible in the Housing First model, and accepting occupants through the crisis response system. The intention of this emergency shelter project is to provide participants with some stability, so that they can more easily maintain contact with housing navigation and case management services and facilitate safe and supportive housing placement. Services in the City's shelters, including this project, are never mandatory and cannot be a condition of obtaining the housing intervention. This project will provide temporary housing, case managers and Housing Navigators staffed at the facility or offsite who provide connections to homeless services for the occupants. Based on the above- noted information, the project's emergency shelter meets the Housing First requirements relative to AB 1197.

**Low Barrier.** "Low Barrier" means the shelters use best practices to reduce barriers to entry, including but not limited to, the presence of partners (if it is not a population-specific site, such as for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault, women, or youth); pets; storage for possessions; and privacy (such as partitions around beds in a dormitory setting or in larger rooms containing more than two beds, or private rooms). The City's shelters, including this project, meet these requirements.

The project provides approximately 45 pallets which allow for presence of partners. This project is pet friendly. Participants are allowed to bring their pets to the shelter and live with them inside their room. There is no pet play area onsite. The project has storage within each room for personal possessions. The project is designed to provide privacy to participants by providing each family or individual with their own room. There are private living quarters with both private and communal bathrooms. Therefore, the project is managed and designed to allow the privacy of participants and is a pet friendly facility for participants who choose to be accompanied by their pets.

The project uses low barrier best practices that reduce barriers to entry. They include the allowance for presence of partners, pet friendly facilities, storage areas for possessions, and management and design for individuals' privacy. All of the City's emergency shelters, including this project, meet these requirements. Therefore, none of the noted conditions would preclude access to the project, and the project is considered crisis and bridge housing that is "low barrier" within the meaning of Government Code Section 65660 and AB 1197.

In sum, based on the above-noted information, which is additionally explained and provided with additional details in the documents from LAHSA cited in the Reference section to this document, the project meets the definition of Low Barrier Navigation Center set forth in Government Code Section 65660.

### **3. The Project Complies with Government Code Section 65662**

Under AB1197, emergency shelters must meet the four requirements identified in Government Code Section 65662(a) through (d), which are each discussed in turn in this section.

**Connecting to Permanent Housing through a Services Plan.** Government Code Section 65662(a) requires that Low Barrier Navigation Centers offer services to connect families and individuals to permanent housing through a services plan that identifies services staffing. This project meets that requirement. As noted above, the project includes housing-focused case management sessions that involve developing Housing Stability Plans/Housing and Services Plans, scheduling appointments, and providing necessary follow up to ensure housing stability plans are progressing on schedule and needs are adequately being addressed. This is required in LAHSA's Scope of Required Services.

The Housing Stability Plan is the family or individual's service plan that summarizes the participant's housing goals, services needed, what will be provided, actions that need to be taken (by staff and the participant), and referrals that need to be made. Case managers develop the services plan in coordination with the family or individual right after intake and assessment, track the plan in a homeless management information system, and revise the plan as the family or person's situation changes and steps are completed or revised accordingly.

Families and individuals are assisted with a range of activities that address the stated goals of the family or individual in the Housing Stability Plan, including but not limited to:

- Accessing personal identification (For quick referral to permanent housing)
- Accessing certification of the current income (For quick referral to permanent housing)
- Mainstream Benefits
- Substance Abuse services
- Mental Health Services
- Health Services
- Vocational Services
- Employment Services
- Educational Support
- Legal Services
- Life Skills Development
- Independent Living Program for Youth
- Transitional Housing Program for Youth
- CES and CoC Rapid Re-Housing Program
- Housing Navigation Assistance
- CoC Permanent Supportive Housing
- LA County Department of Health Services, Housing for Health or Housing and Jobs Collaborative
- LA County Department of Health Services, Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team
- LA County Department of Mental Health, Countywide Housing Assistance Program
- Veterans Administration Housing Programs
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Housing
- Crisis Housing for Unaccompanied Youth
- Youth Family Reconnection Program

Progress and problems implementing the plan are reviewed and updated frequently.

**Coordinated Entry System.** Navigation Centers to be linked to a coordinated entry system allowing staff and co-locating staff to conduct assessments and provide services to connect families and individuals to permanent housing. This is required by LAHSA's Scope of Required Services and Program Standards. Thus, all City of Los Angeles homeless shelters, including this project, are linked to the Los Angeles County Coordinated Entry System, a centralized or coordinated assessment system designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals. The residents are prioritized through the coordinated entry system in the Los Angeles County Coordinated Entry System for safe and supportive housing resources. The City's collaborates with Los Angeles County Case Entry System and provides case management services to program participants through a Housing Stability Plan. Case managers must develop a Housing Stability Plan in coordination with the participant right after intake and assessment. The Housing Stability Plan must be tracked in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) along with the date of completion.

**Government Code Section 65662(b) requires Low Barrier.** The shelter will collaborate with Los Angeles County Case Entry system Housing Navigators and case managers from other outside agencies to provide case management services to program participants. Los Angeles County

Coordinated Entry System case managers work with participants and assist by facilitating services appointments; and then eventually help them find permanent housing.

**Compliance with Welfare and Institutions Code.** Government Code Section 65662(c) requires Low Barrier Navigation Centers comply with Chapter 6.5 of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which specifies the Housing First requirements. As noted above, the City's emergency shelters, including this project, are Housing First shelters, and thus they comply with this requirement.

**Homeless Management Information System.** Government Code Section 65662(d) requires Low Barrier Navigation Centers to have a system for entering stays, demographics, income, and exit destination through a local Homeless Management Information System designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals. These are required by LAHSA's Scope of Required Services and Program Standards. The City's emergency shelters use such a system in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In 2001, Congress directed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to ensure the collection of more reliable data regarding the use of homeless programs. HUD required all Continuum of Care applicants to demonstrate progress in implementing a Homeless Management System (HMIS). LAHSA led a regional planning process, encompassing three Continuums of Care - Los Angeles, Glendale, and Pasadena. This process resulted in the selection of a system that would not only satisfy the HUD mandate, but would also provide the Los Angeles Continuum with a means to measure the effectiveness of programs serving homeless families. Presently, the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LACoC) is part of a collaborative called the Los Angeles HMIS Collaborative. The LA HMIS Collaborative consists of three Continuums of Care (CoC): Los Angeles, Glendale, and Pasadena.

HMIS is a web-based application that is designed to collect information on the characteristics and service needs of homeless persons. The system allows agency users and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to use collected information for informed programmatic decision-making. Participating agencies collect and input standardized client-level and demographic data into the system, including client/household demographic details; relationships within a family and household; client/household income; client/household documents; case management and services; housing placements; and progress for housing retention. The HMIS includes a focus on Outcomes Management that sets and measures milestones and target achievements of clients and program performance.

Housing Stability Plans are tracked in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) along with the date of completion. Case managers complete a Monthly Update with the family to assess progress towards achieving the goals defined in the Housing Stability Plan. All services must be tracked and information is provided to families in HMIS with the goal of the individuals achieving housing stability and sustainability upon exit from the program. Exit destination information is also collected. Accordingly, the project meets the HMIS requirements.

In sum, based on the above-noted information, which is additionally explained in more detail in the documents from LAHSA cited in the Reference section to this document, the project built on the area object of this agreement meets the requirements set forth in Government Code Section 65662.

#### **4. The Project is in a Qualified Location Under AB 1197**

AB 1197 requires that the site be located in "either a mixed-use or nonresidential zone permitting multifamily uses or infill site...." (PRC § 21080.27(a)(2).) The project is considered an infill site because the site has been developed with, and its perimeter is surrounded by, qualified urban uses.

The project site is a Southern California Edison owned property, approximately 0.4 ac in size. The project site is surrounded by qualified urban uses, specifically public institutional uses, the Eagle Rock Park is across Figueroa Street to the west of the project site and the Ventura (US 134)

Freeway and associated uses are located to the north, east, and south of the project site. At least 75% of the perimeter of the parcel is surrounded by qualified urban uses. Both of which are considered a public institutional use. Therefore, the parcel meets the definition of infill site. (City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, 2021) Therefore, the project parcel and site are surrounded by urban uses and is considered a qualified location under AB 1197.

#### **5. The Project Involves Qualified Funding Under AB 1197**

AB 1197 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(a)(2)(A)-(D) exempt emergency shelter projects from CEQA which have at least a portion of the funding from qualified sources. The project is funded, at least in part, through State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) and Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for the improvements. The City also has determined that the project is a homeless shelter project that would qualify for the other homeless shelter funding sources identified in AB 1197, and that those funds may be applied to this project if such funding becomes available, which further qualifies this project for the exemption under AB 1197. Because these funding sources are qualified funding sources under Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(a)(2)(A), the funding requirement is met.

#### **6. The City's Actions Qualify under AB 1197 as Actions in Furtherance of Providing Emergency Shelters in the City of Los Angeles**

AB 1197 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(b)(1)), exempts from CEQA "any activity approved by or carried out by the City of Los Angeles in furtherance of providing emergency shelters or supportive housing in the City of Los Angeles." The project includes the construction of a new homeless shelter site that includes tiny homes and operating an emergency shelter, as described above, which is located in the City of Los Angeles. The City will provide funding and enter into contracts with a qualified service provider and/or LAHSA, to lease and operate the emergency shelter. Therefore, the City's actions are in furtherance of providing emergency shelters in the City of Los Angeles, and qualify for exemption from CEQA under AB 1197.

#### **7. AB 1197 Conclusion**

Based on the above-noted information, the Board's action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.27.

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