

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal filed for the property located at 975 – 987 South Manhattan Place.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332 (Class 32), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (Representative: Rebecca Davis, Lozeau Drury, LLP), and THEREBY SUSTAIN the determination of the LACPC, in approving a Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for the construction, use, and maintenance of a new, 95,206 square-foot, seven-story, 120-unit residential development with 12 units set aside for Extremely Low Income households, the project will provide 127 vehicle parking spaces within one at grade level and two subterranean level parking garages, the project includes a Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program for a Tier 3 project with base and additional incentives and Site Plan Review; for the property located at 975 - 987 South Manhattan Place.

Applicant: Korea Town, LP Representative: Allen Park

Case: DIR-2021-9356-TOC-SPR-VHCA

Environmental No.: ENV-2021-9357-CE

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on April 18, 2023, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the LACPC and CEQA appeal for the property located at 975 – 987 South Manhattan Place. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. Councilmember Yaroslavsky provided comments in support of denying the appeal. After an opportunity for public comment, and presentations from the Applicant and Appellant Representatives, the Committee recommended to deny the appeals and thereby sustain the LACPC's determination in approving the Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for the project. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
LEE:	YES
HUTT:	YES

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