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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council on August 4, 2022 by unanimous vote (9-0-0) raised serious concerns about the proposals in the recently completed assessment prepared by consultants Chattel Inc, and AECOM, based on numerous inaccuracies and conclusions. • NANDC questions the proposal to cap the number of these contracts, and the proposal to begin to cancel/non-renew older existing contracts. Substantial testimony was provided by current Mills Act contract holders at public hearings before the CHC and Planning that these actions would have a serious negative impact on the effectiveness of the Mills Act program. • The City should Increase the number of Mills Act Contracts, along with the staffing budget for Mills Act administration, not place an annual cap. • The City should not cancel/non-renew single family home contracts, unless it is learned that the owners are non-compliant, as single-Family homes only represent 25% of the taxes. • Capping the number each year could mean that deserving properties are denied. In the past, the City has approved as many as 50 Mills Act contracts in a single year, e.g., approving those that meet the criteria and not approving applications which do not. • The City should continue the capability of renewal of Mills Act Contract and the contract should be transferable to a subsequent owner. • NANDC supports equity as a goal and expanding the Mills Act to underserved communities. The suggestions in the report do not go far enough. People can't afford to participate in the program and ways need to be created to incentivize applications particularly in underserve areas. • The South Los Angeles Community Plan Area overall has 124 current Mills Act contracts; the vast majority of these are identified as being within neighborhoods that have "medium high" and "high" Barriers to Opportunity. • T