

## FINDINGS

### Land Use Findings

City Charter Finding 556 (General Plan). In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed Redevelopment Plan Procedures Chapter 1A Transition Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan as outlined below:

<b>Framework Element - Economic Development (<a href="#">Chapter 7</a>)</b>
<p><b>Objective 7.4</b> Improve the provision of governmental services, expedite the administrative processing of development applications, and minimize public and private development application costs.</p> <p><b>Objective 7.8</b> Maintain and improve municipal service levels throughout the City to support current residents' quality of life and enable Los Angeles to be competitive when attracting desirable new development.</p>

The proposed Ordinance is complimentary in its provision to support and maintain the original effort of the Processes and Procedures Ordinance (Ordinance 187,712) where the City originally reorganized Zoning Code processes and procedures. The proposed Ordinance improves and simplifies the Redevelopment Plan processes and procedures into a structure where the intent is to make the zoning regulations user friendly and transparent. This proposal also ensures that Redevelopment Plans are also able to be used in both Chapter 1 and Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), supporting the continued effort of transferring all zoning provisions to Chapter 1A of the LAMC and preventing any lapse in the City's ability to process development applications within Redevelopment Project Areas as future Community Plans continue to be updated.

City Charter Finding 558 and LAMC Section 12.32 (Public Necessity, Convenience, General Welfare, and Good Zoning Practice). In accordance with City Charter Section 558 (b)(2) and Section 12.32 C.2 and C.7 of the LAMC, the proposed Redevelopment Plan Procedures Chapter 1A Transition Ordinance is in substantial conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice because it supports and maintains the purpose of the Processes and Procedures Ordinance (Ordinance 187,712) to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures, with the intention of laying the groundwork for a more user-friendly, transparent, and predictable set of zoning regulations. This update will also ensure that Redevelopment Plans are able to be used in both Chapter 1 and Chapter 1A of the LAMC in a timely manner before future Community Plans are updated to Chapter 1A which Redevelopment Plans previously did not obtain any regulatory authority.

**Environmental Findings**

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Redevelopment Plan Procedures Chapter 1A Transition Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies (Exhibit D). The proposed Ordinance solely modifies administrative procedures for the processing of entitlement requests and has no effect on the physical environment.

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed Ordinance is not a project under CEQA, because “the activity is covered by the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

The proposed Ordinance is also not a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” are not considered a project. The proposed Ordinance does not change any discretionary actions into non-discretionary actions. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance does not change the zoning of any properties. The proposed changes are limited to policy changes that resolve conflicts within the Redevelopment Plans, Community Plans, the Code, and other City ordinances as well as include technical corrections and clarification of administrative procedures for processing Redevelopment Project Area approval requests and appeals. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not considered a project under CEQA.