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October 10, 2024

Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: PLUM Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

**CORRECTED: PLUM COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION FOR THE CORNFIELD ARROYO
SECO SPECIFIC PLAN (CASP) UPDATE; CF 13-0078-S2; CASE NO. CPC-2021-2642-SP;
ENV-2021-2643-EIR**

The CASP Update (“Proposed Project”) was initiated by the City Council on November 28, 2018 and recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission (CPC) at its meeting on December 14, 2023. The General Plan Amendments to implement the Proposed Project were transmitted to the Mayor for her recommendation on July 18, 2024 and approved by her on August 16, 2024. The Proposed Project includes the following proposed components:

- General Plan Amendments to the Downtown and Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan Maps (Exhibits C2 and C3) and Framework Element (Exhibit C4);
- Ordinance to Repeal the Existing CASP and Establish the Proposed CASP (Exhibit D1);
- Zone Change Maps Ordinance (Exhibit D2);
- Cypress Park and Glassell Park Community Design Overlay (CDO) Amendment Ordinance (Exhibit D3);
- Rescission of the CASP Floor Area Payment Trust Fund Ordinance (Exhibit D4); and
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code: Division 8.3 Special Districts (Exhibit E1) and Zoning Code Maps (Exhibit E2).

Los Angeles City Planning has prepared the following list of recommended actions on the Proposed Project should the City Council desire to adopt the CPC recommendations on the Proposed Project.

Below is a list of **recommended actions** on the Proposed Project:

1. **Adopt** the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, located in Council File No.13-0078-S2, in the document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit A - Staff Recommendation Report and Technical Modifications,” and the Findings located in the Council

File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as “Exhibit B - City Charter, LAMC, and General Plan Findings,” as the Council Findings.

2. **Find** that the City Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (City EIR No. ENV-2021-2643-EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2021040206).

3. **Adopt** the Resolution located in the Council File in the document dated December 14, 2023 and identified as, “Exhibit C - Resolution Certifying EIR and Adopting General Plan Amendments,” to certify the EIR, and adopt EIR Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program; inclusive of the technical correction to Exhibit C3 identified in the Department of City Planning’s October 9, 2024 memo submitted to the Council File.

4. **Adopt** the Resolution located in the Council File in the document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit C: Resolution Certifying EIR and Adopting General Plan Elements,” to do the following:

- a. Amend the Downtown Community Plan and Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan Maps to redesignate selected parcels, as shown in the document in the Council File dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit C2 - Proposed General Plan Land Use Map,” and the General Plan Land Use Change Maps located in the Council File in the document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit C3 - General Plan Land Use Change Maps”; and
- b. Amend the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, as shown in the Council File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit C4 - General Plan Framework Amendment.”

5. **Instruct** the Department of City Planning to prepare and provide for the City Council, at the time the final ordinances per Item 6 below have been transmitted by the City Attorney, the ordinances to amend the Zoning Map, consistent with the draft ordinances located in the Council File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit D2 – Zone Change Maps Ordinance,” and the draft ordinance to amend the Cypress Park and Glassell Park Community Design Overlay (CDO), as shown in the Council File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit D3 – Cypress Park and Glassell Park Community Design Overlay (CDO) Amendment Ordinance”; and

6. **Request** the City Attorney to prepare and present the following ordinances for the City Council adoption:

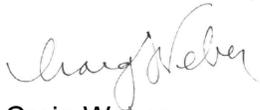
- a. The proposed ordinance to repeal the existing Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan and establish the proposed Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan, as shown in the Council File in the document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as “Exhibit D1 - Ordinance to Repeal the Existing CASP and Establish the Proposed CASP”; and
- b. The proposed ordinance to repeal the CASP Floor Area Payment Trust Fund, as shown in the Council File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as, “Exhibit D4 – Recission of the CASP Floor Area Payment Trust Fund Ordinance”; and
- c. The proposed Chapter 1A Zoning Code ordinance, located in the Council File document dated December 14, 2023, and identified as “Exhibit E1 - Proposed Amendments to the New Zoning Code: Division 8.3 (Special Districts)”; and the proposed Chapter 1A Zoning Code Maps, located in the Council File document dated

December 14, 2023, and identified as “Exhibit E2 – Proposed Amendments to the New Zoning Code: Zoning Code Maps”.

- d. Incorporation of the changes to specific plan regulations outlined within the Director of Planning’s Technical Memo submitted to the Council File and dated September 24, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig Weber".

Craig Weber
Principal City Planner

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