

## FINDINGS

### Land Use Findings

#### Charter Finding 556 (General Plan).

In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed 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 supports and maintains the purpose of the Processes and Procedures Ordinance (Ordinance 187,712, Exhibit B) 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. The proposed ordinance supports improvements to the provision of governmental services and processing of development applications by making it easier for both applicants and the public to clearly understand how the Department of City Planning considers land use and development proposals and how to navigate the decision-making process. Furthermore, the proposed ordinance will allow the City to continue the implementation of the remaining 17 active Redevelopment Plans.

#### City Charter Finding 558 and Section 12.32 of the LAMC (Public Necessity, Convenience, General Welfare, 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 ordinance is in substantial conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice because it supports and maintains the purpose of the Policies 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. In addition, the proposed ordinance will prevent any lapse in the City's ability to review projects subject to Redevelopment Plan provisions, and further ensure that all updated zoning regulations are operated simultaneously throughout the City, thereby supporting public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice.

### Environmental Findings

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed ordinance is exempt from 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 G).

The proposed ordinance consists of reinstating administrative procedures for Redevelopment Plans, as well as minor technical modifications, which include the removal of two Redevelopment Plans that have expired (the North Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, as adopted by Ordinance No. 171,745; and the Chinatown Redevelopment Plan, as adopted by Ordinance No. 153,365). These actions have 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. Therefore, the proposed ordinance will continue to ensure that projects meet all procedural requirements of CEQA, and that impacts are analyzed and environmental mitigations are imposed where necessary and appropriate. Furthermore, the proposed ordinance does not change the zoning of any properties and is limited to administrative provisions 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.