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Case No.: VTT-82846-SL

Related Case: ADM-2019-5651-SLD

Address: 2212 – 2214 West Norwalk Avenue

Planning Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Zone: RD1.5-1

D.M.: 160-5A221

C.D.: 14 – Huizar

CEQA: ENV-2019-5650-CE

Legal Description: Lot 5, Block B, Tract TR 341

The Advisory Agency determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, Case No. ENV-2019-5650-CE, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15332 (Class 32) and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies. In accordance with provisions of Section 17.03, 17.06, and 17.15 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the Advisory Agency **approved** Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-82846-SL located at 2212 Norwalk Avenue, for a maximum of **five (5) Small Lots**, pursuant to the LAMC Section 12.22 C.27, as shown on the revised map stamp-dated December 3, 2019, in the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan. This unit density is based on the RD1.5-1 Zone. (The subdivider is hereby advised that the LAMC may not permit this maximum approved density. Therefore, verification should be obtained from the Department of Building and Safety which will legally interpret the Zoning Code as it applies to this particular property.)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 17.03 of the LAMC, the Advisory Agency **dismissed** a request for an Adjustment to permit a 15 percent reduction to the minimum lot area per dwelling unit required for the RD1.5 Zone insofar as it is not necessary. The Advisory Agency's approval is subject to the following conditions:

NOTE on clearing conditions: When two or more **agencies** must clear a condition, subdivider should follow the sequence indicated in the condition. For the benefit of the applicant, subdivider shall maintain record of all conditions cleared, including all material supporting clearances and be prepared to present copies of the clearances to each reviewing agency as may be required by its staff at the time of its review.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Bureau of Engineering approvals are conducted at the Land Development Group, located 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 200. Any questions regarding these conditions should be directed to Mr. George Avanesian by calling (213) 808-8588.

1. That a 5-foot wide strip of land be dedicated along the alley adjoining the tract to complete a 10-foot wide half alley.
2. That if this tract map is approved as "Small Lot Subdivision" then, if necessary for street address purposes, all the common access to this subdivision be named on the final map satisfactory to the City Engineer.
3. That if this tract map is approved as Small Lot subdivision then the final map be labeled as "Small Lot Subdivision per Ordinance No. 185462" satisfactory to the City Engineer.
4. That all common access easements including the vehicular access and pedestrian access easement be part of the adjoining lots and be shown clearly on the final map.
5. That, if necessary, public sanitary sewer easements be dedicated on the final map based on an alignment approved by the Central Engineering District Office.
6. That, if necessary, the owners of the property record an agreement satisfactory to the City Engineer that they will provide name signs for the common access driveways.
7. That the subdivider make a request to the Central District Office of the Bureau of Engineering to determine the capacity of existing sewers in this area.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, GRADING DIVISION

Grading Division approvals are conducted at 221 North Figueroa Street, 12th Floor suite 1200. The approval of this Tract Map shall not be construed as having been based upon a geological investigation such as will authorize the issuance of the building permit of the subject property. Such permits will be issued only at such time as the Department of Building and Safety has received such topographic maps and geological reports as it deems necessary to justify the issuance of such building permits.

8. That prior to issuance of a grading or building permit, or prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall make suitable arrangements to assure compliance, satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division, with all the requirements and conditions contained in Geology and Soils Report Approval dated *February 7, 2020*, Log No. 110170-01 and attached to the case file for Tract No. 82846.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, ZONING DIVISION

Building and Safety approvals are conducted by appointment only - contact Eric Wong at (213) 482-6876 to schedule an appointment.

9. That prior to recordation of the final map, the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Division shall certify that no Building or Zoning Code violations exist on the subject site. In addition, the following items shall be satisfied:
 - a. Obtain permits for the demolition or removal of all existing structures on the site. Accessory structures and uses are not permitted to remain on lots without a main structure or use. Provide copies of the demolition permits and signed inspection cards to show completion of the demolition work.
 - b. Show all street/alley dedication(s) as required by Bureau of Engineering and provide net lot area after all dedication. "Area" requirements shall be re-checked

as per net lot area after street/alley dedication. Front and side yard requirements shall be required to comply with current code as measured from new property lines after dedication(s).

- c. Provide and dimension the reciprocal private easement for pedestrian and driveway egress and ingress in the final map

Notes:

This property is located in a Liquefaction Zone.

The proposed building plans have not been checked for and shall comply with Building and Zoning Code requirements. With the exception of revised health or safety standards, the subdivider shall have a vested right to proceed with the proposed development in substantial compliance with the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the time the subdivision application was deemed complete. Plan check will be required before any construction, occupancy or change of use.

The proposed buildings may not comply with City of Los Angeles Building Code requirements concerning exterior wall, protection of openings and exit requirements with respect to the proposed and existing property lines. Compliance shall be to the satisfaction of LADBS at the time of plan check.

If the proposed development does not comply with the current Zoning Code, all zoning violations shall be indicated on the Map.

Backup space for parking space with less than 26'-8" shall provide sufficient parking stall width and garage door opening width to comply with the current Zoning Code requirement. Comply with the above requirement at the time of Plan Check or obtain City Planning approval.

No parking space can back up onto a street when the driveway is serving more than two dwelling unit. Comply with the above requirement at the time of Plan Check or obtain City Planning approval.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

If you have any questions, you may contact Pete Eyre at (213) 482-7024.

- 10. That prior to recordation of the final map, satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Department of Transportation to assure:
 - a. A minimum of 20-foot reservoir space be provided between any security gate(s) and the property line or as shall be determined to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation.
 - b. Parking stalls shall be designed so that a vehicle is not required to back into or out of any public street or sidewalk.
 - c. Driveway(s) and vehicular access for the residential component of any development should be limited to the street with the lowest classification or as shall be determined to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation.
 - d. A parking area and driveway plan be submitted to the Citywide Planning

Coordination Section of the Department of Transportation for approval prior to the submittal of building permit plans for plan check by the Department of Building and Safety. Transportation approvals are conducted at 201 N. Figueroa Street Room 550. For an appointment, call (213) 482-7024.

- e. That a fee in the amount of \$205 be paid for the Department of Transportation as required per Ordinance No. 180542 and LAMC Section 19.15 prior to recordation of the final map. Note: the applicant may be required to comply with any other applicable fees per this new ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contact regarding these conditions must be with the Hydrant and Access Unit. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting please call (213) 482-6807. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

- 11. That prior to the recordation of the final map, a suitable arrangement shall be made satisfactory to the Fire Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.
 - b. Address identification. New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.
 - c. The entrance or exit of all ground-dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - d. Where above-ground floors are used for residential purposes, the access requirement shall be interpreted as being the horizontal travel distance from the street, driveway, alley, or designated fire lane to the main entrance of individual units.
 - e. No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - f. The following recommendations of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which include the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features: fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width; all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant, and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane.
 - g. The Fire Department may require additional roof access via parapet access roof ladders where buildings exceed 28 feet in height, and when overhead wires or other obstructions block aerial ladder access.

- h. Smoke Vents may be required where roof access is not possible; location and number of vents to be determined at Plan Review.
- i. Site plans shall include all overhead utility lines adjacent to the site.
- j. Private development shall conform to the standard street dimensions shown on the Department of Public Works Standard Plan S-470-0.
- k. Standard cut-corners will be used on all turns.
- l. That in order to provide assurance that the proposed common fire lane and fire protection facilities, for the project, not maintained by the City, are properly and adequately maintained, the sub-divider shall record with the County Recorder, prior to the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) to assure the following:
 - (1) The establishment of a property owners association, which shall cause a yearly inspection to be, made by a registered civil engineer of all common fire lanes and fire protection facilities. The association will undertake any necessary maintenance and corrective measures. Each future property owner shall automatically become a member of the association or organization required above and is automatically subject to a proportionate share of the cost.
 - (2) The future owners of affected lots with common fire lanes and fire protection facilities shall be informed of their responsibility for the maintenance of the devices on their lots. The future owner and all successors will be presented with a copy of the maintenance program for their lot. Any amendment or modification that would defeat the obligation of said association as the Advisory Agency must approve required hereinabove in writing after consultation with the Fire Department.
 - (3) In the event that the property owners association fails to maintain the common property and easements as required by the CC and R's, the individual property owners shall be responsible for their proportional share of the maintenance.
 - (4) Prior to any building permits being issued, the applicant shall improve, to the satisfaction of the Fire Department, all common fire lanes and install all private fire hydrants to be required.
 - (5) That the Common Fire Lanes and Fire Protection facilities be shown on the Final Map.
- m. The plot plans shall be approved by the Fire Department showing fire hydrants and access for each phase of the project prior to the recording of the final map for that phase. Each phase shall comply independently with code requirements.
- n. Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.
- o. Provide Fire Department pathway front to rear with access to each roof deck via gate or pony wall less than 36 inches.

- p. Where rescue window access is required, provide conditions and improvements necessary to meet accessibility standards as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department.
- q. Adequate off-site public and on-site private fire hydrants may be required. Their number and location to be determined after the Fire Department's review of the plot plan.
- r. Any required fire hydrants to be installed shall be fully operational and accepted by the Fire Department prior to any building construction.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

- 12. Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for compliance with LADWP's Water System Rules and requirements. Upon compliance with these conditions and requirements, LADWP's Water Services Organization will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1.(c).)

BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Street Lighting clearance for this Street Light Maintenance Assessment District condition is conducted at 1149 S. Broadway Suite 200. Street Lighting improvement condition clearance will be conducted at the Bureau of Engineering District office, see condition S-3. (c).

- 13. Prior to the recordation of the final map or issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O), street lighting improvement plans shall be submitted for review and the owner shall provide a good faith effort via a ballot process for the formation or annexation of the property within the boundary of the development into a Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District.

NOTES:

The quantity of street lights identified may be modified slightly during the plan check process based on illumination calculations and equipment selection.

Conditions set: 1) in compliance with a Specific Plan, 2) by LADOT, or 3) by other legal instrument excluding the Bureau of Engineering conditions, requiring an improvement that will change the geometrics of the public roadway or driveway apron may require additional or the reconstruction of street lighting improvements as part of that condition.

BUREAU OF SANITATION

- 14. Wastewater Collection Systems Division of the Bureau of Sanitation has inspected the sewer/storm drain lines serving the subject tract and found no potential problems to their structure or potential maintenance problem, as stated in the memo dated January 2, 2020. Upon compliance with its conditions and requirements, the Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Collection Systems Division will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1. (d).)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

- 15. To assure that cable television facilities will be installed in the same manner as other

required improvements, please email cabletv.ita@lacity.org that provides an automated response with the instructions on how to obtain the Cable TV clearance. The automated response also provides the email address of three people in case the applicant/owner has any additional questions.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

16. That the Park Fee paid to the Department of Recreation and Parks be calculated as a Subdivision (Quimby in-lieu) fee.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Clearances may be conducted at the Figueroa, Valley, or West Los Angeles Development Services Centers. To clear conditions, an appointment is required, which can be requested at planning.lacity.org.

17. Prior to the recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall prepare and execute a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
- a. Limit the proposed development to a maximum of five (5) small lots.
 - b. The small lot subdivision shall conform to the plans stamped Exhibit A and approved by the Director of Planning under Case No. ADM-2019-5651-SLD. In the event the Advisory Agency modifies Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-82846-SL in a manner that is inconsistent with the stamped plans, the subdivider shall submit revised plans in substantial conformance with the approved map to the satisfaction of the Advisory Agency, for inclusion in the case file, and prior to the issuance of a building permit.
 - c. A Certificate of Occupancy (temporary or final) for the building(s) in Vesting Tentative Tract No. 82846-SL shall not be issued until after the final map has been recorded.
 - d. Provide a minimum of two (2) covered off-street parking spaces per dwelling unit.
 - e. Note to City Zoning Engineer and Plan Check. The Advisory Agency has considered the following setbacks in conjunction with the approved map. Minor deviations to the map's setbacks are allowed in the event that such deviations are necessary in order to accommodate other conditions of approval as required by other City agencies. In no event shall the setback from the perimeter boundary of the subdivision measure less than the yards required pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 C.27:
 - (i) Setbacks shall be permitted as follows:

Setback Matrix				
Lot No.	Front	Rear	Side	Side
01	15' (North)	0' (South)	18.83' (East)	5' (West)
02	0' (North)	0' (South)	18.83' (East)	5' (West)
03	0' (North)	0' (South)	18.83' (East)	5' (West)
04	0' (North)	0' (South)	18.83' (East)	5' (West)
05	0' (North)	5'-6.12' (South)	18.83' (East)	5' (West)

- (ii) The Common Access Driveway may have a minimum width of 16 feet clear-to-sky.
- d. That prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, a minimum 6-foot-high slumpstone or decorative masonry wall or wood/vinyl fence shall be constructed adjacent to neighboring residences, if no such wall already exists, except in required front yard.
- e. That a solar access report shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Advisory Agency prior to obtaining a grading permit.
- f. That the subdivider considers the use of natural gas and/or solar energy and consults with the Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company regarding feasible energy conservation measures.
- g. A Community Maintenance Agreement shall be prepared, composed of all property owners, to maintain all common areas such as trees, landscaping, trash, parking, community driveway, walkways, monthly service for private fire hydrant (if required), etc. Each owner and future property owners shall automatically become party to the agreement and shall be subject to a proportionate share of the maintenance. The Community Maintenance Agreement shall be recorded as a Covenant and Agreement to run with the land. The subdivider shall submit a copy of this Agreement, once recorded, to the Planning Department for placement in the tract file.
- h. That copies of all recorded Covenant and Agreement(s) for all reciprocal private easements shall be submitted to the Planning Department for placement in the tract file.
- i. INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION COSTS.

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- (i) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- (ii) Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- (iii) Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in

- paragraph (ii).
- (iv) Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
 - (v) If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

"Action" shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Action includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - STANDARD SMALL LOT CONDITIONS

SL-1. That approval of this tract constitutes approval of model home uses, including a sales office and off-street parking. If models are constructed under this tract approval, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall submit a plot plan for approval by the Development Services Center of the Department of City Planning showing the location of the model dwellings, sales office and off-street parking. The sales office must be within one of the model buildings.
2. All other conditions applying to Model Dwellings under Section 12.22A, 10 and 11 and Section 17.05 O of the Code shall be fully complied with satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety.

- SL-2. That a landscape plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect, be submitted to and approved by the Advisory Agency in accordance with CP-6730 prior to obtaining any grading or building permits before the recordation of the final map. The landscape plan shall identify tree replacement on a 1:1 basis by a minimum of 24-inch box trees for the unavoidable loss of desirable trees on the site.

In the event the subdivider decides not to request a permit before the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement satisfactory to the Advisory Agency guaranteeing the submission of such plan before obtaining any permit shall be recorded.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - STANDARD CONDITIONS

- S-1. (a) That the sewerage facilities charge be deposited prior to recordation of the final map over all of the tract in conformance with Section 64.11.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).
- (b) That survey boundary monuments be established in the field in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and located within the California Coordinate System prior to recordation of the final map. Any alternative measure approved by the City Engineer would require prior submission of complete field notes in support of the boundary survey.
- (c) That satisfactory arrangements be made with both the Water System and the Power System of the Department of Water and Power with respect to water mains, fire hydrants, service connections and public utility easements.
- (d) That any necessary sewer, street, drainage and street lighting easements be dedicated. In the event it is necessary to obtain off-site easements by separate instruments, records of the Bureau of Right-of-Way and Land shall verify that such easements have been obtained. The above requirements do not apply to easements of off-site sewers to be provided by the City.
- (e) That drainage matters be taken care of satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (f) That satisfactory street, sewer and drainage plans and profiles as required, together with a lot grading plan of the tract and any necessary topography of adjoining areas be submitted to the City Engineer.
- (g) That any required slope easements be dedicated by the final map.
- (h) That each lot in the tract complies with the width and area requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (i) That 1-foot future streets and/or alleys be shown along the outside of incomplete public dedications and across the termini of all dedications abutting unsubdivided property. The 1-foot dedications on the map shall include a restriction against their use of access purposes until such time as they are accepted for public use.
- (j) That any 1-foot future street and/or alley adjoining the tract be dedicated for public use by the tract, or that a suitable resolution of acceptance be transmitted to the City Council with the final map.
- (k) That no public street grade exceeds 15%.

- (l) That any necessary additional street dedications be provided to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- S-2. That the following provisions be accomplished in conformity with the improvements constructed herein:
- (a) Survey monuments shall be placed and permanently referenced to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. A set of approved field notes shall be furnished, or such work shall be suitably guaranteed, except where the setting of boundary monuments requires that other procedures be followed.
 - (b) Make satisfactory arrangements with the Department of Traffic with respect to street name, warning, regulatory and guide signs.
 - (c) All grading done on private property outside the tract boundaries in connection with public improvements shall be performed within dedicated slope easements or by grants of satisfactory rights of entry by the affected property owners.
 - (d) All improvements within public streets, private streets, alleys and easements shall be constructed under permit in conformity with plans and specifications approved by the Bureau of Engineering.
 - (e) Any required bonded sewer fees shall be paid prior to recordation of the final map.
- S-3. That the following improvements are either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction is suitably guaranteed:
- (a) Construct on-site sewers to serve the tract as determined by the City Engineer.
 - (b) Construct any necessary drainage facilities.
 - (c) Install street lighting facilities to serve the tract as required by the Bureau of Street Lighting.
 - (1) Construct new street light: one (1) on Norwalk Avenue.

Notes:

The quantity of street lights identified may be modified slightly during the plan check process based on illumination calculations and equipment selection.

Conditions set: 1) in compliance with a Specific Plan, 2) by LADOT, or 3) by other legal instrument excluding the Bureau of Engineering conditions, requiring an improvement that will change the geometrics of the public roadway or driveway apron may require additional or the reconstruction of street lighting improvements as part of that condition.

- (d) Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Street Tree Division of the Bureau of Street Maintenance. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree planting, the subdivider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division ((213) 847-3077) upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.

- (e) Repair or replace any off-grade or broken curb, gutter and sidewalk satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (f) Construct access ramps for the handicapped as required by the City Engineer.
- (g) Close any unused driveways satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (h) Construct any necessary additional street improvements to comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.
- (i) That the following improvements are either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction is suitably guaranteed:
 - (1) Improve the alley being dedicated and adjoining the subdivision by the construction of a 2-foot wide longitudinal concrete gutter and reconstruction of a suitable surfacing to complete a 10-foot wide half alley including any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements all satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - (2) Construct the necessary on-site mainline sewers satisfactory to the City Engineer.

NOTES:

The Advisory Agency approval is the maximum number of units permitted under the tract map action. However, the existing or proposed zoning may not permit this number of units. This vesting map does not constitute approval of any variations from the Municipal Code, unless approved specifically for this project under separate conditions.

Any removal of the existing street trees shall require Board of Public Works approval.

Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System, to pay for removal, relocation, replacement or adjustment of power facilities due to this development. The subdivider must make arrangements for the underground installation of all new utility lines in conformance with Section 17.05-N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

The final map must be recorded within 36 months of this approval, unless a time extension is granted before the end of such period.

The Advisory Agency hereby finds that this tract conforms to the California Water Code, as required by the Subdivision Map Act.

The subdivider should consult the Department of Water and Power to obtain energy saving design features which can be incorporated into the final building plans for the subject development. As part of the Total Energy Management Program of the Department of Water and Power, this no-cost consultation service will be provided to the subdivider upon his request.

FINDINGS OF FACT (CEQA)

The Advisory Agency determines that based on the whole of the administrative record as supported by the justification prepared and found in the environmental case file, Case No. ENV-2019-5650-CE, the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies. As the Project involves the construction of five (5) new small lot homes, the project is characterized as in-fill development, the project qualifies for the Class 32 Categorical Exemption.

There are five (5) Exceptions which must be considered in order to find a project exempt under CEQA: (a) Cumulative Impacts; (b) Significant Effect; (c) Scenic Highways; (d) Hazardous Waste Sites; and (e) Historical Resources.

The subject site is located at 2212 – 2214 West Norwalk Avenue within the boundaries of the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan area. The project is for the demolition of two (2) structures and the subdivision of one (1) lot into five (5) Small Lots in conjunction with the construction of five (5) new four (4)-story small lot homes each with a two (2)-car garage, the removal of one (1) non-protected tree, and exporting up to 500 cubic yards of earth. The floor area of each dwelling will range from 1,262 to 2,026 square feet. All adjacent lots are vacant and/or developed with single- and multi-family residential and commercial uses and the subject site is of a similar size and slope to nearby properties. The project proposes a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 1.08:1 on a site that is permitted to have a maximum FAR of 3:1. The proposed heights of the building is 45 feet, which is not unusual for the vicinity of the subject site and is similar in scope to other existing residential projects in the area. Thus, there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment and there is not a succession of known projects of the same type and within the same location as the subject project.

The only State Scenic Highway within the City of Los Angeles is the Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway, State Route 27, which travels through a portion of Topanga State Park. The Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway is about 23 miles northwest of the subject site. Therefore, the subject site will not create any impacts within a designated as a state scenic highway. According to Envirostor, the State of California's database of Hazardous Waste Sites, neither the subject site, nor any site in the vicinity, is identified as a hazardous waste site. The project site has not been identified as a historic resource by local or state agencies, and the project site has not been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments Register, and/or any local register; and was not found to be a potential historic resource based on the City's HistoricPlacesLA website or SurveyLA, the citywide survey of Los Angeles. Finally, the City does not choose to treat the site as a historic resource. Based on this, the project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of a historic resource and this exception does not apply.

A project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption if it is developed on an infill site and meets the following criteria:

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations;
- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses;
- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species;
- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and
- (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The site is zoned RD1.5-1 and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Medium II Residential. The proposed density is consistent with the maximum permitted five (5) dwelling units

that is permitted on the site in the RD1.5 Zone. The proposed dwelling units are anticipated to be developed in compliance with the requirements of the LAMC. The subject site is located wholly within the City of Los Angeles, on a site that is approximately 0.17 acres. Lots adjacent to the subject site are vacant and/or developed with single and multi-family residential, and commercial uses. The site is previously disturbed and surrounded by development and therefore is not, and has no value as, a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. There is one non-protected tree on the site, as identified in the Tree Report prepared by Xiaoyan (Sharon) Sun dated August 29, 2019. The project will be subject to Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs), which require compliance with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance, pollutant discharge, dewatering, stormwater mitigations; and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. These RCMs will ensure the project will not have significant impacts on noise and water. While the subject site is located within Raymond Fault Zone, Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone, Liquefaction, and Special Grading Area, RCMs, including Air Quality (RC-AQ-1 (Demolition, Grading and Construction Activities); Compliance with provisions of the SCAQMD District Rule 403, RC-AQ-2, RC-AQ-3, RC-AQ-4, RC-AQ-5, RC-AQ-6); Geology and Soils (RC-GEO-1 (Seismic)); Hydrology and Water Quality (RC-WQ-3: Low Impact Development Plan); Land Use and Planning (RC-LU-1 (Slope Density)); (Noise (RC-NO-1 (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)); and Public Utilities and Service Systems (RC-WS-2 (Green Building Code), RC-EN-1 (Green Building Code)), in the City of Los Angeles regulate the grading and construction of projects in these particular types of "sensitive" locations and will reduce any potential impacts to less than significant. These RCMs have been historically proven to work to the satisfaction of the City Engineer to reduce any impacts from the specific environment the project is located. Thus, the location of the project will not result in a significant impact based on its location. Furthermore, the project does not exceed the threshold criteria established by LADOT for preparing a traffic study. Therefore, the project will not have any significant impacts to traffic. Interim thresholds were developed by DCP staff based on CalEEMod model runs relying on reasonable assumptions, consulting with AQMD staff, and surveying published air quality studies for which criteria air pollutants did not exceed the established SCAQMD construction and operational thresholds. The project site will be adequately served by all public utilities and services given that the construction of the five (5) unit Small Lot development will be on a site which has been previously developed and is consistent with the General Plan. Therefore, the project meets all of the Criteria for the Class 32.

FINDINGS OF FACT (SUBDIVISION MAP ACT)

In connection with the approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-82846-SL the Advisory Agency of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Sections 66473.1, 66474.60, .61 and .63 of the State of California Government Code (the Subdivision Map Act), makes the prescribed findings as follows:

- (a) **THE PROPOSED MAP WILL BE/IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.**

The Land Use Element of the General Plan consists of the 35 Community Plans within the City of Los Angeles. The Community Plans establish goals, objectives, and policies for future developments at a neighborhood level. Additionally, through the Land Use Map, the Community Plan designates parcels with a land use designation and zone. The Land Use Element is further implemented through the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The zoning regulations contained within the LAMC regulates, but is not limited to, the maximum permitted density, height, parking, and the subdivision of land. The site is within the East Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone. The site is within Height District 1 which restricts the height of development to 45-feet in which residential only structures are limited only to height and not stories.

The subdivision of land is regulated pursuant to Article 7 of the LAMC. Pursuant to LAMC

Section 17.05 C., tract maps are to be designed in conformance with the tract map regulations to ensure compliance with the various elements of the General Plan, including the Zoning Code. Additionally, the maps are to be designed in conformance with the Street Standards established pursuant to LAMC Section 17.05 B. The project site is located within the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan, which designates the site with a Low Medium II Residential land use designation. The land use designation lists the RD1.5, RD2, RW2, and RZ2.5 Zone as the corresponding zones. The project site is zoned RD1.5-1, which is consistent with the land use designation. The project site has approximately 7,370 net square feet of lot area, which would permit a maximum of four (4) dwelling units. However, the site abut an alley and pursuant to Section 12.22 C.16, half the width of the alley may be considered as part of the lot area when determining the maximum permitted density. Therefore, the lot area for purposes of calculating the maximum permitted density would be 7,745 square feet, which would permit a maximum density of five (5) dwelling units. As shown on the Vesting Tentative Tract Map, the Project proposes to subdivide the project site into five (5) Small Lots, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 C.27, which is consistent with the density permitted by the zone. As noticed for the public hearing, the applicant had requested the approval of an Adjustment pursuant to Section 17.03 to permit a 15 percent reduction in the minimum lot area per dwelling unit requirement of the RD1.5 Zone to permit one (1) additional dwelling unit for a maximum of five (5) dwelling units. At the public hearing, the Advisory Agency stated that this would be reviewed and potentially dismissed due to the provisions of Section 12.22 C.16. Upon further review of the provisions of the LAMC and project specific details, the Advisory Agency dismissed the requested adjustment as it is not applicable.

Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.06 B. A, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map must be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer. It is required to contain information regarding the boundaries of the project site, as well as the abutting public rights-of-way, hillside contours for hillside properties, location of existing buildings, existing and proposed dedication, and improvements of the tract map. The Vesting Tentative Tract Map indicates the map number, notes, legal description, contact information for the owner, applicant, and engineer, as well as other pertinent information as required by LAMC Section 17.06 B. Additionally, as a Small Lot subdivision, the map indicates the common access easement for vehicular and/or pedestrian access to the proposed Small Lots, consistent with LAMC Section 12.22 C.27. Therefore, the proposed map demonstrates compliance with LAMC Sections 17.05 C, 17.06 B, and 12.22 C.27 and is consistent with the applicable General Plan.

- (b) THE DESIGN OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

For purposes of a subdivision, design and improvement is defined by Sections 66418 and 66419 of the Subdivision Map Act and LAMC Section 17.02. Design refers to the configuration and layout of the proposed lots in addition to the proposed site plan layout. Pursuant to Section 66427(a) of the Subdivision Map Act, the location of the buildings is not considered as part of the approval or disapproval of the map by the Advisory Agency. Easements and/or access and "improvements" refers to the infrastructure facilities serving the subdivision. LAMC Section 17.05 enumerates the design standards for a tract map and requires that each map be designed in conformance with the Street Design Standards and in conformance with the General Plan. As indicated in Finding (a), LAMC Section 17.05 C requires that the tract map be designed in conformance with the zoning regulations of the project site. As the project site is zoned RD1.5-1, the zone, in conjunction with LAMC Section 12.22 C.16, would permit a maximum of five (5) lots/dwellings on the approximately 7,370 net square-foot lot, or 7,745 square feet with half of the alley. As the map is proposed for a five (5) Small Lot subdivision, it is consistent

with the density permitted by the zone.

The tract map was distributed to and reviewed by the various city agencies of the Subdivision Committee that have the authority to make dedication, and/or improvement recommendations. The Bureau of Engineering reviewed the tract map for compliance with the Street Design Standards. The Bureau of Engineering has recommended dedication and/or improvement to the public right-of-way along Norwalk Avenue and the alley, consistent with the standards of the Mobility Element. In addition, the Bureau of Engineering has recommended the construction of the necessary on-site mainline sewers and all necessary street improvements will be made to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010. The Bureau of Street Lighting's recommended the construction of one (1) new streetlight on Norwalk Avenue. As conditioned, the design and improvements of the proposed subdivision are consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(c) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The project site is a 7,370 net square-foot parcel. The site is developed with two (2) one (1)-story single-family dwellings and the construction of a new five (5) unit Small Lot development. The project site is located within the Raymond Fault Zone and will be required to comply with all applicable regulations as it pertains to development within a fault zone. The site is not located within a designated Hillside Area, but it is located within the BOE Special Grading Area and will be required to comply with all applicable regulations as it pertains to development within a Special Grading Area zone. The site is not located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Flood Zone, Landslide, Methane, or Tsunami Inundation Zone. The site is located within a Liquefaction Zone and will be required to comply with all applicable regulations as it pertains to development within a liquefaction zone. Prior to the issuance of any permits, the project would be required to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department. The site is not identified as having hazardous waste or past remediation. The site is outside any Flood Zone.

The tract map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. The Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety concluded on February 7, 2020, that the reports provided by the applicant were acceptable, provided the proposed conditions are complied with. Therefore, the site will be physically suitable for the proposed type of development.

(d) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT.

The site is developed with two (2) one (1)-story single-family dwellings. The properties to the north across from Norwalk Avenue have a land use designation of Low Medium II Residential and Neighborhood Commercial and are zoned RD1.5-1 and [Q]C4-1XL. The properties to the east have a land use designation of Neighborhood Commercial and are zoned [Q]C4-1XL. The properties to the east have a land use designation of Low Medium II Residential and are zoned RD1.5-1. The properties to the south across from the alley have a land use designation of Low Medium II Residential and Neighborhood Commercial and are zoned RD1.5-1 and [Q]C4-1XL. The properties are developed with single and multi-family residential, and commercial uses. The project site, which is comprised of one parcel, consists of approximately 7,370 square feet of land. The Project proposes to construct a new five (5) unit Small Lot development. As proposed, the density and height is consistent with the zone and land use designation, which would permit a maximum of

five (5) units and a height of 45 feet. The tract map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. The Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety concluded on February 7, 2020, that the reports provided by the applicant were acceptable, provided the proposed conditions are complied with. Additionally, prior to the issuance of a demolition, grading, or building permit, the project would be required to comply with conditions herein and applicable requirements of the LAMC. As conditioned the proposed tract map is physically suitable for the proposed density of the development.

- (e) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR SUBSTANTIALLY AND AVOIDABLY INJURE FISH OR WILDLIFE OR THEIR HABITAT.

The project site is currently developed with two (2) one (1)-story single-family dwellings. There are no Protected Trees on the project site or within the public right-of-way adjacent to the project site. The surrounding area is presently developed with structures. Neither the project site nor the surrounding area provides a natural habitat for fish or wildlife. It has been determined that the project and the design of the subdivision and proposed improvements will not cause substantial environmental damage or injury to wildlife or their habitat.

- (f) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

There appears to be no potential public health problems caused by the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision.

The development is required to be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system, where the sewage will be directed to the LA Hyperion Treatment Plant, which has been upgraded to meet Statewide ocean discharge standards. The Bureau of Engineering has reported that the proposed subdivision does not violate the existing California Water Code because the subdivision will be connected to the public sewer system and will have only a minor incremental impact on the quality of the effluent from the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

- (g) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH EASEMENTS, ACQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, FOR ACCESS THROUGH OR USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION.

As required by LAMC Section 12.03, the project site has a minimum of 20 feet of frontage along Norwalk Avenue, which is a public street. The project site consists of a parcel identified as Lot No. 5 of Tract TR 341 and is identified by the Assessor Parcel No. 5685-016-004. There are no known easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision, as identified on the tract map. While the project will provide a private easement for common/vehicular access purposes within the subdivision, there are no known easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision, as identified on the tract map. Necessary easements for utilities will be acquired by the City prior to the recordation of the proposed tract map. There is an existing sewer available in street adjoining the subdivision. The construction of mainline and house connection sewers within suitable easement may be required to serve the tract.

Therefore, the design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements would not conflict

with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision.

- (h) THE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SHALL PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, FOR FUTURE PASSIVE OR NATURAL HEATING OR COOLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SUBDIVISION. (REF. SECTION 66473.1)

In assessing the feasibility of passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities in the proposed subdivision design, the applicant has prepared and submitted materials which consider the local climate, contours, configuration of the parcel(s) to be subdivided and other design and improvement requirements.

Providing for passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities will not result in reducing allowable densities or the percentage of a lot which may be occupied by a building or structure under applicable planning and zoning in effect at the time the tentative map was filed.


The lot layout of the subdivision has taken into consideration the maximizing of the north/south orientation.

The topography of the site has been considered in the maximization of passive or natural heating and cooling opportunities.

In addition, prior to obtaining a building permit, the subdivider shall consider building construction techniques, such as overhanging eaves, location of windows, insulation, exhaust fans; planting of trees for shade purposes and the height of the buildings on the site in relation to adjacent development.

These findings shall apply to both the tentative and final maps for Vesting Tentative Tract No VTT-82846-SL.

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Note:

If you wish to file an appeal, it must be filed within 10 calendar days from the decision date as noted in this letter. For an appeal to be valid to the City Planning Commission or Area Planning Commission, it must be accepted as complete by the City Planning Department and appeal fees paid, prior to expiration of the above 10- day time limit. Such appeal must be submitted on Master Appeal Form No. CP- 7769 at the Department's Public Offices, located at:

Figueroa Plaza

201 North Figueroa
Street
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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Van Nuys, CA 91401
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Forms are also available on-line at <http://planning.lacity.org>

The time in which a party may seek judicial review of this determination is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. Under that provision, a petitioner may seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, only if the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section is filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision becomes final.

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
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FOR SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION PURPOSES

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