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## JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION CASE NO. ENV-2018-6667-SE

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The Department of City Planning determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(b)(1). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.27(a)(3), there is substantial evidence demonstrating that the proposed project 1) qualifies as supportive housing pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50675.14; 2) meets the eligibility requirements of Article 11 (commencing with Section 65650) of Chapter 3 of Division I of Title 7 of the Government Code; and 3) is funded, in part, by the Measure H sales tax proceeds approved by the voters in the March 17, 2017, special election in the County of Los Angeles. All actions to approve the proposed project were taken in furtherance of providing vitally needed Supportive Housing to house and serve the homeless in the City of Los Angeles.

Health and Safety Code 50675.14(b)(2) defines “supportive housing” as “housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving their health status, and maximizing their ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.” Health & Safety Code Section 50675.14(b)(3) defines “target population” as persons, including persons with disabilities, and families who are homeless or were homeless when approved for tenancy in the supportive housing project where they currently reside. The Project does not limit the length of stay for its residents, will reserve 68 of the 136 non-manager residential units for low-income formerly homeless members of the target population, and is linked to onsite supportive services. As such, the Project qualifies as a supportive housing project under Health and Safety Code 50674.14(b)(2).

Government Code Section 65651 requires the development include (1) a 55-year recorded affordability restriction, (2) 100-percent of the units, excluding managers’ units, be affordable, (3) at least 25 percent of the units be restricted to residents in supportive housing who meet the criteria of the target population, (4) a plan for supportive services and documentation demonstrating that the supportive services will be provided onsite, the name of the entity who will provide the services, the staffing levels, and how the services will be funded (5) at least 3 percent of the total nonresidential floor area is reserved for onsite supportive services, (6) units are replaced in the manner described in 65915(c)(3), (7) units with a bathroom and a kitchen (or cooking facility) with a stovetop, sink, and refrigerator. As described in further detail below, the proposed project will replace the existing four-unit structure with a 100-percent affordable housing development (exclusive of the manager units), subject to a 55-year affordability restrictive covenant, each unit containing a bathroom and kitchen, and 50-percent of the units reserved for

members of the target population. Measure H funds will be used to fund both the proposed project and supportive services that Intensive Case Management Services will provide on-site in approximately 10-percent of the non-residential floor area at a 17:1 staffing level. The project files include the evidence to support all statements contained herein. As such, the project meets the eligibility requirements of Article 11 (commencing with Section 65650) of Chapter 3 of Division I of Title 7 of the Government Code.

Based on the foregoing, the proposed project is statutorily exempt from CEQA.

**Project Location:** 2102 - 2120 S. Pacific Avenue, 116 – 302 E. North Venice Boulevard, 2106-2116 S. Canal Street, and 319 E. South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291

**Community Plan Area:** Venice

**Council District:** 11 – Bonin

**Project Description:** The project involves the demolition of an existing surface parking lot (LADOT Lot 731) containing 196 vehicular parking spaces (bisected by Grand Canal) and a two-story, four-unit residential structure and the construction, use and maintenance of a 104,140-square foot, mixed-use, 100 percent affordable housing development (a 36,340 square-foot structure west of Grand Canal and a 67,800 square-foot, structure east of Grand Canal) consisting of 140 residential dwelling units (136 restricted affordable dwelling units and 4 unrestricted Manager Units), 685 square feet of supporting (social service) office uses, 2,255 square feet of retail uses, 810 square feet of restaurant uses with 500 square feet of outdoor Service Floor area, and 3,155 square feet of community arts center/art studio uses (philanthropic uses).

The structure west of Grand Canal (West Site) is three-stories and 35 feet in height with a 59-foot tall architectural campanile located at the northwest corner of the subject site with a roof access structure resulting in a structure with a maximum of 67 feet in height and five stories. The structure east of Grand Canal (East Site) is three-stories and 35 feet in height. The project will provide a total of 360 on-site automobile parking spaces comprising of 61 residential spaces, 42 commercial spaces, 196 public spaces (replacement), 23 Beach Impact Zone (BIZ) spaces and 38 non-required spaces; and 136 bicycle parking spaces (19 short-term and 117 long-term).

The project also includes the export 9,100 cubic yards of building material and soil; the removal of 24 non-protected on-site trees and 11 non-protected street trees; and improvements to the canal access boat ramp.