

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal filed for the properties located at 1545-1551 North Wilcox Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 applies.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Central Los Angeles Area Commission (CLAAPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Casey Maddren, Citizens for a Better LA, from the determination of the CLAAPC in approving a Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for a Main Plan Approval to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 17,188 square-foot banquet hall/event space with 832 seats, having hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily; for the property located at 1545-1551 North Wilcox Avenue.

Applicant: Hollywood Citizen News, LLC

Representative: Reuben Duarte, Sheppard Mullin Richter and Hampton, LLP

Case No. ZA-2021-3349-MPA-1A

Environmental No. ENV-2021-3350-CE-1A

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLAAPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on March 1, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the CLAAPC and CEQA appeal filed for the properties located at 1545-1551 North Wilcox Avenue. Department of City Planning staff provided an overview of the matter. A Representative of Council District 13 provided comments in support of denying the appeal. After an opportunity for public comment, and presentation from the Appellant and Applicant's Representative, the Committee recommended to deny the appeal and thereby sustain the CLAAPC's determination in approving the Categorical Exemption for the Project. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RODRIGUEZ;	YES

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