

NEGATIVE DECLARATION, and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS, and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an Amendment to the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan; and rescind the Director of Planning's 2002 interpretation of Restaurant, Fast Food Establishment and Other Food Establishments of the Westwood Village Specific Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the Negative Declaration, No. ENV-2021-815-ND and all comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance for an Amendment to the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan; and rescind the Director of Planning's 2002 interpretation of Restaurant, Fast Food Establishment and Other Food Establishments of the Westwood Village Specific Plan, inasmuch as the proposed ordinance will amend the existing definitions.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to include in the requested Ordinance, language to amend the parking exemption threshold for changes of use be increased to 15,000 square feet, to reduce barriers to entry for new businesses, Sections 10.F.1.c and 10.F.1.e of the Westwood Village Specific Plan, as denoted in the letter dated May 12, 2022 submitted by Council District Five, and attached to the Council file.

Case No. CPC-2021-795-SP

Environmental No. ENV-2021-815-ND

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against unless Amended: Westwood Neighborhood Council

For: North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a special meeting held on May 31, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the LACPC and a proposed Ordinance relative to amending the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan; and rescind the Director of Planning's 2002 interpretation of Restaurant, Fast Food Establishment and Other Food Establishments of the Westwood Village Specific Plan. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to request the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan. 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:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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