

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal filed for the property located at 603, 603 ½, and 605 South Mariposa Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Article 19, Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (CLAAPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Enrique Velasquez, Coalition for an Equitable Westlake Macarthur Park, and THEREBY SUSTAIN the determination of the CLAAPC, in approving a Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for a proposed Tier 4 Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing project involving the construction, use, and maintenance of a new eight-story multi-family development, containing a total of 92 dwelling units, with 11 proposed dwelling units reserved for Extremely Low Income Households, the proposed development will contain approximately 43,818 square feet of floor area, provides a total of 6,900 square feet of open space; for the property located at 603, 603 ½, and 605 South Mariposa Avenue.

Applicant: Kayte Edson, 603 South Mariposa QOZB, LLC

Representative: Jonathan Yang, Irvine & Associates, Inc.

Case: DIR-2021-9072-TOC-SPR-HCA-1A

Environmental No.: ENV-2021-9073-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 September 6, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the CLAAPC and a CEQA appeal for the property located at 603, 603 ½, and 605 South Mariposa Avenue. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After an opportunity for public comment the Committee recommended to deny the appeal and thereby sustain the CLAAPC's determination in approving the Categorical Exemption as the environmental clearance for the project, inasmuch as the Appellant withdrew the appeal on September 2, 2022 by written notice. 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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