PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY PLANNING CASE:	ENVIRONMENTAL CASE:		COUNCIL DISTRICT:		
DIR-2020-7604-SPR-TOC-HCA VTT-83227-CN-HCA	ENV-2020-7605-SCPE		1 – Cedillo		
RELATED CASE NOS.		COUNCIL FILE NO:			
□ N/A		□ N/A			
PROJECT ADDRESS / LOCATION:					
905-923 Beacon Avenue, 1720 James M. Wood Boulevard					
APPLICANT:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:		EMAIL ADDRESS:		
DHS Investment Company, LLC			Sfeder@triumphmgmt.com		
□ N/A □ New/Changed					
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APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE:	TELEPHON	E NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:		
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ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION (IE. ENTITLEMENTS, LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS):					

Sustainable Communities Project Exemption (SCPE)

This item is to request that the City Council consider and decide whether the proposed project (Planning Case Numbers DIR-2020-7604-SPR-TOC-HCA; VTT-83227-CN-HCA) qualifies for a Sustainable Communities Project Exemption, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21155.1.

PRC Section 21155.1 provides that projects are statutorily exempt from CEQA if a hearing is held by the City Council and the City Council finds, based on the whole of the administrative record, the project qualifies as a transit priority project, as defined by PRC Section 21155(b), and further meets all of the criteria set forth in PRC Section 21155.1 (a) and (b) and one of the criteria of subdivision (c). If the City Council finds, after conducting a public hearing, all of the above, then the

project is declared to be a Sustainable Communities Project and shall be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).					
Planning has reviewed the Sustainable Communities Project Exemption (SCPE) that was prepared for the proposed project and is recommending that the City Council consider and determine that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to PRC Section 21155.1.					
☐ The preparation of a draft ordinance by the City Attorney will be required.					
FINAL ENTITLMENTS NOT ADVANCING FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: (UNAPPEALED OR NON-APPEALABLE ITEMS)					
⊠ N/A					
ITEMS APPEALED:					
⊠ N/A					
ATTACHMENTS:	REVISED:	ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:	REVISED:		
☐ Letter of Determination		☐ Categorical Exemption (CE)			
☐ Findings of Fact		(Notice of Exemption)			
☐ Staff Recommendation Report		☐ Statutory Exemption (SE) (Notice of Exemption)			
☐ Conditions of Approval		□ Negative Declaration (ND)			
☐ T Conditions		☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)			
☐ Proposed Ordinance		☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)			
\square Zone Change Map and Ordinance		☐ Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)			
☐ GPA Resolution		⊠ Sustainable Communities			
☐ Land Use Map		Project Exemption (SCPE)			
☐ Exhibit A – Plans		☐ Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA)			
☐ Mailing List		☐ Sustainable Communities			
☐ Interested Parties List		Environmental Impact Report (SCEIR)			
☐ Appeal		☐ Appendices			
☐ Development Agreement		☐ Other:			
☐ Site Photographs					
☐ Other:					
NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS:					
Enclosures:					
Sustainable Communities Project CEQA Exemption – 905 Beacon Avenue Project Environmental Case No. ENV-2021-7605-SCPE					
Appendix A SCAG Figures Appendix B Project Consistency with SCAG'S 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and 2020-2045 RTP/SCS Appendix C Utility Infrastructure Technical Report: Water, Wastewater, and Energy					

Appendix D City of Los Angeles Tree Report

Appendix E Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Report

Appendix F CEQA SCPE Energy and Water Efficiency Compliance for 905 Beacon

Appendix G Mitigation Measures from Prior EIRs

Appendix H1 Transportation Assessment for the 905 Beacon Avenue Residential Project

Appendix H2 Transportation Assessment for the Proposed Mixed-Use Project Located at 905 South Beacon Avenue

Actions for the City Council:

The City of Los Angeles finds, upon a review of the entire administrative record, including the SCPE No. ENV-2020-7605-SCPE, and all comments received, that:

- The Proposed Project qualifies as a transit priority project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21155(b), which by definition means that the Proposed Project is consistent with the general use designations, density, building intensity, and applicable policies specified for the project area in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21155(a); and contains more than 50% residential; provides a minimum net density greater than 20 units an acre; and is within one-half mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor included in a regional transportation plan per PRC Section 21155(b); and
- All criteria in 21155.1(a) and (b) are met, including environmental criteria, land use criteria, and at least one criteria (affordable housing) in PRC Section 21155.1(c).

be a Sustainable Communities Project and is therefore exempt from CEQA, in accordance with PRC Section 21155.1.				
□ N/A				
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:				
□ Yes	⊠ No			
*If determination states administrative costs are recovered through fees, indicate "Yes."				
PLANNING COMMISSION:				
☐ City Planning Commission (CPC)	□ North Valley Area Planning Commission			
☐ Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC)	□ South LA Area Planning Commission			
☐ Central Area Planning Commission	☐ South Valley Area Planning Commission			
☐ East LA Area Planning Commission	☐ West LA Area Planning Commission			
☐ Harbor Area Planning Commission				
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE:	COMMISSION VOTE:			
N/A	N/A			
LAST DAY TO APPEAL:	DATE APPEALED:			
N/A	N/A			
TRANSMITTED BY:	TRANSMITTAL DATE:			
Linda Lou	October 11, 2022			