# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024, AFTER 8:30 A.M. LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1010 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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items shall be continued to the next regular meeting or beyond as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

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# 1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Legal actions and issues update
- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests
- Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023; July 13, 2023; July 27, 2023

# 2. <u>NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS</u>

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution, or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement by email to <a href="mailto:cpc@lacity.org">cpc@lacity.org</a>. At the Chair's discretion, presentations of Neighborhood Councils on any matter listed on the agenda for this Commission meeting may be taken at the time the agenda item is taken for consideration.

# 3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it **on non-agenda items**, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

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# 4. **RECONSIDERATIONS**

- **a. MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER –** The Commission may make a motion to reconsider a Commission Action on any agenda items from its previous meeting, consistently with the Commission Rule 9.3, provided the Commission retains jurisdiction over the matter.
- **b. MERITS OF ANY ITEM THE COMMISSION HAS VOTED TO RECONSIDER –** If a majority of the Commission has approved a motion to reconsider a Commission Action, the Commission may address the merits of the original Commission Action.

# 5. CONSENT CALENDAR (NO ITEMS)

Consent Calendar items are considered to be not controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. The Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the item is removed from the Consent Calendar, in which event the item will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda.

6. CPC-2022-9266-CU

CEQA: ENV-2004-1950-EIR-ADD5 Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles Council District: 14 – de Leon Last Day to Act: 05-09-24

Continued from: 10-12-23; 10-26-23

11-02-23; 12-14-23 01-11-24; 03-14-24

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Completed June 27, 2023

**PROJECT SITE:** 1590 North Eastlake Avenue; 1425 – 1501 North San Pablo Street;

1540 – 1580 East Alcazar Street

#### PROPOSED PROJECT:

Construction of a new seven-story, 143.5 feet in-height, multi-discipline research facility (USC Discovery and Translation Hub) proposed to be developed on the westerly portion of the USC Health Sciences Campus. The proposed building would contain two subterranean levels and comprise approximately 201,292 square feet of floor area. The proposed use would accommodate over 84 researchers and would support both "wet" (bench) and "dry" (computational) laboratory research.

# **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

- 1. Pursuant to California Exemption Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, in consideration of the whole of the administrative record, that the Project was assessed in previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Case No. ENV-2004-1950-EIR, certified in August 2006 and as supported by the fifth Addendum dated September 2023, no major revisions are required to the EIR, and no subsequent EIR or negative declaration is required for approval of the Project; and
- 2. Pursuant to Section 12.24 U.14 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Major Conditional Use Permit to permit the development of 201,292 square feet of nonresidential floor area in the C2 Zone.

**Applicant:** Bryan Eck, University of Southern California

Representative: Matt Dzurec, Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac

**Staff:** Esther Ahn, City Planner

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#### 7. CPC-2024-2303-CA

CEQA: ENV-2024-2389-CE

Plan Area: Wilmington – Harbor City

### **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

#### PROJECT SITE:

The Proposed Trucking-Related Uses Ordinance applies to all zones within the Geographic Project Area in the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan Area (CPA), bounded by the following: Sepulveda Boulevard and Lomita Boulevard on the north, Alameda Street on the east, Western Avenue on the west, and the jurisdictional boundary with the Port of Los Angeles on the south (generally Harry Bridges Boulevard), except the industrial area east of Alameda Street and the Wilmington Industrial Park area generally located south of G Street, east of Quay Avenue, south of D Street and Lakme Avenue.

### PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Project includes amendments to Section 12.22.A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish use regulations for trucking related uses, to apply to parcels within the defined Geographic Project Area, located in the Wilmington-Harbor Community Plan. The Proposed Ordinance would address truckingrelated concerns by prohibiting truck uses, including, but not limited to, truck storage, truck parking, trucking terminals, and trucking yards, as the primary uses of the land. Electric Vehicles Charging Facility (EVCF), Large Vehicles are exempted from the prohibition if additional development regulations are met.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- Recommend that the City Council determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15308 (Class 8), and no exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
- Approve the Staff Recommendation report as the Commission Report;
- Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report: and
- Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance, attached as Exhibit A.

City of Los Angeles Applicant:

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#### CPC-2001-1940-DA-ZV 8.

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Plan Area: Hollywood

# **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

PROJECT SITE: 6801 West Hollywood Boulevard (6801 – 6909 West Hollywood Boulevard;

1755 – 1767 North Highland Avenue; 1722 North Orange Drive)

### PROPOSED PROJECT:

Termination of the Development Agreement (DA) contract, by and between the City of Los Angeles and Trizechahn Hollywood, LLC, executed November 5, 2002 (Contract). A Notice of Default was issued on February 22, 2024, and the purported successor Developer was required to cure the default by April 22, 2024. As the purported successor Developer has not cured the default, the Director of Planning is utilizing the Failure to Cure Default Procedures of Section 5.1.3 of the DA to request that the City Planning

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Commission terminate the DA contract. Termination of the DA contract shall not affect the previously approved Zone Variance entitlement pertaining to location of employee parking spaces

## **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

- Determine that based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15321 (Class 21), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies;
- 2. Find and determine, on the basis of substantial evidence, that the purported successor Developer has not cured a default pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Development Agreement (DA) contract; and
- 3. Terminate the Development Agreement (DA) contract, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65867 and 65868 and Section 5.1.3. of the DA (Ordinance 174,843).

**Applicant:** City of Los Angeles

Staff: Valentina Knox-Jones, City Planner

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## 9. DIR-2023-2028-TOC-SPR-HCA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2023-2029-CE

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

#### **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 2511, 2513, 2515, and 2517 West Sunset Boulevard

#### PROPOSED PROJECT:

Demolition of an existing grocery store, recycling center, and surface parking lot for the construction of a five-story, mixed-use building that will include 3,603 square-feet of commercial floor area and 121 residential dwelling units, 13 dwelling units will be reserved for Extremely Low Income Households. The proposed project will contain an approximate total of 89,719 square-feet of floor area, resulting in a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 3.32:1, and will rise to a maximum height of 79 feet.

### APPEAL:

Appeals of the December 6, 2023, Director of Planning's determination which:

- 1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32 (Urban Infill Development), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
- 2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a project consistent with the provisions of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program Tier 3, to permit a project consisting of 121 residential units by reserving 13 dwelling units, equal to 10 percent of the total units, for Extremely Low Income Household occupancy for a period of 55 years, with Base Incentives permitted pursuant to LAMC Section 12.21 A. 31, in addition to the following Additional Incentives:
  - a. Height. An up to 22-foot increase in the height requirement, allowing up to 79 feet in height in lieu of the permitted 57 feet per LAMC Section 12.21.1;
  - b. Open Space. An up to 25 percent decrease in the required open space, allowing a minimum of 9,413 square-feet of open space in lieu of the required 12,550 square-feet of open space; and
  - c. Yards. Utilization of the side and rear yard setback requirements of the RAS3 Zone for a project in a commercial zone, allowing:

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- A minimum side yard setback of five feet in lieu of the eight feet required by LAMC Section 12.14 C.2; and
- A minimum rear yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the 17 feet required by LAMC Section 12.14 C.2:
- 3. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for a development project which results in an increase of 50 or more residential dwelling units; and

4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: SPC 2511 Sunset, LLC

Representative: Derek Sanders, Six Peak Development

**Appellants:** Michael Ortiz, Sunset Rampart Business District and Neighbors

Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER)

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The next regular meeting of the City Planning Commission will be held on **Thursday**, **May 23**, **2024 at 8:30 a.m.** 

Van Nuys City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd Floor 14410 Sylvan Street Van Nuys, CA 91401

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