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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
INITIAL STUDY and CHECKLIST
(CEQA Guidelines Section 15063)

LEAD CITY AGENCY: City of Los Angeles	COUNCIL DISTRICT: CD 14 - Jose Huizar	DATE: April 2019
RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES: Department of City Planning		
ENVIRONMENTAL CASE: ENV-2019-1792-SCEA; ENV-2016-4711-MND	RELATED CASES: CPC-2016-4710-TDR-MCUP-SPR, VTT 74760	
PREVIOUS ACTIONS CASE NO.	<input type="checkbox"/> DOES have significant changes from previous actions. <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT have significant changes from previous actions.	
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project includes the demolition of the existing surface parking lot on the Project Site and the construction of a 60-story mixed-use building (760 feet in height), which includes 700 residential dwelling units and 15,000 square feet of ground floor commercial/retail spaces. The Proposed Project would be 60 stories high with seven levels of parking below grade, ground floor commercial/retail uses, a five-story podium with an amenity deck having glass railings, and an additional 55-story residential tower above the amenity deck. The Proposed Project would provide a total of 1,075 vehicle parking spaces, which includes 840 spaces for the residential uses, 15 spaces for commercial/retail use in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") requirements, and 220 spaces for an adjacent office building by private contract agreement. Parking on the Project Site would be provided in seven subterranean levels, the ground level, and on levels one through four. Primary vehicular access for residential and commercial uses would be provided via two full-access driveways: one on Hill Street and one from the adjacent alley, Blackstone Court. Vehicular access for a proposed porte cochere that exits onto Blackstone Court would be provided from Olympic Boulevard. Pursuant to the Bicycle Ordinance, the Proposed Project would provide 290 bicycle parking spaces including 258 long-term and 32 short-term spaces. The Proposed Project meets the LAMC requirements for open space by providing approximately 86,976 square feet of open space and amenity areas. The Proposed Project would include 657,943 square feet of total floor area resulting in a floor area ratio (FAR) of 13:1. Seven street trees (five Canary Island pine and two Southern Magnolia) would be removed from the public right-of-way; 184 new trees would be provided, including 42 street trees. Trees in the public right-of-way would be replaced at a minimum 2:1 ratio.</p> <p>The Applicant is requesting the following discretionary actions: (1) Pursuant to LAMC Section 14.5.6.B, a Transfer Of Floor Area Rights (TFAR) Greater Than 50,000 square feet of floor area for the transfer of approximately 354,277 square feet of floor area; (2) Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W.1, a Master Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Project's commercial spaces; (3) Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for the construction of 700 residential units; (4) Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.15, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for merger and re-subdivision of the Project Site for residential and commercial condominium purposes; and (5) Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.05, haul route approval in connection with the tract map approval. The Proposed Project would also require approvals and permits from the Department of Building and Safety (and other municipal agencies) for project construction activities including, but not limited to, the following: excavation, shoring, grading, foundation, haul route (for the export of approximately 206,100 cy of soil), and removal of existing street trees (requires Board of Public Works approval).</p>		
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The Project Site includes seven parcels (Assessor Parcel No. 5139-013-003, 5139-013-004, 5139-013-005, 5139-013-006, 5139-013-015, 5139-013-017, and 5139-013-018) that includes 50,617 square feet of lot area (1.16 acres). The Project Site is currently occupied by a paved surface parking lot. The surrounding properties are developed with commercial/retail, office, and mixed-use land uses. Further details are provided in the expanded IS/SCEA analysis (attached).</p>		
PROJECT LOCATION: 1000-1034 S. Hill Street and 220-226 W. Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015		
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Central City STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED in 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does Conform to Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Does NOT Conform to Plan	AREA PLANNING COMMISSION: Central CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Downtown Los Angeles
EXISTING ZONING: [Q]R5-4D-O	MAX DENSITY ZONING: 6:1, up to 13:1 with TFAR	LA River Adjacent: No
GENERAL PLAN LAND USE: High Density Residential	MAX. DENSITY PLAN: 6:1, up to 13:1 with TFAR	PROPOSED PROJECT DENSITY: 13:1

Determination (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions on the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.
- I find that the Project is a qualified "transit priority project" that satisfies the requirements of Sections 21155 and 21155.2 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), and/or a qualified "residential or mixed use residential project" that satisfies the requirements of Section 21159.28(d) of the PRC, and although the Project could have a potentially significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case, because this Initial Study/Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA) identifies measures that either avoid or mitigate to a level of insignificance all potentially significant or significant effects of the Project.



Signature

City Planning Associate

Title

213-978-1345

Phone

Evaluation of Environmental Impacts:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).

2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of a mitigation measure has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analysis," as described in (5) below, may be cross referenced).
5. Earlier analysis must be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR, or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated
7. Supporting Information Sources: A sources list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whichever format is selected.
9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant.

V. INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

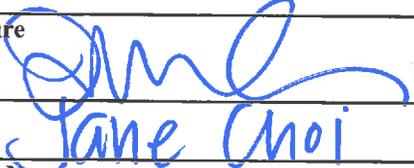
The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gases | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

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Signature	Date
 Jane Choi	
Printed Name	

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST (To be completed by the Lead City Agency)

BACKGROUND

PROPONENT NAME Onni Group	PHONE NUMBER (213) 629-2041
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PROPONENT ADDRESS
315 W. 9th Street, Suite 801, Los Angeles, CA 90015

AGENCY REQUIRING CHECKLIST City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning	DATE SUBMITTED
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PROPOSAL NAME (If Applicable)
Olympic and Hill Project

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS (Explanations of all potentially and less than significant impacts are required to be attached on separate sheets)

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS. Would the project:				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. In non-urban areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage points). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project, and the Forest Legacy Assessment project, and forest carbon measurement mythology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- b. Conflict the existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104 (g))?
- d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- e. Involve other changes in the existing environment, which due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

III. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project result in:

- a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- b. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment (ozone, carbon monoxide, & PM 10) under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?
- c. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- d. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modification, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in the local or regional plans, policies, and regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Service?

- c. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as tree preservation policy or ordinance (e.g. oak trees or California walnut woodlands)?
- f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

- a. Cause a substantial adverse change in significance of a historical resource as defined in *State CEQA Guidelines* §15064.5?
- b. Cause a substantial adverse change in significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to *State CEQA Guidelines* §15064.5?
- c. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries (see Public Resources Cod, Ch. 1.75 §5097.98, and Health and Safety Code §7050.5(b))?

VI. ENERGY. Would the project:

- a. Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?
- b. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

VII.GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:

- a. Directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.
 - ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?
 - iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

- iv. Landslides?
- b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?
- c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potential result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
- e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?
- f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:

- a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- b. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:

- a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project exacerbate current environmental conditions so as to result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

f.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g.	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:				
a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
	i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? Or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d.	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
XI.	LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
a.	Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Conflict with applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
- b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

XIII. NOISE. Would the project result in:

- a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?
- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

- a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?
- b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES.

- a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to

maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- i. Fire protection?
- ii. Police protection?
- iii. Schools?
- iv. Parks?
- v. Other public facilities?

XVI. RECREATION.

- a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

XVII. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC. Would the project:

- a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?
- b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?
- d. Substantially increase hazards to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- e. Result in inadequate emergency access?

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

- a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
- b. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

- a. Require or result in the construction or relocation of new or expanded water or wastewater treatment or storm drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- b. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years ?
- c. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments?
- d. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment off solid waste reduction goals?
- e. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

XX. WILDFIRE. If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones would the project:

- a. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- b. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire?
- c. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?
- d. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage

changes?

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

- a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- b. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects).
- c. Does the project have environmental effects which cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?



DISCUSSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

PREPARED BY	TITLE	TELEPHONE	DATE
Parker Environmental Consultants		661-257-2282	April 2019

SUMMARY OF MITIGATION MEASURES

I. AESTHETICS

No mitigation measures are required.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.

No mitigation measures are required.

III. AIR QUALITY

No mitigation measures are required.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

MM-BIO-1 Habitat Modification (Nesting Native Birds):

- Proposed project activities (including disturbances to native and non-native vegetation, structures and substrates) should take place outside of the breeding bird season which generally runs from March 1-August 31 (as early as February 1 for raptors) to avoid take (including disturbances which would cause abandonment of active nests containing eggs and/or young). Take means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture of kill (Fish and Game Code Section 86).
- If project activities cannot feasibly avoid the breeding bird season, beginning thirty days prior to the disturbance of suitable nesting habitat, the applicant shall:
- Arrange for weekly bird surveys to detect any protected native birds in the habitat to be removed and any other such habitat within 300 feet of the construction work area (within 500 feet for raptors) as access to adjacent areas allows. The surveys shall be conducted by a Qualified Biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys. The surveys shall continue on a weekly basis with the last survey being conducted no more than 3 days prior to the initiation of clearance/construction work.
- If a protected native bird is found, the applicant shall delay all clearance/construction disturbance activities within 300 feet of suitable nesting habitat for the observed protected bird species (within 500 feet for suitable raptor nesting habitat) until August 31.
- Alternatively, the Qualified Biologist could continue the surveys in order to locate any nests. If an active nest is located, clearing and construction within 300 feet of the nest (within 500 feet for raptor nests) or as determined by a qualified biological monitor, shall be postponed until the nest is vacated and juveniles have fledged and when there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. The buffer zone from the nest shall be established in the field with flagging and stakes. Construction personnel shall be instructed on the sensitivity of the area.
- The applicant shall record the results of the recommended protective measures described above to document compliance with applicable State and Federal laws pertaining to the protection of native birds. Such record shall be submitted and received into the case file for the associated discretionary action permitting the project.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

No mitigation measures are required.

VI. ENERGY

No mitigation measures are required.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

No mitigation measures are required.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

No mitigation measures are required.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**MM-HAZ-1 Soil Management Plan**

- Due to the historic UST removed from 1022 S. Hill Street, when mass excavation/grading is to be conducted at this portion of the Project Site, proper soil management protocols pursuant to SCAQMD Rule 1166 would need to be followed in the event that petroleum hydrocarbon impacted soil is encountered and displaced.
- Construction and grading activities on-site shall implement Soil Management Protocols to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety if hydrocarbon impacted soil is found.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

No mitigation measures are required.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

No mitigation measures are required.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

No mitigation measures are required.

XIII. NOISE**Increased Noise Levels (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)**

MM-N-1 Construction and demolition shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday, and 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday.

- MM-N-2** To the maximum extent possible, demolition and construction activities shall be scheduled so as to avoid operating several pieces of equipment simultaneously, which causes high noise levels.
- MM-N-3** The project contractor shall use power construction equipment with noise shielding and muffling devices.
- MM-N-4** The project contractor shall erect a temporary noise-attenuating sound barrier along the perimeter of the Project Site. The sound wall shall be a minimum of 8 feet in height to block the line-of-site of construction equipment and off site receptors at the ground level. The sound barrier shall include $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood or other sound absorbing material capable of achieving a 5-dBA reduction in sound level.
- MM-N-5** During structural framing, the project contractor shall utilize temporary portable acoustic barriers, partitions, or acoustic blankets to effectively block the line-of-sight between noise producing equipment and the adjacent residential land uses for purposes of ensuring noise levels at the adjacent residential land uses does not exceed 5 dBA over the ambient noise levels.
- MM-N-6** An information sign shall be posted at the entrance to each construction site that identifies the permitted construction hours and provides a telephone number to call and receive information about the construction project or to report complaints regarding excessive noise levels. Any reasonable complaints shall be rectified within 24 hours of their receipt.

MM-N-7 Temporary Groundborne Vibration Impacts

All new construction work shall be performed so as not to adversely affect the structural integrity of the adjacent buildings. Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant shall retain a qualified structural engineer to survey the existing foundations and structures of the adjacent buildings, and provide a plan to protect them from potential damage. The performance standards of the structure monitoring plan shall including the following:

- a) Documentation shall consist of video and/or photographic documentation of accessible and visible areas on the exterior and select interior facades of the buildings. A registered structural engineer shall develop recommendations for the adjacent structure monitoring program that will include, but not be limited to, vibration monitoring, elevation and lateral monitoring points, crack monitors and other instrumentation deemed necessary to protect the adjacent structures from construction-related damage.
- b) The monitoring program shall survey for vertical and horizontal movement, as well as vibration thresholds. If the thresholds are met or exceeded, or noticeable structural damage becomes evident to the project contractor, work shall stop in the area of the affected building until measures have been taken to stabilize the affected building to prevent construction related damage to historic resources.
- c) In the event damage occurs to historic finish materials due to construction vibration, such materials shall be repaired in consultation with a qualified preservation consultant and, if warranted, in a manner that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
- d) The structure monitoring program and initial survey documentation shall be submitted to the Department of Building and Safety and received into the case file for the associated discretionary action permitting the project prior to construction

MM-N-8 Increased Noise Levels (Parking Structure Ramps)

- Concrete, not metal, shall be used for construction of parking ramps.
- The interior ramps shall be textured to prevent tire squeal at turning areas.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

No mitigation measures are required.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

No mitigation measures are required.

MM-PS-1 Public Services (Police – Demolition/Construction Sites)

- Temporary construction fencing shall be placed along the periphery of the active construction areas to screen as much of the construction activity from view at the local street level and to keep unpermitted persons from entering the construction area.

MM-PS-2 Public Services (Police)

- The plans shall incorporate the design features (outlined in LAPD's "Design Out Crime Guidelines: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design") relative to security, semi-public and private spaces, which may include but not be limited to access control to building, secured parking facilities, walls/fences with key systems, well-illuminated public and semi-public space designed with a minimum of dead space to eliminate areas of concealment, location of toilet facilities or building entrances in high-foot traffic areas, and provision of security guard patrol throughout the Project Site if needed. Please refer to "Design Out Crime Guidelines: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," published by the Los Angeles Police Department. Contact the Community Relations Division, located at 100 W. 1st Street, #250, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 486-6000. These measures shall be approved by the Police Department prior to the issuance of building permits.

XVI. RECREATION

No mitigation measures are required.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

MM-T-1: Compliance with LADOT Requirements

The Applicant shall implement the project requirements detailed in DOT's communication to the Planning Department (DOT Case No. CEN 17-45630 dated July 12, 2017, attached) and as listed below:

Construction Impacts

DOT recommends that a construction work site traffic control plan be submitted to DOT for review and approval prior to the start of any construction work. The plan should show the location of any roadway or sidewalk closures, traffic detours, haul routes, hours of operation, protective devices, warning signs and access to abutting properties. DOT also recommends that construction related traffic be restricted to off-peak hours to the extent possible.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program

A final TDM program approved by DOT is required prior to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy for the project. The TDM program should include, but not be limited to the following strategies:

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- Provide an internal Transportation Management Coordination Program with an on-site transportation coordinator;
- Administrative support for the formation of carpools/vanpools;
- Design the project to ensure a bicycle, transit, and pedestrian friendly environment;
- Establish bike and walk to work promotions;
- Provide unbundled parking that separates the cost of obtaining assigned parking spaces from the cost of purchasing or renting residential units;
- Accommodate flexible/alternative work schedules and telecommuting programs;
- Coupled with the unbundled parking, provide on-site car share amenities for residents;
- Guaranteed ride home program;
- A provision requiring compliance with the State Parking Cash-out Law in all leases;
- Coordinate with DOT to determine if the project location is eligible for a future Integrated Mobility Hub (which can include space for a bike share kiosk, and/or parking spaces on-site for car-share vehicles);
- Provide on-site transit routing and schedule information;
- Provide a program to discount transit passes for residents/employees possibly through negotiated bulk purchasing of passes with transit providers;
- Provide rideshare matching services;
- Preferential rideshare loading/unloading or parking location;
- Contribute a one-time fixed fee contribution of **\$50,000** to be deposited into the City's Bicycle Plan Trust Fund to implement bicycle improvements in the vicinity of the project.

Highway Dedication and Street Widening Requirements

The applicant should check with Bureau of Engineering's Land Development Group to determine the specific highway dedication, street widening and/or sidewalk requirements for this project.

Parking Requirements

The applicant should check with the Department of Building and Safety on the number of Code-required parking spaces needed for the project.

Driveway Access and Circulation

The traffic study indicates that two proposed driveways will provide access to the building's underground parking, including shared access for residents and retail and restaurant customers. The conceptual site plan for the project illustrated in Attachment 3 is acceptable to DOT. However, the review of this study does not constitute approval of the driveway dimensions, access and circulation scheme. Those require separate review and approval and should be coordinated with DOT's Citywide Planning Coordination Section (201 N. Figueroa Street, 4th Floor, Station 3, @ 213-482-7024). In order to minimize and prevent last minute building design changes, the applicant should contact DOT, prior to the commencement of building or parking layout design efforts, for driveway width and internal circulation requirements. New driveways should be Case 2 - designed with a recommended width of 30 feet for two-way operations or 16 feet for one-way operations. Delivery truck loading and unloading should take place on site with no vehicles having to back into the project via the proposed project driveways on any adjacent street. However, the truck loading dock off of the alley (Blackstone Court) is acceptable.

Development Review Fees

An ordinance adding Section 19.15 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code relative to application fees paid to DOT for permit issuance activities was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in 2009 and updated in 2014. This ordinance identifies specific fees for traffic study review, condition clearance, and permit issuance. The applicant shall comply with any applicable fees per this ordinance.

MM-T-2: Transportation Demand Management Plan and Monitoring Program

The Applicant shall prepare and submit a preliminary Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan to the Department of Transportation prior to the issuance of the first building permit for the Project. A final TDM Plan shall be submitted and approved by the Department of Transportation prior to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy for the Project. The TDM Plan shall include strategies, as determined to be appropriate by the Department of Transportation, that would have a minimum fifteen (15) percent effectiveness in reducing new vehicle trips.¹ TDM program elements should include, but not be limited to, the strategies listed in Mitigation Measure T-1 and the following:

- Site Design – The site will be designed to encourage walking, biking, and transit. Amenities would include:
 - New sidewalks and street trees along the perimeter
 - Improved street and pedestrian lighting.
- Unbundled Parking – Unbundling parking typically separates the cost of purchasing or renting parking spaces from the cost of the purchasing or renting a dwelling unit. Saving money on a dwelling unit by forgoing a parking space acts as an incentive that minimizes auto ownership. Similarly, paying for parking (by purchasing or leasing a space) acts as a disincentive that discourages auto ownership and trip-making.
- Bicycle Parking – As described in Chapter 7, the Project will provide both long term and short-term bicycle parking. In addition, the Project could provide complementary amenities such as a self-service bike repair area.

MM-T-3: Construction Management Plan

- The following will be implemented prior to construction:
 - As traffic lane, parking lane and/or sidewalk closures are anticipated, worksite traffic control plan(s), approved by the City of Los Angeles, should be implemented to route vehicular traffic, bicyclists, and pedestrians around any such closures.
 - Ensure that access will remain unobstructed for land uses in proximity to the project site during project construction.
 - Coordinate with the City and emergency service providers to ensure adequate access is maintained to the project site and neighboring businesses and residences.

¹ This assessment is based on a 15% reduction to the Proposed Project's trip generation as identified in the Traffic Impact Report. Should something other than apartment or condominium residential units be provided (e.g., short-term rentals, suites, etc.), the TDM percent effectiveness shall be adjusted accordingly to the satisfaction of DOT.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

MM-TRI-1 Tribal Cultural Resources

- In the event that objects or artifacts that may be tribal cultural resources are encountered during the course of any ground disturbance activities², all such activities shall temporarily cease on the project site until the potential tribal cultural resources are properly assessed and addressed pursuant to the process set forth below:
 - a. Upon a discovery of a potential tribal cultural resource, the project Permittee shall immediately stop all ground disturbance activities and contact the following: (1) all California Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project; (2) and the Department of City Planning at (213) 978-1454.
 - b. If the City determines, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21074 (a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be tribal cultural resource, the City shall provide any effected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than 14 days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the Project Permittee and the City regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources.
 - c. The project Permittee shall implement the tribe's recommendations if a qualified archaeologist, retained by the City and paid for by the project Permittee, reasonably concludes that the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.
 - d. The project Permittee shall submit a tribal cultural resource monitoring plan to the City that includes all recommendations from the City and any effected tribes that have been reviewed and determined by the qualified archaeologist to be reasonable and feasible. The project Permittee shall not be allowed to recommence ground disturbance activities until this plan is approved by the City.
 - e. If the project Permittee does not accept a particular recommendation determined to be reasonable and feasible by the qualified archaeologist, the project Permittee may request mediation by a mediator agreed to by the Permittee and the City who has the requisite professional qualifications and experience to mediate such a dispute. The project Permittee shall pay any costs associated with the mediation.
 - f. The project Permittee may recommence ground disturbance activities outside of a specified radius of the discovery site, so long as this radius has been reviewed by the qualified archaeologist and determined to be reasonable and appropriate.
 - g. Copies of any subsequent prehistoric archaeological study, tribal cultural resources study or report, detailing the nature of any significant tribal cultural resources, remedial actions taken, and disposition of any significant tribal cultural resources shall be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at California State University, Fullerton.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

No mitigation measures are required.

² *Ground disturbance activities shall include the following: excavating, digging, trenching, plowing, drilling, tunneling, quarrying, grading, leveling, removing peat, clearing, pounding posts, augering, backfilling, blasting, stripping topsoil or a similar activity*

XX. WILDFIRE

No mitigation measures are required.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

See MM-BIO-1, MM-HAZ-1, MM-N-1, MM-N-2, MM-N-3, MM-N-4, MM-N-5, MM-N-6, MM-N-7, MM-N-8, MM-PS-1, MM-PS-2, MM-T-1, MM-T-2, MM-T-3, and MM-TRI-1, above.