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March 14, 2007

The Honorable City Council
Of the City of Los Angeles
In care of the Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Report Regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 178400 Pursuant to California
Government Code Section 65858

(Council File Nos. 07-0354, 04-1848 S1, 00-1247, 00-1247 S1)

On behalf of the Los Angeles City Council, the Department of City Planning has prepared a report pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858 outlining the measures that have taken place to adopt a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone and Preservation Plan for Windsor Square in order to establish permanent regulations that would protect the neighborhood, a valued City historic resource.

Since the date of the adoption of the urgency ordinance on February 7, 2007 (effective February 22, 2007), the Director of Planning has initiated a new Windsor Square HPOZ and the Department of City Planning (the Department) has conducted further studies on the appropriate level of environmental review necessary for the new HPOZ.

In addition, the Department has completed its re-evaluation of the Windsor Square Historic Resources Survey (Survey) including review of the historic designations of 1,239 properties, using the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and National Register Bulletin 15. As a result of the re-evaluation, the Department recommended to the Cultural Heritage Commission that the Survey be modified and the HPOZ boundaries be revised. On March 1, 2007, the Cultural Heritage Commission certified the modified Historic Resources Survey as complete and accurate and recommended that the City Planning Commission adopt the Windsor Square Preservation Plan (Preservation Plan) and the City Council adopt the re-initiated Windsor Square HPOZ. A public hearing on this matter has been scheduled for March 22, 2007 at the City Planning Commission meeting. All owners and occupants within the proposed Windsor Square HPOZ area and within a 500 foot radius were notified of this hearing on February 23, 2007.

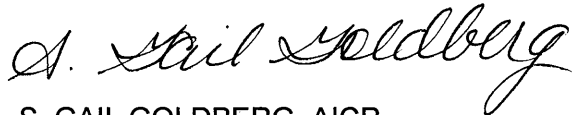
Although the Planning Department has been diligently working to re-adopt the Windsor Square HPOZ and Preservation Plan as quickly as possible, Urgency Ordinance No. 178400 is set to expire on March 24, 2007. Additional time is required to complete the public hearing and approval process before the City Planning Commission and the City Council for the final adoption and approval of the Windsor Square HPOZ and Preservation Plan. To provide this needed time, the City has initiated proceedings to extend Ordinance No. 178400 pursuant to



California Government Code Section 65858. The adoption of an ordinance would extend current regulations in Windsor Square that prevent demolitions and alterations that could result in the loss of historically important resources and stop incompatible new construction. It is anticipated that the new Windsor Square HPOZ and Preservation Plan would take effect long before the expiration of the extended urgency ordinance in 10 months and 15 days, ideally within a month of the extended urgency ordinance's adoption.

Transmitted herewith is the report regarding the measures taken to establish permanent regulations in Windsor Square through the establishment of the HPOZ and Preservation Plan in order to protect the historic character of the district and prevent demolition of irreplaceable historic resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Gail Goldberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

S. GAIL GOLDBERG, AICP
Director of Planning