

Your **PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the proposed designation of the Century Plaza Hotel located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Reyes):

1. INITIATE consideration of the Century Plaza Hotel, located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Century City, as a City Historic-Cultural Monument, with the understanding that such proposal requires that there shall be a temporary (90 day) stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any location or structure at this site pending designation.
2. REQUEST that Planning Department, Office of Historic Resources, in conformance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.10, prepare a report on the proposed designation of the Century Plaza Hotel, located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Century City, for consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission within 75 days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Planning Department. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 4, 2009, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered and approved Motion (Koretz - Reyes) requesting that the City Council propose that the Century Plaza Hotel located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Century City, be included in the City's list of historic or cultural monuments, with the understanding that such proposal requires, pursuant to Section 22.171.12 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, that there shall be a temporary (90 day) stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any location or structure at this site pending designation. In addition, the PLUM Committee directed the Planning Department, Office of Historic Resources, to provide an inventory list identifying all defining structures and features that may be historic, and those features which would not qualify as historic or culturally significant, prior to the initiation Motion proceeding to Council.

Several speakers at the hearing provided testimony in support of Motion (Koretz - Reyes), and others spoke in opposition. At least one speaker requested that Motion requesting Council action on the initiation be postponed pending the completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed project. Councilmember Paul Koretz representing Council District Five provided testimony regarding his concerns, including his concerns regarding the EIR for proposed future development at the site.

Planning Department staff provided the PLUM Committee with alternatives to address some concerns expressed by Councilmember Koretz. The City Attorney advised the Committee relative to the matters that were in accordance with Brown Act requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

REYES: YES

HUIZAR: ABSENT

KORETZ: YES

BG:

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