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To the Honorable City Council:

RE: DCP REPORT BACK ON CF 14-0936, RESPONSE TO MOTION (HUIZAR-ENGLANDER), RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF AMENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION WITHIN THE COLORADO BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN

This report back is a brief response regarding the feasibility of amending the hours of operation within the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan. Planning staff participated in a community town hall organized by the council office and the Eagle Rock Association (TERA) and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, in which this topic was brought forth. A majority of the participants are in consensus that the hours of operation should be amended; specifically they would like to delete reference to hours of operation in Section 6 of the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan so projects may simply follow the citywide application process for Conditional use permits, as required by the City (LAMC 12.24).

The process for a city initiated amendment is fairly straight forward and planning staff would initiate all the technical work in preparing a draft specific plan amendment. Planning staff would have to conduct some background research, issue a hearing notice to all occupants and owners within 500 feet of the specific plan boundary, and conduct a public hearing to listen to comments. These comments would be incorporated into a staff recommendation report which is presented at the City Planning Commission for a recommendation. Following CPC's recommendation, this specific plan amendment would then go to PLUM for a recommendation, if all goes well the item would then be heard at City Council for approval. The work involved is anticipated to be categorically exempt from CEQA provisions.

Staff and Resources

- Two Planning Staff: One staff to do the leg work, order maps, prepare hearing notice, conduct Hearing Officer Public Hearing, draft recommendation report, attend debrief meeting/s with Council Office, and other staff meetings as necessary. Senior staff needed for supervision and extra guidance, as necessary.
- One Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff to do prepare ordinance maps; run data to create addresses/labels of owners and occupants within 500 feet of boundary area (specific plan area).
- One Graphics staff to design hearing notice and any visuals needed for open house/public hearing.

Our assessment at the town hall event in August indicates that there is stakeholder consensus to move forward with this item, and with the cooperation of the local neighborhood council, stakeholder organizations, and Cd-14 staff, we can anticipate delivering this amendment in about 6 to 7 months.

Should you have any questions you can contact Senior Planner Craig Weber at 213-978-1311 or email him: craig.weber@lacity.org

Attentively,

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