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File No. 15-0103

NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to a proposed General Plan amendment to adopt the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 15-0103 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; and ADOPT the Negative Declaration [ENV-2014-372-ND].
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of the Council.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, as recommended by the Mayor and the Director of Planning on behalf of the LACPC, APPROVING the proposed General Plan amendment adopt the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, a new Health and Wellness Element.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 14, 2015

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 14, 2015)

Summary

At the public hearing held on March 24, 2015, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a proposed General Plan amendment to adopt the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, a new Health and Wellness Element. Department of City Planning staff gave the Committee background information on the matter. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution for a General Plan amendment to adopt the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, a new Health and Wellness Element. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
ENGLANDER:	YES

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning initiated an amendment to the General Plan to include a new Health and Wellness ("Health and Wellness Element"); and

WHEREAS the Health and Wellness Element will set forth the health and wellness policies for the City, facilitating increased access to health-promoting goods and services and reduced impacts of negative health impacts, and establish programs to further implement the Health and Wellness Element; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Wellness Element complies with the requirements of State law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Charter Section 556, the Health and Wellness Element conforms to the purposes, intent and provisions of all the Elements of the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Charter Section 558 (b)(2), the draft Health and Wellness Element (Exhibit B) conforms with the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare and will not have an adverse impact on the General Plan or any other plans being created by the Department of City Planning; and

WHEREAS, seven Hearing Officers, as a representatives of the City Planning Commission held public hearings on the proposed plan on March 15th, 19th, 22nd, and 29th, April 2nd, 5th, and 12th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was published in the "Los Angeles Times" on November 6, 2014, in accordance with Section 12.32-C4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on December 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, on December 18, 2014, recommended that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the proposed Health and Wellness Element and transmitted its recommendation pursuant to the City Charter and the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee and Housing Committee, each held a public hearing regarding the Health and Wellness Element in accordance with the City's Charter and Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles City Charter, the Mayor and the City Planning Commission have transmitted their recommendations on the Health and Wellness Element; and

WHEREAS, under CEQA Guidelines section 15074 the City of Los Angeles reviewed the proposed project and determined that a Negative Declaration (ND) would adequately describe the environmental setting, impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures of the Health and Wellness Element; and

WHEREAS, on _____ 2015, the City Council: (1) considered the information in the Negative Declaration; (2) found the ND to be adequate for the Health and Wellness Element;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of this resolution and the ND is adequate environmental clearance for this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health and Wellness Element be adopted by the City Council on _____, 2015.

The City Council hereby certifies the Negative Declaration and instructs that a "Notice of Determination" be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Los Angeles City Clerk, in accordance with Los Angeles Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.