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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OLYMPIA SIGN DISTRICT

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No.19-0825-S1

Honorable Members:

As requested by the City Council, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, which would amend the Olympia Sign District.

This draft ordinance would amend the signage supplemental use district (Olympia Sign District) for the Olympia Project, which is a mixed-used project consisting of up to 879 residential units, a 1,000-room hotel, and 40,000 square feet of commercial space within three towers. The project site is 3.26 acres in size and located near the Harbor Freeway and LA Live. The previously approved Olympia Sign District ordinance authorized new digital signage for the project. This amendment to the Olympia Sign District is necessary to correct the Sign District Map and the Ordinance Map included in the original Olympia Sign District ordinance. Both the original Sign District Map and the original Ordinance Map include a small parcel of land zoned R-4 which was erroneously included as part of the Olympia Sign District. This draft ordinance amends the Olympia Sign District by correcting both the Sign District Map and the Ordinance Map to no longer include that small parcel of land zoned R-4.

A more detailed discussion of the project is provided in the staff report prepared by the Department of City Planning.

Charter Findings

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, the Planning Commission approved with conditions the draft ordinance and recommended that the City Council adopt the amended Olympia Sign District Ordinance. If the City Council chooses to adopt this ordinance, it may comply with the provisions of Charter Section 558 by either adopting the findings prepared by the Director of Planning attached to the file or by making its own findings.

CEQA Findings

The Deputy Advisory Agency certified EIR No. ENV-2016-4889-EIR, SCH No. 2017101008, for various discretionary actions relating to the project on January 29, 2019. On February 14, 2019, the City Planning Commission determined that the Deputy Advisory Agency had certified the Draft EIR and that no additional environmental clearances were required. On November 26, 2019, the City Council found that the EIR assessed the Olympia Sign District and related discretionary actions and that no subsequent EIR, subsequent mitigated negative declaration, or addendum is required. The City Council may find, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, that no subsequent EIR or subsequent mitigated negative declaration is required for the current discretionary approval where the whole of the administrative record demonstrates that no major revisions to the EIR are necessary due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant effect resulting from changes to the project, changes to circumstances, or the existence of new information. The City Council may find that no addendum is required if no changes or additions to the EIR are necessary pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Copies of the draft ordinance were sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Building and Safety, the Fire Department, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Works with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council at the time this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Ernesto Velázquez at (213) 978-8188. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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