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RE: Vesting Tentative Tract No. VTT-83747-HCA
Address: 17545, 17559 West Devonshire
Street, 17544 West Blackhawk Street
Community Plan: Granada Hills – Knollwood
Zone: RE11-1
District Map: 204B129
Council District: 12 - Lee
CEQA No.: ENV-2024-2734-CE
Legal Description: Lot 37, Tract 26983

Appeal End Date: October 10, 2025

In accordance with provisions of Section 17.03, 17.06, and 17.15 Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the Advisory Agency determined, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15332, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption, pursuant to Section 15300.2 applies. The Deputy Advisory Agency also approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-83747-HCA composed of one lot, located at 17559 Devonshire Street (17545 and 17559 Devonshire Street, 17544 Blackhawk Street), for a maximum of **5 lots**, as shown on map stamp-dated July 11, 2024, in the Granada Hills – Knollwood Community Plan. This unit density is based on the RE11 Zone. (The subdivider is hereby advised that the LAMC may not permit this maximum approved density. Therefore, verification should be obtained from the Department of Building and Safety which will legally interpret the Zoning Code as it applies to this particular property.) The Advisory Agency's approval is subject to the following conditions:

NOTE on clearing conditions: When two or more **agencies** must clear a condition, subdivider should follow the sequence indicated in the condition. For the benefit of the applicant, subdivider shall maintain record of all conditions cleared, including all material supporting clearances and be prepared to present copies of the clearances to each reviewing agency as may be required by its staff at the time of its review.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to Quyen Phan of my staff via quyen.phan@lacity.org.

1. That the subdivider make a request to the BOE – Valley District Office to determine the capacity of existing sewers in this area.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, GRADING DIVISION

Grading Division approvals are conducted at 221 North Figueroa Street, 12th Floor suite 1200. The approval of this Tract Map shall not be construed as having been based upon a geological investigation such as will authorize the issuance of the building permit of the subject property. Such permits will be issued only at such time as the Department of Building and Safety has received such topographic maps and geological reports as it deems necessary to justify the issuance of such building permits.

2. Comply with any requirements with the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division for recordation of the final map and issuance of any permit.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, ZONING DIVISION

An appointment is required for the issuance of a clearance letter from the Department of Building and Safety. The applicant is asked to contact Helen Nguyen at (213) 482-0427 to schedule an appointment.

3. That prior to recordation of the final map, the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Division shall certify that no Building or Zoning Code violations exist on the subject site. In addition, the following items shall be satisfied:
 - a. Obtain permits for the demolition or removal of all existing structures on the site. Accessory structures and uses are not permitted to remain on lots without a main structure or use. Provide copies of the demolition permits and signed inspection cards to show completion of the demolition work.
 - b. Obtain a grading permit for the removal of the swimming pool and backfill of pool area. Provide a copy of the finalized grading permit to show completion of the work.
 - c. Show all street/alley dedications as required by Bureau of Engineering and provide net lot area after all dedications. "Area" requirements shall be rechecked as per net lot area after street/alley dedications. Front and side yard requirements shall be required to comply with current code as measured from new property lines after dedications.

Notes:

This Project site is located in High Wind Velocity Area.

The existing or proposed building plans have not been checked for and shall comply with Building and Zoning Code requirements. With the exception of revised health or safety standards, the subdivider shall have a vested right to proceed with the proposed development in substantial compliance with the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the time the subdivision application was deemed complete. Plan check will be required before any construction, occupancy or change of use.

If the proposed development does not comply with the current Zoning Code, all zoning violations shall be indicated on the Map.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

If you have any questions, you may contact Miguel.crisostomo@lacity.org or 818-374-4699.

4. That prior to recordation of the final map, satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Department of Transportation to assure:
 - a. A minimum 20-foot reservoir space is required between any security gate or parking space and the property line, or to the satisfaction of LADOT.
 - b. A two-way driveway width of W=18 feet is required for all driveways, or to the satisfaction of LADOT.
 - c. No driveways shall be proposed on Devonshire Street and any vehicular access shall be accessed on the public alley with the use of the proposed easement within the lots.
 - d. Only the **existing** driveway on Devonshire St must be used and must have a design where vehicles do not back into the public right-of-way.
 - e. A parking area and driveway plan should be submitted to the Citywide Planning Coordination Section of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for approval prior to submittal of building permit plans for plan check by the Department of Building and Safety. Transportation approvals are conducted at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Room 320, Van Nuys, CA 91401.
 - f. The report fee and condition clearance fee be paid to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation as required per Ordinance No. 183270 and LAMC Section 19.15 prior to recordation of the final map. Note: The applicant may be required to comply with any other applicable fees per this new ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contact regarding these conditions must be with the Hydrant and Access Unit. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting please call (213) 482-6543. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

5. That prior to the recordation of the final map, a suitable arrangement shall be made satisfactory to the Fire Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Submittal of plot plans for Fire Department review and approval prior to recordation of Tract Map Action.
 - b. Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.
 - c. Address identification. New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.
 - d. One or more Knox Boxes will be required to be installed for LAFD access to project. Location and number to be determined by LAFD Field Inspector. (Refer to FPB

Req # 75).

- e. The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
- f. No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
- g. Fire Lane Requirements:
 - i. Fire lane width shall not be less than 20 feet. When a fire lane must accommodate the operation of Fire Department aerial ladder apparatus or where fire hydrants are installed, those portions shall not be less than 28 feet in width.
 - ii. The width of private roadways for general access use and fire lanes shall not be less than 20 feet, and the fire lane must be clear to the sky.
 - iii. Fire lanes, where required and dead ending streets shall terminate in a cul-de-sac or other approved turning area. No dead ending street or fire lane shall be greater than 700 feet in length or secondary access shall be required.
 - iv. Submit plot plans indicating access road and turning area for Fire Department approval.
 - v. All parking restrictions for fire lanes shall be posted and/or painted prior to any Temporary Certificate of Occupancy being issued.
 - vi. Plans showing areas to be posted and/or painted, "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall be submitted and approved by the Fire Department prior to building permit application sign-off.
 - vii. Electric Gates approved by the Fire Department shall be tested by the Fire Department prior to Building and Safety granting a Certificate of Occupancy.
 - viii. All public street and fire lane cul-de-sacs shall have the curbs painted red and/or be posted "No Parking at Any Time" prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for any structures adjacent to the cul-de-sac.
 - ix. No framing shall be allowed until the roadway is installed to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.
- h. Construction of public or private roadway in the proposed development shall not exceed 10 percent in grade.
- i. Site plans shall include all overhead utility lines adjacent to the site.
- j. Where access for a given development requires accommodation of Fire Department apparatus, overhead clearance shall not be less than 14 feet.

- k. Smoke Vents may be required where roof access is not possible; location and number of vents to be determined at Plan Review.
- l. No proposed development utilizing cluster, group, or condominium design of one or two family dwellings shall be more than 150 feet from the edge of the roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
- m. On small lot subdivisions, any lots used for access purposes shall be recorded on the final map as a "Fire Lane".
- n. Private development shall conform to the standard street dimensions shown on Department of Public Works Standard Plan S-470-0.
- o. Standard cut-corners will be used on all turns.
- p. The following recommendation of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which includes the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features: fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width; all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant, and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane.
- q. That in order to provide assurance that the proposed common fire lane and fire protection facilities, for the project, not maintained by the City, are properly and adequately maintained, the sub-divider shall record with the County Recorder, prior to the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) to assure the following:
 - i. The establishment of a property owners association, which shall cause a yearly inspection to be made by a registered civil engineer of all common fire lanes and fire protection facilities. The association will undertake any necessary maintenance and corrective measures. Each future property owner shall automatically become a member of the association or organization required above and is automatically subject to a proportionate share of the cost.
 - ii. The future owners of affected lots with common fire lanes and fire protection facilities shall be informed of their responsibility for the maintenance of the devices on their lots. The future owner and all successors will be presented a copy of the maintenance program for their lot. Any amendment or modification that would defeat the obligation of said association as the Advisory Agency must approve required hereinabove in writing after consultation with the Fire Department.
 - iii. In the event that the property owners association fails to maintain the common property and easements as required by the CC and R's, the individual property owners shall be responsible for their proportional share of the maintenance.
 - iv. Prior to any building permits being issued, the applicant shall improve, to the satisfaction of the Fire Department, all common fire lanes and install all private fire hydrants to be required.
 - v. That the Common Fire Lanes and Fire Protection facilities be shown on the Final Map.

- r. Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.
- s. Where rescue window access is required, provide conditions and improvements necessary to meet accessibility standards as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department.
- t. Adequate off-site public and on-site private fire hydrants may be required. Their number and location to be determined after the Fire Department's review of the plot plan.
- u. Any required fire hydrants to be installed shall be fully operational and accepted by the Fire Department prior to any building construction.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

- 6. Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for compliance with LADWP's Water System Rules and requirements. Upon compliance with these conditions and requirements, LADWP's Water Services Organization will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1.(c).)

BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Street Lighting clearance for this Street Light Maintenance Assessment District condition is conducted at 1149 S. Broadway Suite 200. Street Lighting improvement condition clearance will be conducted at the Bureau of Engineering District office, see condition S-3. (c).

- 7. If new street light(s) are required, then prior to the recordation of the final map or issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O), street lighting improvement plans shall be submitted for review and the owner shall provide a good faith effort via a ballot process for the formation or annexation of the property within the boundary of the development into a Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District.

BUREAU OF SANITATION

If you have any questions, please contact Rafael Yanez at (323) 342-1563

- 8. Wastewater Collection Systems Division of the Bureau of Sanitation has inspected the sewer/storm drain lines serving the subject tract and found no potential problems to their structure or potential maintenance problem, as stated in the memo dated September 5, 2024. Upon compliance with its conditions and requirements, the Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Collection Systems Division will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1. (d).)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

- 9. To assure that cable television facilities will be installed in the same manner as other required improvements, please email ita.cabletvclearance@lacity.org which provides an automated response with the instructions on how to obtain the Cable TV clearance. The automated response also provides the email address of three people in case the applicant/owner has any additional questions.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Park fees are paid at 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles. Please contact Park Fees staff at (213) 202-2682 or rap.parkfees@lacity.org for any questions or comments, at your convenience.

10. That the Park Fee paid to the Department of Recreation and Parks be calculated as a Subdivision (Quimby in-lieu) fee.

URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

11. Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. Parkway tree removals shall be replanted at a 2:1 ratio All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree plantings, the sub divider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division at: (213) 847-3077 upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.

Note: Removal or planting of any tree in the public right-of-way requires approval of the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: (213) 847-3077 for permit information. CEQA document must address parkway tree removals.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Clearances may be conducted at the Figueroa, Valley, or West Los Angeles Development Services Centers. To clear conditions, an appointment is required, which can be requested at planning.lacity.org.

12. Prior to the recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall prepare and execute a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Limit the proposed development to a maximum of 5 lots.
 - b. Provide a minimum of 2 covered off-street parking spaces per dwelling unit.
 - c. That prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, a minimum 6-foot-high slumpstone or decorative masonry wall shall be constructed adjacent to neighboring residences, if no such wall already exists, except in required front yard.
 - d. That a solar access report shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Advisory Agency prior to obtaining a grading permit.
 - e. That the subdivider consider the use of natural gas and/or solar energy and consult with the Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company regarding feasible energy conservation measures.
 - f. INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION COSTS.

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- (i) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an

action to attack, challenge, set aside, void or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.

- (ii) Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- (iii) Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- (iv) Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- (v) If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

"Action" shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Action includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - STANDARD SINGLE-FAMILY CONDITIONS

SF-1. That approval of this tract constitutes approval of model home uses, including a sales office and off-street parking. If models are constructed under this tract approval, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall submit a plot plan for approval by the Development Services Center of the Department of City Planning showing the location of the model dwellings, sales office and off-street parking. The sales office must be within one of the model buildings.
2. All other conditions applying to Model Dwellings under Section 12.22A, 10 and 11 and Section 17.05 O of the Code shall be fully complied with satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety.

SF-2. That a landscape plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect, be submitted to and approved by the Advisory Agency in accordance with CP-6730 prior to obtaining any grading or building permits before the recordation of the final map. The landscape plan shall identify tree replacement on a 1:1 basis by a minimum of 24-inch box trees for the unavoidable loss of desirable trees on the site.

In the event the subdivider decides not to request a permit before the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement satisfactory to the Advisory Agency guaranteeing the submission of such plan before obtaining any permit shall be recorded.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - STANDARD CONDITIONS

S-1.

- (a) That the sewerage facilities charge be deposited prior to recordation of the final map over all of the tract in conformance with Section 64.11.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).
- (b) That survey boundary monuments be established in the field in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and located within the California Coordinate System prior to recordation of the final map. Any alternative measure approved by the City Engineer would require prior submission of complete field notes in support of the boundary survey.
- (c) That satisfactory arrangements be made with both the Water System and the Power System of the Department of Water and Power with respect to water mains, fire hydrants, service connections and public utility easements.
- (d) That any necessary sewer, street, drainage and street lighting easements be dedicated. In the event it is necessary to obtain off-site easements by separate instruments, records of the Bureau of Right-of-Way and Land shall verify that such easements have been obtained. The above requirements do not apply to easements of off-site sewers to be provided by the City.
- (e) That drainage matters be taken care of satisfactory to the City Engineer.

- (f) That satisfactory street, sewer and drainage plans and profiles as required, together with a lot grading plan of the tract and any necessary topography of adjoining areas be submitted to the City Engineer.
 - (g) That any required slope easements be dedicated by the final map.
 - (h) That each lot in the tract complies with the width and area requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - (i) That 1-foot future streets and/or alleys be shown along the outside of incomplete public dedications and across the termini of all dedications abutting unsubdivided property. The 1-foot dedications on the map shall include a restriction against their use of access purposes until such time as they are accepted for public use.
 - (j) That any 1-foot future street and/or alley adjoining the tract be dedicated for public use by the tract, or that a suitable resolution of acceptance be transmitted to the City Council with the final map.
 - (k) That no public street grade exceeds 15%.
 - (l) That any necessary additional street dedications be provided to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- S-2. That the following provisions be accomplished in conformity with the improvements constructed herein:
- (a) Survey monuments shall be placed and permanently referenced to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. A set of approved field notes shall be furnished, or such work shall be suitably guaranteed, except where the setting of boundary monuments requires that other procedures be followed.
 - (b) Make satisfactory arrangements with the Department of Traffic with respect to street name, warning, regulatory and guide signs.
 - (c) All grading done on private property outside the tract boundaries in connection with public improvements shall be performed within dedicated slope easements or by grants of satisfactory rights of entry by the affected property owners.
 - (d) All improvements within public streets, private streets, alleys and easements shall be constructed under permit in conformity with plans and specifications approved by the Bureau of Engineering.
 - (e) Any required bonded sewer fees shall be paid prior to recordation of the final map.
- S-3. That the following improvements are either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction is suitably guaranteed:
- (a) Construct on-site sewers to serve the tract as determined by the City Engineer.
 - (b) Construct any necessary drainage facilities.
 - (c) Install street lighting facilities to serve the tract as required by the Bureau of Street Lighting.

- (1) No street lighting improvements if no street widening per BOE improvement conditions. Otherwise, relocate and upgrade street lights: two (2) on Devonshire St.

Notes:

The quantity of street lights identified may be modified slightly during the plan check process based on illumination calculations and equipment selection.

Conditions set: 1) in compliance with a Specific Plan, 2) by LADOT, or 3) by other legal instrument excluding the Bureau of Engineering conditions, requiring an improvement that will change the geometrics of the public roadway or driveway apron may require additional or the reconstruction of street lighting improvements as part of that condition.

- (d) Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Street Tree Division of the Bureau of Street Maintenance. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree planting, the subdivider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division ((213) 847-3077) upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.
- (e) Repair or replace any off-grade or broken curb, gutter and sidewalk satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (f) Construct access ramps for the handicapped as required by the City Engineer.
- (g) Close any unused driveways satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (h) Construct any necessary additional street improvements to comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.
- (i) That the following improvements are either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction is suitably guaranteed satisfactory to the City Engineer:
 - (1) Improve Devonshire Street adjoining the subdivision by the replacement and or repair of any broken, damaged or off-grade concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and roadway pavement, including any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvements. Remove existing driveway and construct new ADA compliant driveways.
 - (2) Improve Blackhawk Street adjoining the subdivision by the construction of a new 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk adjacent to the right-of-way line. Repair and or repair of any broken, damaged or off-grade concrete curb, gutter, and roadway pavement, including any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvements.
 - (3) Improve the Alley adjoining the subdivision by the removal and replacement of any existing broken and damaged concrete longitudinal gutter and alley pavement. Upgrade the alley intersection at Devonshire Street satisfactory to the City Engineer.

- (4) Construct the necessary on-site mainline and house sewers to serve the development as required by the BOE – Valley District Office.

NOTES:

The Advisory Agency approval is the maximum number of units permitted under the tract map action. However the existing or proposed zoning may not permit this number of units. This vesting map does not constitute approval of any variations from the Municipal Code, unless approved specifically for this project under separate conditions.

Any removal of the existing street trees shall require Board of Public Works approval.

Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System, to pay for removal, relocation, replacement or adjustment of power facilities due to this development. The subdivider must make arrangements for the underground installation of all new utility lines in conformance with Section 17.05-N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

The final map must be recorded within 36 months of this approval, unless a time extension is granted before the end of such period.

The Advisory Agency hereby finds that this tract conforms to the California Water Code, as required by the Subdivision Map Act.

The subdivider should consult the Department of Water and Power to obtain energy saving design features which can be incorporated into the final building plans for the subject development. As part of the Total Energy Management Program of the Department of Water and Power, this no-cost consultation service will be provided to the subdivider upon his request.

FINDINGS OF FACT (CEQA)

The Advisory Agency determines that based on the whole of the administrative record as supported by the justification prepared and found in the environmental case file, the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies.

FINDINGS OF FACT (SUBDIVISION MAP ACT)

In connection with the approval of (Vesting) Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-83747-HCA the Advisory Agency of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Sections 66473.1, 66474.60, .61 and .63 of the State of California Government Code (the Subdivision Map Act), makes the prescribed findings as follows:

- (a) THE PROPOSED MAP WILL BE/IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

The Land Use Element of the General Plan consists of the 35 Community Plans within the City of Los Angeles. The Community Plans establish goals, objectives, and policies for future developments at a neighborhood level. Additionally, through the Land Use Map, the Community Plan designates parcels with a land use designation and zone. The Land Use

Element is further implemented through the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Chapter 1. The zoning regulations contained within the LAMC regulates, but is not limited to, the maximum permitted density, height, parking, and the subdivision of land.

The subdivision of land is regulated pursuant to Article 7 of the LAMC, Chapter 1. Pursuant to LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.05 C., tract maps are to be designed in conformance with the tract map regulations to ensure compliance with the various elements of the General Plan, including the Zoning Code. Additionally, the maps are to be designed in conformance with the Street Standards established pursuant to LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.05 B. The project site is located within the Granada Hills – Knollwood Community Plan, which designates the site with Low I Residential and Very Low II Residential land use designations. Corresponding zones for the Low I Residential land use designation are RE9 and RS. The corresponding zones for the Very Low II Residential land use designation are RE15 and RE11. The Project Site is zoned RE11-1, which is consistent with the land use designations. The project site has approximately 61,871 gross square feet of lot area, which would permit a maximum of five lots within the zone. As shown on the Vesting Tentative Tract Map, the Project proposes to subdivide the project site into five lots, which is consistent with the density permitted by the zone.

Pursuant to LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.06 B. A, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map must be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer. It is required to contain information regarding the boundaries of the project site, as well as the abutting public rights-of-way, hillside contours for hillside properties, location of existing buildings, existing and proposed dedication, and improvements of the tract map. The Vesting Tentative Tract Map indicates the map number, notes, legal description, contact information for the owner, applicant, and engineer, as well as other pertinent information as required by LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.06. The subject site is not within a hillside area, so hillside contours are not required to be shown on the map. Additionally, there are no existing buildings on the subject site per demolition permit no. 21019-20000-03252. As a part of the Final Tract Map condition clearance and recordation process, the applicant will be required to submit a final map showing the BOE required dedications and improvements, and also correctly state on the map that the existing structures have been demolished. Therefore, the proposed map demonstrates compliance with LAMC Sections 17.05 C, 17.06 B, and is consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(b) THE DESIGN OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

For purposes of a subdivision, design and improvement is defined by Section 66418 and 66419 of the Subdivision Map Act and LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.02. Design refers to the configuration and layout of the proposed lots in addition to the proposed site plan layout. Pursuant to Section 66427(a) of the Subdivision Map Act, the location of the buildings is not considered as part of the approval or disapproval of the map by the Advisory Agency. Easements and/or access and “improvements” refers to the infrastructure facilities serving the subdivision. LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.05 enumerates the design standards for a tract map and requires that each map be designed in conformance with the Street Design Standards and in conformance with the General Plan. As indicated in Finding (a), LAMC Chapter 1, Section 17.05 C requires that the tract map be designed in conformance with the zoning regulations of the project site. As the project site is zoned RE11-1, the minimum area for a lot is 11,000 square feet and the minimum lot width is 70 feet. The zone would permit a maximum of five lots on the approximately 61,871 gross square-foot site. As the map is proposed for a five-lot single family subdivision, it is consistent with the density permitted by the zone.

The tract map was distributed to and reviewed by the various city agencies of the Subdivision Committee that have the authority to make dedication, and/or improvement recommendations. The Bureau of Engineering reviewed the tract map for compliance with the Street Design Standards. The Bureau of Engineering has recommended dedication and/or improvements to the public right-of-way along Devonshire Street, Blackhawk Street, and the abutting alleyway, consistent with the standards of the Mobility Element. In addition, the Bureau of Engineering has recommended the construction of the necessary on-site mainline sewers and all necessary street improvements will be made to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010. Additionally, as conditioned by the Bureau of Street Lighting, two streetlights along Devonshire Street shall be replaced as a part of the right-of-way improvements. As conditioned, the design and improvements of the proposed subdivision are consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(c) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The subject site is a level, regular shaped through lot with frontage along Blackhawk Street to the north and Devonshire Street to the south, and it has frontage along a 20-foot wide public alley to the west. The project site consists of 61,871 gross square feet of lot area and is currently vacant, with all structures on the subject site demolished in 2021 according to demolition permit records (demo permit no. 21019-20000-03252). The project includes the subdivision of one lot into five parcels for the development of five single-family dwellings and five Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), one on each lot. There is a proposed 25-foot wide community driveway over all five proposed parcels, which will provide vehicular access from one of the proposed lots that face Devonshire Street and from each proposed ADU to the public 20-foot wide alley to the west of the proposed vesting tentative tract map.

Three of the proposed lots have frontage along Blackhawk Street with vehicular from Blackhawk Street. The other two proposed lots have frontage along Devonshire Street, one of which having an existing driveway along Devonshire Street that will continue to be used, and the other will have vehicular access along the 20-foot wide public alley. The vehicular access shares the same pattern with the surrounding single-family residential lots along Blackhawk Street and Devonshire Street. Specifically on Devonshire Street, the single-family residential lots to the west of the development do not have access off Devonshire Street, and instead have access along the 20-foot wide public alley. This is also in accordance with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) conditions, which prohibit any new driveways on Devonshire and any new vehicular access shall be taken from the public alley (See Condition No. 4c)., so the access for the proposed single-family dwelling on lot 4 shall be from the proposed shared driveway accessible from the abutting alley. The proposed lot 5 shall be allowed to use the existing driveway on Devonshire Street so long as it is designed in a way that vehicles will not back into the public right-of-way (See Conditions No. 4d.).

The subject site has one tree, which is a protected tree, the Coastal Live Oak. Additionally, there are five street trees located in the public parkway, three of which are along Devonshire Street and two are along Blackhawk Street. The proposed Project would retain the existing trees located on- and off-site for the subdivision of one lot into five single family lots and for the construction of five two-story single-family homes, and five two-story accessory dwelling units (ADUs), one of each on each subdivided parcel.

The project site is located within the 4.01 km from the Northridge Fault but is not located within the Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone. The site is not located within a designated hillside area or within the BOE Special Grading Area. The site is not located within a high fire hazard severity zone, flood zone, landslide, liquefaction, methane, or tsunami inundation

zone. Prior to the issuance of any permits, the project would be required to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department. The site is not identified as having hazardous waste or past remediation. The site is within Flood Zone Type C, which denotes areas of minimal flood risk.

The tract map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. Therefore, the site will be physically suitable for the proposed type of development.

(d) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT.

The properties to the north, across Blackhawk Street, are zoned RS-1 and are designated for Low I Residential land use. These properties are developed with single family dwellings. The properties to the south, across Devonshire Street, are zoned RE11-1 and are designated for Very Low II Residential land use. These properties are also developed with single family dwellings. Properties to the east and west are zoned RS-1 and RE-11 with land use designations of Low I Residential and Very Low II Residential. These properties are developed with single family dwellings. The subject site is a level, regular shaped lot consisting of 61,871 gross square feet of lot area in the RE-11 Zone. The subject site is currently vacant, with all structures on the subject site demolished in 2021 according to demolition permit records (demo permit no. 21019-20000-03252). The proposed Project consists of the subdivision of one lot into five lots, for the construction of five two-story single-family homes and five two-story accessory dwelling units (ADUs), one of each on each subdivided parcel. As proposed, the density and height are consistent with the zone and land use designations. The minimum lot area for the RE-11 Zone is 11,000 square feet, which permits five lots given the site's gross area of 61,871 square feet. Height District 1 limits building height to 45 feet which all the proposed homes and ADUs will not exc. The tract map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. Additionally, prior to the issuance of a grading or building permit, the project would be required to comply with conditions herein and applicable requirements of the LAMC. As conditioned the proposed tract map is physically suitable for the proposed density of the development.

(e) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR SUBSTANTIALLY AND AVOIDABLY INJURE FISH OR WILDLIFE OR THEIR HABITAT.

The subject site is a level, regular shaped lot consisting of 61,871 gross square feet of lot area. The subject site is currently vacant, with all structures on the subject site demolished in 2021 according to demolition permit records (demo permit no. 21019-20000-03252). There is one tree on the subject site, which is a protected tree, the Coastal Live Oak. Additionally, there are five street trees located in the public parkway, three fronting the subject site along Devonshire Street and the other two fronting Blackhawk Street. The proposed Project would retain the trees located on- and off-site for the subdivision of one lot into five lots and the construction of five two-story single-family homes and five two-story accessory dwelling units (ADUs), one of each on each subdivided parcel. The surrounding area is presently developed with structures. Neither the project site nor the surrounding area provides a natural habitat for fish or wildlife. It has been determined that the project and the design of the subdivision and proposed improvements will not cause substantial environmental damage or injury to wildlife or their habitat.

- (f) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

There appears to be no potential public health problems caused by the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision.

The development is required to be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system, where the sewage will be directed to the LA Hyperion Treatment Plant, which has been upgraded to meet Statewide ocean discharge standards. The Bureau of Engineering has reported that the proposed subdivision does not violate the existing California Water Code because the subdivision will be connected to the public sewer system and will have only a minor incremental impact on the quality of the effluent from the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

- (g) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH EASEMENTS, ACQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, FOR ACCESS THROUGH OR USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION.

As required by LAMC Chapter 1, Section 12.07.01, the project site has a minimum of 70 feet of frontage along Devonshire Street and Blackhawk Street, which are public streets. The project site consists of a parcel identified as a Fraction of Lot 37 of Tract 26983 and is identified by Assessor Parcel No. 2733-014-033. There are no known easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision, as identified on the tract map. Necessary easements for utilities will be acquired by the City prior to the recordation of the proposed tract map.

Therefore, the design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements would not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision.

- (h) THE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SHALL PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, FOR FUTURE PASSIVE OR NATURAL HEATING OR COOLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SUBDIVISION. (REF. SECTION 66473.1)

In assessing the feasibility of passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities in the proposed subdivision design, the applicant has prepared and submitted materials which consider the local climate, contours, configuration of the parcel(s) to be subdivided and other design and improvement requirements.

Providing for passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities will not result in reducing allowable densities or the percentage of a lot which may be occupied by a building or structure under applicable planning and zoning in effect at the time the tentative map was filed.

The lot layout of the subdivision has taken into consideration the maximizing of the north/south orientation.

The topography of the site has been considered in the maximization of passive or natural heating and cooling opportunities.

In addition, prior to obtaining a building permit, the subdivider shall consider building construction techniques, such as overhanging eaves, location of windows, insulation, exhaust fans; planting of trees for shade purposes and the height of the buildings on the site in relation to adjacent development.

These findings shall apply to both the tentative and final maps for (Vesting) Tentative Tract No VTT-83747-HCA.

APPEAL PERIOD - EFFECTIVE DATE

This grant is not a permit or license and any permits and/or licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper public agency. If any Condition of this grant is violated or not complied with, then the applicant or their successor in interest may be prosecuted for violating these Conditions the same as for any violation of the requirements contained in the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

This determination will become effective after the end of appeal period date on the first page of this document, unless an appeal is filed with the Department of City Planning. An appeal application must be submitted and paid for before 4:30 PM (PST) on the final day to appeal the determination. Should the final day fall on a weekend or legal City holiday, the time for filing an appeal shall be extended to 4:30 PM (PST) on the next succeeding working day. Appeals should be filed early to ensure the Development Services Center (DSC) staff has adequate time to review and accept the documents, and to allow appellants time to submit payment.

An appeal may be filed utilizing the following options:

Online Application System (OAS): The OAS (<https://planning.lacity.gov/oas>) allows entitlement appeals to be submitted entirely electronically by allowing an appellant to fill out and submit an appeal application online directly to City Planning's DSC, and submit fee payment by credit card or e-check.

Drop off at DSC. Appeals of this determination can be submitted in-person at the Metro or Van Nuys DSC locations, as well as the South Los Angeles DSC on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and payment can be made by credit card or check. City Planning has established drop-off areas at the DSCs with physical boxes where appellants can drop off appeal applications; alternatively, appeal applications can be filed with staff at DSC public counters. Appeal applications must be on the prescribed forms, and accompanied by the required fee and a copy of the determination letter. Appeal applications shall be received by the DSC public counter and paid for on or before the above date or the appeal will not be accepted.

Forms are available online at <http://planning.lacity.gov/development-services/forms>. Public offices are located at:

Metro DSC	Van Nuys DSC	South LA DSC
201 N. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 planning.figcounter@lacity.org (213) 482-7077	6262 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91401 planning.mbc2@lacity.org (818) 374-5050	(In person appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am-4pm only) 8475 S. Vermont Avenue 1st Floor Los Angeles, CA 90044 planning.southla@lacity.org

City Planning staff may follow up with the appellant via email and/or phone if there are any questions or missing materials in the appeal submission, to ensure that the appeal package is complete and meets the applicable LAMC provisions.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure

Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Verification of condition compliance with building plans and/or building permit applications are done at the City Planning Metro or Valley DSC locations. An in-person or virtual appointment for Condition Clearance can be made through the City's [BuildLA](#) portal (appointments.lacity.gov). The applicant is further advised to notify any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.



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