March 21, 2018

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Patrick Whalen, Planning Assistant

TECHNICAL MODIFICATION TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION REPORT FOR CASE NO. CPC-2016-4520-CA; Citywide

The following technical correction needs to be made to the first Recommended Action on the cover page of the staff recommendation report to be considered at the City Planning Commission meeting on March 22, 2018, related to Item No. 11 on the meeting agenda.

1. Consider Determine based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed ordinance Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308 (Class 8), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

Additionally, the following technical correction needs to be incorporated into the staff recommendation report to be considered at the City Planning Commission meeting of March 22, 2018, related to Item No. 11 on the meeting agenda.

The Notice of Exemption that was included in the staff recommendation report was unsigned. A new, signed version of this document has been attached to this form for inclusion into the report.
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 360
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(Section 15062 of the California Environmental Quality Act)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 (b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

PROJECT TITLE
Protected Tree and Plant Code Amendment

LOG REFERENCE
ENV-2016-4521-CE
CPC-2016-4520-CA

PROJECT LOCATION
Citywide

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
An ordinance amending provisions of Sections 12.21, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 46.01, and 46.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to modify provisions pertaining to "Protected Tree" to include the Mexican Elderberry (Sambucus mexicana) and Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) and update regulations.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:

CONTACT PERSON
Patrick Whalen

AREA CODE | TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.
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213 | 978-1370 |

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

STATE CEQA GUIDELINES | CITY CEQA GUIDELINES
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MINISTERIAL
Sec. 15268

Art. II, Sec. 2b

DECLARED EMERGENCY
Sec. 15269

Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)

EMERGENCY PROJECT
Sec. 15269 (b) & (c)

Art. II, Sec. 2a (2) & (3)

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Sec. 15300 et seq.

Art. III, Sec. 1

Class 8 Category (City CEQA Guidelines)

OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and City guideline provision.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: See attached justification narrative.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Planning Assistant

DATE
2/9/2018

FEE:

RECEIPT NO.
RECD. BY

DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record

IF FILED BY THE APPLICANT:

NAME (PRINTED)

SIGNATURE

DATE