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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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TO: Office of Planning/Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Long Beach Development Services Dept.
333 W. Ocean Blvd., Planning Bureau, 5th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

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Environmental Filings
12400 E. Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR 04-15) for the Midtown Specific Plan

Project Title

2015031034

Craig Chalfant

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State Clearinghouse Number
(If submitted to Clearinghouse)

Lead Agency
Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, Planning Bureau, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

Project Applicant

Project Location: Los Angeles County, City of Long Beach, the Project Area (generally situated east of Pacific Avenue, west of Atlantic Avenue, north of Anaheim Street, and south of Wardlow Road) is a corridor along Long Beach Boulevard just north of downtown Long Beach and consists of two areas: the Midtown Specific Plan area and an area outside of, but adjacent to the Midtown Specific Plan. The Midtown Specific Plan area spans approximately 369 acres from Anaheim Street to Wardlow Road along Long Beach Boulevard. The area outside the Midtown Specific Plan covers approximately four acres around Officer Black Park (west of Pasadena Avenue between 21st Street and 20th Street). Both areas make up the Project Site and together, comprise 373 acres spanning from Anaheim Street to Wardlow Road.

Project Description: The Proposed Project analyzed in the DEIR consists of adoption of the Midtown Specific Plan (Midtown Specific Plan area) and extraction of the two residential blocks around Officer Black Park from PD-29 (area outside the Midtown Specific Plan) and retention of the underlying conventional zoning designations already in place for these two residential blocks. The Proposed Project also includes the closure of a few roadway segments that intersect with Long Beach Boulevard. Each of the project areas and components is described below.

Midtown Specific Plan Area: The Midtown Specific Plan provides a framework for the development and improvement of a 369-acre corridor along Long Beach Boulevard. The Specific Plan acts as a bridge between the Long Beach General Plan and development that would occur within the Midtown Specific Plan area. The Midtown Specific Plan area currently contains just under 1,900 residential units and a little over 2.6 million square feet of commercial and employment uses, as well as medical facilities with over 950 licensed hospital beds and three hotels with approximately 200 hotel rooms. The Midtown Specific Plan would increase the number of permitted residential units within the Midtown Specific Plan area to just over 3,600 units—approximately 1,700 more than existing conditions but about 2,200 less than would be allowed under the current PD-29 zoning. The Midtown Specific Plan would also increase potential commercial and employment building square footage to just over 2.9 million square feet (a net increase of almost 369,000 square feet over existing conditions), concentrating and intensifying development at key transit and employment nodes. The buildout projections also assume a small increase in the number of licensed hospital beds (27 beds) and the addition of a business hotel with up to 81 hotel rooms.

Area Outside the Midtown Specific Plan: As stated above, the Proposed Project includes an area outside of, but adjacent to the Midtown Specific Plan boundary; the area comprises approximately four acres around Officer Black Park. Existing land uses within this area consists of 76 dwelling units and 11,346 square feet associated with the existing church; this area also contains Officer Black Park. Under the Proposed Project, the two residential blocks around Officer Black Park would be extracted from PD 29 and retain its underlying conventional zoning designations, which include Single-Family Residential, standard lot (R-1-N); Three-Family Residential (R-3-S); and Park (P). The proposed extraction would not require

an amendment to the City's zoning map, as the underlying conventional zoning designations are already in place. With the exception of the zoning designation revisions that would be undertaken, no physical change (e.g., additional development intensity, redevelopment) is expected to occur within this area and all existing uses are expected to remain.

Roadway Segment Closures: The Proposed Project also includes the closure of the following roadway segments to vehicular traffic in order to create parklets (small street parks): 25th Street west of Long Beach Boulevard; 25th Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; 23rd Street west of Long Beach Boulevard; 23rd Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; 21st Street west of Long Beach Boulevard; 21st Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; Rhea Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; Esther Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; 15th Street west of Long Beach Boulevard; 15th Street east of Long Beach Boulevard; and 14th Street east of Long Beach Boulevard.

This is to advise that the Long Beach City Council has carried out the above-described project on May 24, 2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [X will ____ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. X An Environmental Impact Report was prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
____ A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
Certified by the Long Beach City Council on May 24, 2016
3. Mitigation Measures [X were ____ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program [X was ____ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [X was ____ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X were ____ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Environmental Impact Report record is available for review to the General Public at:
Department of Development Services, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

Secretary

Date

5/24/16

Dean C. Logan
Los Angeles County Registrar / Recorder
12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA
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Wednesday, May 25, 2016 8:41 AM

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Total		\$75.00

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
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201605251250003
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY			DATE
LONG BEACH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT			05/25/2016
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING			DOCUMENT NUMBER
LACC			2016130748
PROJECT TITLE			
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR 04-15) FOR THE MIDTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME			PHONE NUMBER
CRAIG CHALFANT LONG BEACH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT			
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
333 W OCEAN BLVD PLANNING BUREAU, 5TH FL	LONG BEACH	CA	90802
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity			

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,070.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration (ND)(MND)	\$2,210.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP)	\$1,043.75	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee	\$50.00	\$	75.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (Form Attached)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		\$	0.00

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San Diego, CA 92123
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CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director



CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

Applicant Name and Address:

City of Long Beach
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

CEQA Lead Agency: City of Long Beach

Project Name: Midtown Specific Plan Project

CEQA Document Type: Environmental Impact Report

State Clearing House Number and/or local agency ID number: SCH No. 2015031034

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Project Description: The Midtown Specific Plan provides a framework for the development and improvement of a 369-acre corridor along Long Beach Boulevard. The Specific Plan acts as a bridge between the Long Beach General Plan and development that would occur within the Midtown Specific Plan area. The Midtown Specific Plan area currently contains just under 1,900 residential units and a little over 2.6 million square feet of commercial and employment uses, as well as medical facilities with over 950 licensed hospital beds and three hotels with approximately 200 hotel rooms. The Midtown Specific Plan would increase the number of permitted residential units within the Midtown Specific Plan area to just over 3,600 units, approximately 1,700 more units than under existing conditions but about 2,200 less units than what would be allowed under the current PD-29 zoning. The Midtown Specific Plan would also increase potential commercial and employment building square footage to just over 2.9 million square feet (a net increase of almost 369,000 square feet over existing conditions), concentrating development at key transit and employment nodes. Under this project, two residential blocks around Officer Black Park would be extracted from PD-29 and retain its conventional zoning designations, which include Single Family Residential (R-1-N), Three-Family Residential (R-3-S), and Park (P). With the exception of the zoning designation revisions that would be undertaken, no physical change is expected to occur within these two residential blocks and all existing uses are expected to remain.

The project also includes the closure of the following road segments to create park lets (small street parks): 25th Street east and west of Long Beach Blvd., 23rd Street east and west of Long Beach Blvd., 21st Street east and west of Long Beach Blvd., Rhea Street east of Long Beach Blvd., Esther Street east of Long Beach Blvd., 15th Street east and west of Long Beach Blvd., and 14th Street east of Long Beach Blvd.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish and Game Code [FGC] Section 711.4(c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at time of filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to FGC Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFW Approved By: Scott P. Harris _____ Scott P. Harris Date: 03/25/2016

Title: Environmental Scientist