

Mitigated Negative Declaration

7222 Tyrone Avenue Project

Case Number: ENV-2022-6053-MND

Project Location: 7222 North Tyrone Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 91405

Community Plan Area: Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks

Council District: 2 — Krekorian

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Initial Study (IS) document evaluates potential environmental effects resulting from construction and operation of the proposed **7222 Tyrone Avenue** Project ("Project"). The proposed Project is subject to the guidelines and regulations of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Therefore, this document has been prepared in compliance with the relevant provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as implemented by the City of Los Angeles (City). Based on the analysis provided within this Initial Study, the City has concluded that the Project will not result in significant impacts on the environment. This Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are intended as informational documents, and are ultimately required to be adopted by the decision maker prior to project approval by the City.

1.1 PURPOSE OF AN INITIAL STUDY

The California Environmental Quality Act was enacted in 1970 with several basic purposes: (1) to inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed projects; (2) to identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced; (3) to prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of feasible alternatives or mitigation measures; and (4) to disclose to the public the reasons behind a project's approval even if significant environmental effects are anticipated.

An application for the proposed project has been submitted to the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning for discretionary review. The Department of City Planning, as Lead Agency, has determined that the project is subject to CEQA, and the preparation of an Initial Study is required.

An Initial Study is a preliminary analysis conducted by the Lead Agency, in consultation with other agencies (responsible or trustee agencies, as applicable), to determine whether there is substantial evidence that a project may have a significant effect on the environment. If the Initial Study concludes that the Project, with mitigation, may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared; otherwise the Lead Agency may adopt a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, §15000 et seq.), and the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines (1981, amended 2006).

1.2. ORGANIZATION OF THE INITIAL STUDY

This Initial Study is organized into four sections as follows:

1 INTRODUCTION

Describes the purpose and content of the Initial Study, and provides an overview of the CEQA process.

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provides Project information, identifies key areas of environmental concern, and includes a determination whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provides a description of the environmental setting and the Project, including project characteristics and a list of discretionary actions.

4 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Contains the completed Initial Study Checklist and discussion of the environmental factors that would be potentially affected by the Project.

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2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	7222 TYRONE AVENUE
ENVIRONMENTAL CASE NO.	ENV-2022-6053-MND
RELATED CASES	APCSV-2022-6052-ZC-HCA

PROJECT LOCATION	7222 NORTH TYRONE AVENUE
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA	VAN NUYS – NORTH SHERMAN OAKS
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION	MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL
ZONING	R1-1
COUNCIL DISTRICT	2 – KREKORIAN

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is located on a 6,750 square foot lot on Tyrone Avenue north of Sherman Way. The project is for the demolition of an existing single family home and the construction use and maintenance of a new four-story, eight-unit apartment building with a recreation room and a gym with on-grade parking garage with 11 vehicle parking spaces. The project will include one very low-income dwelling unit pursuant to SB 8, Housing Crisis Act of 2019. The building has a total floor area of 9,600 square feet for an FAR of 2.3:1 and is less than 45 feet in height and maintains a 15 foot front yard, 7 foot side yards, and a 16 foot rear yard. A total of 16 long term and one short term bicycle parking spaces are provided. The subject site is designated for Medium Residential Land Uses within in the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area and is zoned R1-1. The entitlement request is for a Zone Change from R1-1 to R3-1 pursuant to LAMC 12.32 F. The proposed project also includes any grading, building, tree removal, and sign permits, as well as any other permit or approval required by an agency with jurisdiction over the project

(For additional detail, see "Section 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION").

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The proposed project includes a 6,790 square-foot lot in the Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area. The site fronts Tyrone Avenue and is approximately 150 feet north of Sherman Way. The parcel is developed with an existing single-family house. The current zone on the property is R1-1 with a land use designation of Medium Residential.

The immediate surrounding lots are comprised of multi-family and single-family residential uses with properties closer to and or fronting Sherman Way being developed with apartment uses and properties to the north being developed with single family. The property to the south of the subject site is zoned R3-1 with a Land Use Designation for Medium Residential and is developed with a three-story apartment building. The property to the west across Tyrone Avenue is zoned (T)(Q)R3-1 with a Medium Residential Land Use Designation and is developed with a four-story apartment building. The abutting property to the east is zoned (Q)RD1.5-1 and is developed with a two-story apartment building. Properties to the north are zoned R1-1 with Land Use Designation of Low Residential and are developed with one-story single-family homes.

(For additional detail, see "Section 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION").

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(e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement)

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

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☐ Aesthetics☐ Agriculture & Forestry Resources	☐ Hazards & Hazardous Mater	_				
☐ Air Quality	Hydrology / Water Quality	☐ Transportation				
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Land Use / Planning	☐ Tribal Cultural Resources				
Cultural Resources	Mineral Resources	Utilities / Service Systems				
☐ Energy	☐ Noise	Wildfire				
Geology / Soils	Population / Housing	Mandatory Findings of Significance				
DETERMINATION (To be completed by the Lead Ag	ency)					
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less that significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of a mitigation measure has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analysis," as described in (5) below, may be cross referenced).
- 5) Earlier analysis must be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR, or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A sources list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whichever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

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3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1 PROJECT SUMMARY

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3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

3.2.1 Project Location

The project is located within the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan area, in the City of Los Angeles, and is located on Tyrone Avenue between Sherman Way and Valerio Street. (See Figures A-1 and A-2)

3.2.2 Existing Conditions

The lot is a flat lot having a frontage of 50 feet on Tyrone Avenue between Sherman Way and Valerio Street. The existing 6,749.8 square-foot parcel is developed with a single-family residence with seven bedrooms. The site is currently zoned R1-1 with a land use designation of Medium Residential. (See Figure A-3)

3.2.3 Surrounding Land Uses

The proposed project includes a 6,790 square-foot lot in the Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area. The site fronts Tyrone Avenue and is approximately 150 feet north of Sherman Way. The parcel is developed with an existing single-family house. The current zone on the property is R1-1 with a land use designation of Medium Residential. (See Figures A-4 and A-5)

The immediate surrounding lots are comprised of multi-family and single-family residential uses with properties closer to and or fronting Sherman Way being developed with apartment uses and properties to the north being developed with single family. The property to the south of the subject site is zoned R3-1 with a Land Use Designation for Medium Residential and is developed with a three-story apartment building. The property

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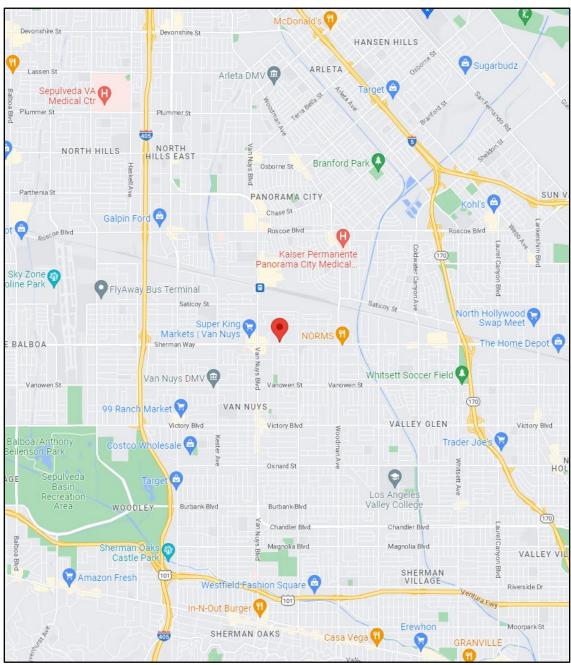


Figure A-1: Project Location - Regional Map (Google Maps)

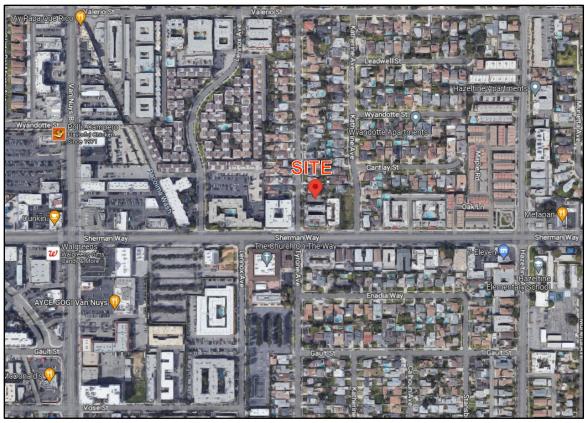


Figure A-2: Location of project site – Local Map (Google Maps)



Figure A-3: Existing Conditions – Project site outlined in Red (Google Maps)

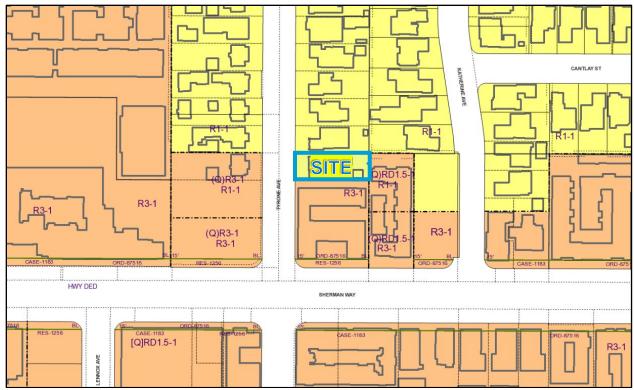


Figure A-4: Existing Zoning (site outlined in blue). (ZIMAS)



Figure A-5: Existing Land Use (site outlined in blue). Yellow is Low Residential. Orange is Medium Residential. Orange with dots is Low Medium II Residential. (ZIMAS)

3.3 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

3.3.1 Project Overview

The proposed project is located on a 6,750 square foot lot on Tyrone Avenue north of Sherman Way. The project is for the demolition of an existing single family home and the construction use and maintenance of a new four-story, eight-unit apartment building with a recreation room and a gym with on-grade parking garage with 11 vehicle parking spaces. The project will include one very low-income dwelling unit pursuant to SB 8, Housing Crisis Act of 2019. The building has a total floor area of 9,600 square feet for an FAR of 2.3:1 and is less than 45 feet in height and maintains a 15 foot front yard, 7 foot side yards, and a 16 foot rear yard. A total of 16 long term and one short term bicycle parking spaces are provided. The subject site is designated for Medium Residential Land Uses within in the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area and is zoned R1-1. The entitlement request is for a Zone Change from R1-1 to R3-1 pursuant to LAMC 12.32 F. The proposed project also includes any grading, building, tree removal, and sign permits, as well as any other permit or approval required by an agency with jurisdiction over the project

The proposed project includes 1,140 square feet of open space, 832 square feet of landscaped area, and will provide a total of three 24-inch box trees. See Site Plan in Figure A-6 and Elevation Plans in Figure A-7.

The subject site is designated for Medium Residential Land Uses within in the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area and is zoned R1-1. The entitlement request is for a Zone Change from R1-1 to R3-1 pursuant to LAMC 12.32 F. The proposed project also includes any grading, building, tree removal, and sign permits, as well as any other permit or approval required by an agency with jurisdiction over the project.

The site includes six existing trees. Two trees on within the public right of way and four are onsite. The Tree Report and Tree Survey attached to this report find that there are no protected trees and shrubs onsite. As there are no approved right-of-way improvement plans, the project considered will assume the worst-case scenario of removal of all street trees. However, this analysis gives no rights to the applicant to remove any street tree. No street trees may be removed without prior approval of Urban Forestry based on compliance with LAMC Section 62.169 and 62.170 and applicable findings.

REQUESTED PERMITS AND APPROVALS

The list below includes the anticipated requests for approval of the Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will analyze impacts associated with the Project and will provide environmental review sufficient for all necessary entitlements and public agency actions associated with the Project. The discretionary entitlements, reviews, permits and approvals required to implement the Project include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 F, a Zone Change from R1-1 to R3-1.
- Other discretionary and ministerial permits/approvals that may be deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, permits for temporary street closure, grading, excavation, tree removal, street tree removal, foundation, building, and signs.

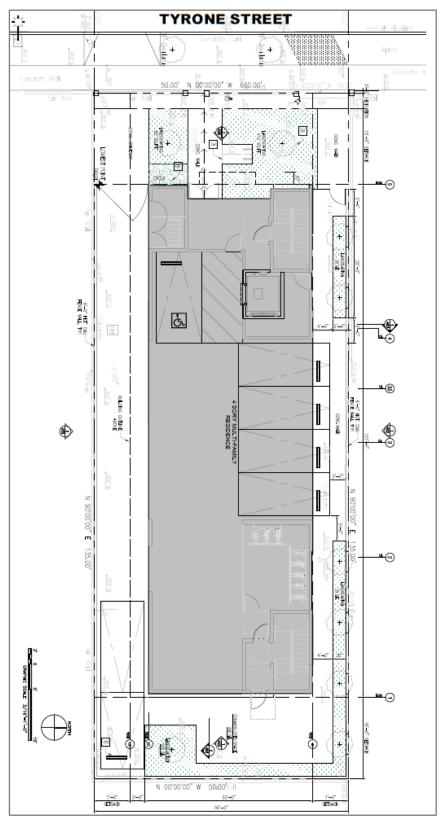


Figure A-6: Conceptual Site Plan



Figure A-7: Elevation Plans

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4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

I. AESTHETICS

Senate Bill (SB) 743 [Public Resources Code (PRC) §21099(d)] sets forth new guidelines for evaluating project transportation impacts under CEQA, as follows: "Aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project on an infill site within a transit priority area (TPA) shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment." PRC Section 21099 defines a "transit priority area" as an area within 0.5 mile of a major transit stop that is existing or planned, if the planned stop is scheduled to be completed within the planning horizon" included in a Transportation Improvement Program adopted pursuant to Section 450.216 or 450.322 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations." PRC Section 21064.3 defines "major transit stop" as "a site containing an existing rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods." PRC Section 21099 defines an "employment center project" as "a project located on property zoned for commercial uses with a floor area ratio of no less than 0.75 and that is located within a transit priority area. PRC Section 21099 defines an "infill site" as a lot located within an urban area that has been previously developed, or on a vacant site where at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins, or is separated only by an improved public right-of-way from, parcels that are developed with qualified urban uses. This state law supersedes the aesthetic impact thresholds in the 2006 L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide, including those established for aesthetics, obstruction of views, shading, and nighttime illumination.

The related City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Zoning Information (ZI) File ZI No. 2452 provides further instruction concerning the definition of transit priority projects and that "visual resources, aesthetic character, shade and shadow, light and glare, and scenic vistas or any other aesthetic impact as defined in the City's CEQA Threshold Guide shall not be considered an impact for infill projects within TPAs pursuant to CEQA."1

PRC Section 21099 applies to the Project. Therefore, the Project is exempt from aesthetic impacts. The analysis in this initial study, is for informational purposes only and not for determining whether the Project will result in significant impacts to the environment. Any aesthetic impact analysis in this initial study is included to discuss what aesthetic impacts would occur from the Project if PRC Section 21099(d) was not in effect. As such, nothing in the aesthetic impact discussion in this initial study shall trigger the need for any CEQA findings, CEQA analysis, or CEQA mitigation measures.

City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Zoning Information File ZA No. 2452, Transit Priority Areas (TPAs)/Exemptions to Aesthetics and Parking Within TPAs Pursuant to CEQA. Available at: http://zimas.lacity.org/documents/zoneinfo/Zl2452.pdf. Accessed Dec. 2, 2016.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Except	as provided in Public				
Resour	ces Code Section 21099 would the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
C.	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				

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a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Less than significant. As discussed above, pursuant to SB 743 and the provisions set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21099, the Proposed Project is classified as a residential project on an infill site in a Transit Priority Area. Furthermore, the Project Site does not contain any historic or cultural resources. As such, the Proposed Project meets all criteria specified in Public Resources Code Section 21099. Therefore, the Proposed Project's impact on visual resources, aesthetic character, shade and shadow, light and glare, scenic vistas, State Scenic Highways, and parking are considered less than significant per SB 743.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings, or other locally recognized desirable aesthetic natural feature within a state scenic highway?

Less than significant. PRC Section 21099 applies to the Project. Therefore, the Project is exempt from aesthetic impacts.

c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

Less than significant. PRC Section 21099 applies to the Project. Therefore, the Project is exempt from aesthetic impacts.

d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?

Less than significant. PRC Section 21099 applies to the Project. Therefore, the Project is exempt from aesthetic impacts.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				
C.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
e.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

No Impact. The Project Site is currently occupied by a single-family residence. The Project Site is also located in an urbanized area of the City of Los Angeles. No farmland or agricultural activity exists on the Project Site, nor are there any farmland or agricultural activities in the vicinity of the Project Site. According to the "Los Angeles County Important Farmland 2016" map, which was prepared by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, the soils at the Project Site are not candidate for listing as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.² Therefore, no impact to agricultural lands would occur.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

No Impact. The Project Site is located within the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles and is, therefore, subject to the applicable land use and zoning requirements in the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The Project Site is currently zoned R1-1 with a General Plan land use designation of Medium Residential. The Project Site is not zoned for agricultural production, and there is no farmland at the Project Site. In addition, no Williamson Act Contracts are in effect for the Project Site.³ Therefore, no impact would occur.

c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

No Impact. The Project Site is currently zoned R1-1 with a General Plan land use designation of Medium Residential. The Project Site is not zoned as forest land or timberland, and there is no timberland production at the Project Site. Therefore, no impact would occur.

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

No Impact. The Project Site is occupied by a single-family residence. The Project Site is also located in an urbanized area of the City of Los Angeles. No forested lands or natural vegetation exist on or in the vicinity of the Project Site. Therefore, no impact would occur.

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

No Impact. Neither the Project Site, nor nearby properties, are currently utilized for agricultural or forestry uses. As discussed above, the Project Site is not classified in any "Farmland" category designated by the State of California. According to the "Los Angeles County Important Farmland 2016" map, which was prepared by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, the soils at the Project Site are not candidates for listing as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. Therefore, no impact would occur.

² State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, Los Angeles County Important Farmland 2016, Map. ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2016/los16.pdf, accessed February 2019.

³ Williamson Act Program, California Division of Land Resource Protection, website ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/wa/LA 15 16 WA.pdf, accessed February 2019.

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) may be relied upon to make the following determinations.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
b.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?				
C.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
d.	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?				

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

Less than significant. In doing so, the AQMP incorporates, in part, Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) 2020-2045 RTP/SCS socio-economic forecast projections of regional population and employment growth. A project would not conflict with the AQMP if it is consistent with the population, housing and employment assumptions that were used in the development of the AQMP. The levels of population for the project are consistent with population forecasts as adopted by SCAG. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the AQMP, and impacts would be less than significant.

b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the air basin is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. An Air Quality Assessment for the project site was prepared by Yorke Engineering, LLC on March 21 2023, (see Appendix B). Project construction and operation emissions were estimated using California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod), a statewide land use emissions computer model designed to quantify potential criteria pollutant emissions associated with both construction and operations from land use projects. The results are shown in the Air Quality Assessment, Table 3 Construction Emissions Summary and Significance Evaluation and Table 4 Operational Emissions Summary and Significance Evaluation. According to the Assessment, The proposed project would not exceed the regional SCAQMD significance thresholds for construction or operational emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5), and Sulfur Dioxide (SOx). Thus, the project would not result in a considerable net increase of any criterial pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an appliable federal or state ambient air quality standards, and impacts would be less that significant for all phases.

The proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to regional operational and construction emissions and would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the air basin is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standards. Furthermore, the project would be subject to regulatory compliance measures, which reduce the impacts of operational and construction regional emissions.

c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact may occur if a project were to generate pollutant concentrations to a degree that would significantly affect sensitive receptors. The SCAQMD identifies the following as sensitive receptors: long-term health care facilities, rehabilitation centers, convalescent centers, retirement homes, residences, schools, playgrounds, child care centers, and athletic facilities. The SCAQMD has developed localized significance thresholds (LSTs) that are based on the amount of maximum daily localized construction emissions per day that can be generated by a project that would cause or contribute to adverse localized air quality impacts. These apply to projects that are less than or equal to five acres in size and are only applicable to Respirable Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx).

An Air Quality Assessment for the project site was prepared by Yorke Engineering, LLC on August March 21, 2023 (see Appendix B). The Assessment quantifies and analyzes the localized air quality impacts associated with the project construction and operations. The incremental increase in on-site emissions from construction and operation of the eight-unit project would not exceed the localized significance thresholds set forth by SCAQMD. Additionally, as an eight-unit four-level residential building, the project would not include substantial sources of toxic air contaminants (TAC) emissions. Thus, the project would not result in a localized violation of applicable air quality standards or expose off-site receptors to substantial levels of air pollutants, thereby resulting in a less than significant impact.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has published guidance for locating new sensitive receptors (e.g., residences) away from nearby sources of air pollution. Relevant recommendations include avoiding siting new sensitive land uses within 500 feet of a freeway or 300 feet of a large gas station (defined as a facility with a throughput of 3.6 million gallons per year or greater). The location of the proposed project would be consistent with the CARB recommendations for locating new sensitive receptors. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact.

d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

Less Than Significant Impact. Potential sources that may emit odors during construction activities include equipment exhaust and architectural coatings. Odors from these sources would be localized and generally confined to the immediate area surrounding the project site. The proposed project would utilize typical construction techniques, and the odors would be typical of most construction sites and temporary in nature. Construction of the proposed project would not cause an odor nuisance.

According to the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook, land uses and industrial operations that are associated with odor complaints include agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, food processing plants, chemical plants, composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. The proposed land use (eight dwelling unit building) would not result in activities that create objectionable odors. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to objectionable odors.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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	the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?		Ш		
b.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				
C.	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d.	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

Less Than

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

No Impact. The proposed project is in within a highly urbanized area that does not contain any biological resources or habituate area. The sited is zoned R1-1 and the General Plan Land Use

Designation is Medium Residential. The site is improved with a single-family home. The project would redevelop the site with an eight-unit apartment building.

The Tree Report and Tree Survey (attached as Appendix A) dated November 22, 2022 and completed by Arsen Margossian, MSc, Certified Consulting Arborist, confirm that there are four trees on site and two trees in the public right of way and none of the trees are City of Los Angeles protected native trees or shrubs, as specified by City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 186873.

Development of the Project Site will not have an adverse effect either directly or through habitat modifications; on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and no impacts would occur.

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

No Impact. A project would normally have a significant impact on biological resources if it could result in: (a) the loss of individuals, or the reduction of existing habitat, of a state or federal listed endangered, threatened, rare, protected, candidate, or sensitive species or a Species of Special Concern; (b) the loss of individuals or the reduction of existing habitat of a locally designated species or a reduction in a locally designated natural habitat or plant community; (c) the alternation of an existing wetland habitat; or (d) interference with habitat such that normal species behaviors are disturbed (e.g., from the introduction of noise, light) to a degree that may diminish the chances for long-term survival of a sensitive species. The Project Site is occupied by a single-family home. No riparian or other sensitive natural community is located on or adjacent to the Project Site. Therefore, implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in any adverse impacts to riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

No Impact. A project would normally have a significant impact on biological resources if it could result in the alteration of an existing wetland habitat. The Project Site is currently developed with a single-family home. The Project Site does not contain any wetlands or natural drainage channels. Therefore, the Project Site does not have the potential to support any riparian or wetland habitat, as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and no impacts to riparian or wetland habitats would occur with implementation of the Proposed Project.

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

No Impact. A project would normally have a significant impact on biological resources if it could result in the interference with wildlife movement/migration corridors that may diminish the chances for long-term survival of a sensitive species. The Project Site is improved with a single-family home. Vegetation in the vicinity of the Project Site is limited to ornamental landscaping. Due to the highly urbanized surroundings, there are no wildlife corridors or native wildlife nursery sites in the Proposed Project vicinity. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or wildlife corridors or impede native wildlife nursery sites and no impacts would occur with respect to the Proposed Project.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

Less than Significant Impact. As noted in the Tree Survey Report dated November 22, 2022 completed by Arsen Margossian, Certified Consulting Arborist, there are no protect tree species on site and there are two street trees within the public right of way abutting the site. The project application proposes to remove four onsite trees (which are not protected by Ordinance No. 186873) as well as two street trees.

As explained in the project description, the applicant will be required to improve the right-of-way. Prior to any work on the right-of-way, the applicant will be required to obtain approved plans from the Department of Public Works. As there currently is no approved right-of-way improvement plan and for purposes of conservative analysis and the requirements of CEQA, Planning has analyzed the worst-case potential for removal of all street trees. Note, no street tree or protected tree may be removed without prior approval of the Board of Public Works/Urban Forestry (BPW) under LAMC Sections 62.161 - 62.171. At the time of preparation of this document, no approvals have been given for any tree removals on-site or in the right-of-way by BPW. Based on the above, Planning has required a Tree Report to identify all trees on the project site and in the right-of-way that could be impacted by the Project and to consider the potential removal of two street trees. The project is required to comply with all tree preservation and replacement ordnance and therefore will have a less than significant impact on biological resources.

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

No Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would be inconsistent with mapping or policies in any conservation plans of the types cited. The Project Site and its vicinity are not part of any draft or adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. Therefore, no impact would occur with implementation of the Proposed Project.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporate d	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				
C.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?

Less Than Significant Impact. Under ZIMAS, the subject site is not identified as requiring Historic Preservation Review, being located within a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, having an Other Historic Designation or Other Historic Survey Information. The subject site is not identified in SurveyLA. Therefore, the project would have a less than significant impact in the significance of a historical resource as pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15064.5.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if a known or unknown archaeological resource would be removed, altered, or destroyed as a result of the proposed development. Section 15064.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines defines significant archaeological resources as resources that meet the criteria for historical resources or resources that constitute unique archaeological resources. A project-related significant impact could occur if a project would significantly affect archaeological resources that fall under either of these categories.

If archaeological resources are discovered during excavation, grading, or construction activities, work shall cease in the area of the find until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the find in accordance with federal, State, and local guidelines, including those set forth in California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2. Per regulatory compliance measures, personnel of the proposed project shall not collect or move any archaeological materials and associated materials. Construction activity may continue unimpeded on other portions of the project site. The found deposits would be treated in accordance with federal, State, and local guidelines, including those set forth in California Public

c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if previously interred human remains would be disturbed during excavation of the project site. Human remains could be encountered during excavation and grading activities associated with the proposed project. While no formal cemeteries, other places of human interment, or burial grounds or sites are known to occur within the project area, there is always a possibility that human remains can be encountered during construction. If human remains are encountered unexpectedly during construction demolition and/or grading activities, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5097.98. If human remains of Native American origin are discovered during project construction, compliance with state laws, which fall within the jurisdiction of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) (Public Resource Code Section 5097), relating to the disposition of Native American burials will be adhered to. Furthermore, the project is subject to AB 52, and notification of the proposed project was sent to tribes with affiliation to the area. As a result of consultation with Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation it was determined that the following Condition of Approval regarding inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains would be approarpte for the subject site:

COA-CR1: Condition of Approval: Human Remains Inadvertent Discovery.

In the event that human skeletal remains are encountered at the project site during construction or the course of any ground disturbance activities, all such activities shall halt immediately, pursuant to State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 which requires that no further ground disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the

necessary findings as to the origin and disposition pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event human skeletal remains are discovered during construction or during any ground disturbance actives, the following procedures shall be followed:

- Stop immediately and contact the County Coroner: 1104 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033, 323-343-0512 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) or 323-343-0714 (After Hours, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays)
- If the remains are determined to be of Native American descent, the Coroner has 24 hours to notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).
- The NAHC will immediately notify the person it believes to be the most likely descendent of the deceased Native American.
- The most likely descendent has 48 hours to make recommendations to the Applicant, for the treatment or disposition, with proper dignity, of the human remains and grave goods.
- If the Applicant does not accept the descendant's recommendations, the owner or the descendent may request mediation by the NAHC

Therefore, with this condition of approval and with adherence to state law, the impact would be less than significant.

VI. ENERGY

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b.	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				

a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would be subject to the City's Green Building Program Ordinance (Ord. No. 179,890), which was adopted to reduce the use of natural resources, create healthier living environments, and minimize the negative impacts of development on local, regional and global ecosystems. In accordance with the City of Los Angeles Green Building Code (Chapter IX, Article 9, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code), the Project shall comply with all applicable mandatory provisions of the 2013 Los Angeles Green Code and as it may be subsequently amended or modified. Therefore, the impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Project involves the construction, use, and maintenance of two new apartment building. As stated above, the project's improvements and operations would be in accordance with applicable State Building Code Title 24 regulations and City of Los Angeles Green Building Code, which impose energy conservation measures. The project will be required to provide Electric Vehicle charging stations. As such, impacts of the project would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	I the project:				
a.	Directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
	ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes	
	iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
	iv. Landslides?				\boxtimes
b.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				
C.	Be located on a geologic unit that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
d.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				
e.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
f.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

No Impact. According to the Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone and Seismic Hazard Zone Map, the project site is not located in a Fault Zone. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in any significant impacts in relation to a rupture of a known earthquake fault as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Map. No impact would occur and no mitigation is required.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

Less Than Significant Impact. The City, as well as most of Southern California, is located in a region of historic seismic activity. The project site could be subject to moderate to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake on one of the regional faults. The closest fault to the project site is the Northridge Fault, approximately 6.4 miles north of the project site. Due to the site's proximity to several active faults, the proposed project would experience similar moderate to occasionally high ground shaking from these fault as well as ground shaking from other seismically active faults of the Southern California region. The potential for damage resulting from seismic-related events include ground shaking, ground failure, and ground displacement. Strong levels of seismic ground shaking can cause damage, particularly to older and/or poorly constructed buildings. Project construction would be required to conform to the seismic construction requirements of the California Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code, and the Los Angeles Building Code. Compliance with applicable regulations would reduce potential impacts related to strong seismic ground shaking to a less than significant level.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

No Impact. Liquefaction is the loss of strength where loose, saturated, relatively cohesion-less soil deposits lose shear strength during strong ground motions. Primary factors controlling liquefaction include intensity and duration of ground motion, characteristics of the subsurface soils, in-situ stress condition, and the depth to groundwater. Soil susceptible to liquefaction includes loose to medium dense sand and gravel, low-plasticity silt, and some low-plasticity clay deposits. The project site is not located in a liquefaction area. Additionally, as discussed under Threshold 4.7aii, the City would review construction plans to verify compliance with standard engineering practices and building codes. Because the site is not considered susceptible to liquefaction, no significant impacts would occur and no mitigation is required.

iv) Landslides?

No Impact. Landslides are gravity-driven movements of earth materials that may include rock, soil, unconsolidated sediment, or combinations of such materials. The primary factors influencing the stability of a slope are the nature of the underlying soil or bedrock, the geometry of the slope (height and steepness), and rainfall. Because the site is flat and is not adjacent to any slopes, the project site is not susceptible to landslides and there is no impact.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Less Than Significant Impact. Grading and earthwork activities during construction would expose soils to potential short-term erosion by wind and water. During construction, the proposed project would be required to comply with erosion and siltation control measures such as sandbagging to reduce site runoff or hold topsoil in place prior to final grading and construction. The proposed project is required to comply with the California Green Building Code Section 5.106, which requires newly constructed projects which disturb less than one acre of land to prevent stormwater runoff pollution through compliance with local ordinances and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs). As a result, construction activities would be performed in accordance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Building Code and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) through the City's Stormwater Management Division (LASAN). BMPs include drainage swales or lined ditches to control stormwater flow, scheduling construction during dry weather, sediment trips or basins to retain sediments on site, and hydroseeding to stabilize disturbed soils. Additionally, compliance with LAMC Division 70 (Grading, Excavations and Fills), which contains specific requirements for erosion control and drainage devices, would reduce any soil erosion from the site. Low-impact development (LID) plans are required to include a site design approach and BMPs that address runoff and pollution at the source. During the project's construction phase, the project would also be required to implement SCAQMD Rule 403 - Fugitive Dust to minimize wind and waterborne erosion at the site. As such, compliance with City and State regulatory requirements would minimize erosion potential to a less than significant level; no mitigation is required.

- c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse? <u>and</u>
- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18 1 B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

Less Than Significant Impact. Landslides are gravity-driven movements of earth materials that may include rock, soil, unconsolidated sediment, or combinations of such materials. The primary factors influencing the stability of a slope are the nature of the underlying soil or bedrock, the geometry of the slope (height and steepness), and rainfall. Because the site is flat and is not adjacent to any slopes, the project site is not susceptible to landslides.

Lateral spreading generally is a phenomenon where blocks of intact, non-liquefied soil moves downslope on a liquefied substrate of large areal extent. For lateral spreading to occur, a sloping site with an open face within or at some distance from the site typically exists and there is a potential for liquefaction to occur near the base of the open face. Due to the site's flat topography and lack of susceptibility to liquefaction, the site is not susceptible to lateral spreading.

Subsidence and ground collapse generally occur in areas with active groundwater withdrawal or petroleum production. The extraction of groundwater or petroleum from sedimentary source rocks can cause the permanent collapse of the pore space previously occupied by the removed fluid. The Project Site is not identified as being located in an oil field or within an oil drilling area.

The Proposed Project would be required to implement standard construction practices that would ensure that the integrity of the Project Site is maintained. The Project will be required by the Department of Building and Safety to comply with the City of Los Angeles Uniform Building Code

(UBC) which is designed to assure safe construction and includes building foundation requirements appropriate to site conditions. With the implementation of the Building Code requirements, the potential for landslide lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse would be less-than-significant and no mitigation is required.

Expansive soils have relatively high clay mineral and expand with the addition of water and shrink when dried, which can cause damage to overlying structures. The Project Site is not located in a BOE Special Grading Area known to have expansive soils. Therefore, the Project would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

No Impact. A project would cause a significant impact if adequate wastewater disposal is not available. The Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area, where wastewater infrastructure is currently in place. The Proposed Project would connect to existing sewer lines that serve the Project Site and would not use septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. Therefore, no impact would occur and no mitigation is required.

f) . Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact could occur if grading or excavation activities associated with the Project were to disturb unique paleontological resources or unique geologic features that presently exist within the Project Site. The Project Site is located within an urbanized area that has been subject to grading and development in the past and is not known to contain any unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature. Potential paleontological or geologic impacts of the Project would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact. Greenhouse gases (GHG) are those gaseous constituents of the atmosphere, both natural and human generated, that absorb and emit radiation at specific wavelengths within the spectrum of terrestrial radiation emitted by the earth's surface, the atmosphere itself, and by clouds. The City has adopted the LA Green Plan to provide a citywide plan for achieving the City's GHG emissions targets, for both existing and future generation of GHG emissions. In order to implement the goal of improving energy conservation and efficiency, the Los Angeles City Council has adopted multiple ordinances and updates to establish the current Los Angeles Green Building Code (LAGBC) (Ordinance No. 181,480). Through required implementation of the LAGBC, the proposed project would be consistent with local and statewide goals and policies aimed at reducing the generation of GHGs. Therefore, the proposed project's generation of GHG emissions would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to emissions and impacts would be less than significant.

b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

Less Than Significant Impact. The California legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 375 to connect regional transportation planning to land use decisions made at a local level. SB 375 requires the metropolitan planning organizations to prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in their regional transportation plans to achieve the per capita GHG reduction targets. For the SCAG region, the SCS is contained in the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The 2012-2035 RTP/SCS focuses the majority of new housing and job growth in high-quality transit areas and other opportunity areas on existing main streets, in downtowns, and commercial corridors, resulting in more opportunity for transit-oriented development. In addition, SB 743, adopted September 27, 2013, encourages land use and transportation planning decisions that reduce vehicle miles traveled, which contribute to GHG emissions, as required by AB 32. The project would provide infill residential development near

the Sherman Way and Van Nuys Boulevard corridors, which are transit rich (Metro Bus 162 along Sherman Way, Metro Buss 761 and 233 along Van Nuys Boulevard, and the LADOT DASH circulator stop on Sherman Way). As such, the proposed project would not interfere with SCAG's ability to implement the regional strategies outlined in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. The project would be consistent with statewide, regional and local goals and policies aimed at reducing GHG emissions and would result in a less than significant impact related to plans that target the reduction of GHG emissions.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
C.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				
f.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
g.	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

Less Than Significant Impact. Based upon the criteria established in the State CEQA Guidelines, a significant impact may occur if a project would involve the use or disposal of hazardous materials as part of its routine operations, or would have the potential to generate toxic or otherwise hazardous emissions that could adversely affect sensitive receptors. The Proposed Project includes the construction of a small multifamily residential development with fewer than 10 units. During the operation of the Proposed Project, no hazardous materials other than modest amounts of typical cleaning supplies and solvents used for janitorial purposes would routinely be transported to the Project Site. The acquisition, use, handling, storage, and disposal of these substances would comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

Construction could involve the use of potentially hazardous materials, including vehicle fuels, oils, and transmission fluids. However, all potentially hazardous materials would be contained, stored, and used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and handled in compliance with applicable standards and regulations, which include requirements for disposal of hazardous materials at a facility licensed to accept such waste based on its waste classification and the waste acceptance criteria of the permitted disposal facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials and impacts would be less than significant.

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Proposed Project created a significant hazard to the public or environment due to a reasonably foreseeable release of hazardous materials. The site is not identified by the City of Los Angeles to be a Methane Zone and is not identified by DTSC (EnviroStor) as a clean up site. Therefore, there is a less than significant impact related to the release of hazardous materials into the environment. No mitigation is required.

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Proposed Project created a significant hazard to the public or environment due to a reasonably foreseeable release of hazardous materials within proximity to a school. The site is 0.25 miles from Hazeltine Elementary School. However, as discussed in impacted area IX b, the site is not located within a methane Zone or within a clean-up area. Therefore, there is a less than significant impact related to the release of hazardous materials into the environment because of site disturbances. The proposed use of a multifamily apartment building is not associate with the release of hazardous emissions as apart of its daily operations. Therefore, there is a less than significant impact without mitigation measures.

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

No Impact. The site is not identified on any list of hazardous material sites.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant project-related impact may occur if the Proposed Project were placed within a public airport land use plan area, or within two miles of a public airport and subject to a safety hazard. The closest public airport to the Project Site is the Van Nuys Airport, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the Project Site. The Burbank Airport is located 4.2 miles east of the project site. The Project Site is not located in an airport hazard zone that limits building height to 200 feet above elevation of 790 feet. The building proposes four stories and would reach a maximum height of approximately 43 feet above grade to include the roof appurtenances. The height of the proposed building is substantially consistent with the heights of other buildings in the area. As such, the Proposed Project would not negatively impact air navigation or the safety of people residing or working in the Project Site. Therefore, a less than significant impact would occur.

f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Less Than Significant Impact. Based upon the criteria established in the State CEQA Guidelines, a project would normally have a significant impact to hazards and hazardous materials if: (a) the project involved possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. According to the State CEQA Guidelines, the determination of significance shall be made on a case-by-case basis considering the degree to which the project may require a new, or interfere with an existing emergency response or evacuation plan, and the severity of the consequences. The Project Site is not located in a disaster route according to the Los Angeles Valley Area Disaster Route Map of Los Angeles County. The nearest identified disaster route is Sherman Way which is 200 feet to the south of the project site. Development of the Project Site may require temporary and intermittent partial street closures due to construction activities. Nonetheless, while such closures may cause temporary inconvenience, they would not be expected to substantially interfere with emergency response or evacuation plans. The Proposed Project would not cause permanent alterations to vehicular circulation routes and patterns, impede public access, or travel upon public rights-of-way. Further, emergency vehicle drivers have a variety of options for avoiding traffic, such as using their sirens to clear a path of travel or driving in the lanes of opposing traffic. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not be expected to interfere with any adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. and a less than significant impact would occur.

g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

No Impact. The Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area of Los Angeles and does not include wildlands or high fire hazard terrain or vegetation. The Project Site is not located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Therefore, no impacts from wildland fires are expected to occur.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?				
b.	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?				
C.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
	 Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; 				
	 ii. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site; 				
	 iii. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or 				
	iv. Impede or redirect flood flows?				
d.	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				
e.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

Less Than Significant Impact. A project could have a significant impact on surface water quality if discharges associated with the project were to create pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code (CWC) or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body. For the purpose of this specific issue, a significant impact may occur if the project would discharge water that does not meet the quality standards of local agencies that regulate surface water quality and water discharge into stormwater drainage systems.

The project is expected to comply with all applicable regulations with regard to surface water quality as governed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). These regulations include the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements to reduce potential water quality impacts and the City's Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance. The purpose of the LID standards is to reduce the peak discharge rate, volume, and duration of flow through the use of site design and stormwater quality control measures. The LID Ordinance requires that the project retain or treat the first three-quarters of an inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period. LID practices can effectively remove nutrients, bacteria, and metals while reducing the volume and intensity of stormwater flows.

The project consists of two apartment building in an area characterized by low-rise residential buildings. The project does not involve the introduction of new activities or features that could be sources of contaminants that would degrade groundwater quality. As a result, the project would not create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the pollutant profile associated with the existing condition of the Project Site and its surroundings. As such, potential water quality impacts from the project would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Proposed Project would substantially deplete groundwater or interfere with groundwater recharge. The Proposed Project would not require the use of groundwater at the Project Site. Potable water would be supplied by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which draws its water supplies from distant sources for which it conducts its own assessment and mitigation of potential environmental impacts. Therefore, the project would not require direct additions or withdrawals of groundwater. Excavation to accommodate subterranean levels is not being proposed and the scope of the work thus would not result in the interception of existing aquifers or penetration of the existing water table. Additionally, any project that creates, adds, or replaces 500 square feet of impervious surface must comply with the Low impact Development (LID) Ordinance. The LID Ordinance requires that the project retain or treat the first three-quarters of an inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period. As such, through project design features and through regulatory compliance, impacts on groundwater supplies and groundwater recharge would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
 - i. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;

Less than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Proposed Project would substantially alter the drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, such that erosion or siltation would result. Project construction would temporarily expose on-site soils to surface water runoff. However, compliance with construction-related Best Management Practices (BMPs) and/or the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would control and minimize erosion and siltation. During project operation, storm water or any runoff irrigation waters would be directed into existing storm drains that are currently receiving surface water runoff under existing conditions. Significant alterations to existing drainage patterns within the Project Site and surrounding area would not occur. Therefore, the Proposed Project would result in less-than-significant impact related to the alteration of drainage patterns and on- or off-site erosion or siltation and no mitigation is required.

ii. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;

Less than Significant Impact. Site-generated surface water runoff would continue to flow to the City's storm drain system. Impermeable surfaces resulting from the development of the project would not significantly change the volume of stormwater runoff. The site is already developed with impermeable uses including a residential building. Accordingly, since the volume of runoff from the site would not measurably increase over existing conditions, water runoff after development would not exceed the capacity of existing or planned drainage systems. Any project that creates, adds, or replaces 500 square feet of impervious surface must comply with the Low impact Development (LID) Ordinance or alternatively, the City's Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP), as an L.A.M.C. requirement to address water runoff and storm water pollution. Therefore, the Proposed Project would result in less-than-significant impacts related to flooding on- or off-site and no mitigation is required.

iii. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or

Less than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if runoff water would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm drain systems serving the Project Site, or if the Proposed Project would substantially increase the probability that polluted runoff would reach the storm drain system. Site-generated surface water runoff would continue to flow to the City's storm drain system. Pursuant to local practice and City regulations, stormwater retention would be required as part of City's Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) implementation features and the requirements of the Low Impact Development (LID) ordinance requirements. The primary purpose of the LID ordinance is to ensure that development and redevelopment projects mitigate runoff in a manner that captures rainwater and removes pollutants while reducing the volume and intensity of

stormwater flows. Accordingly, with compliance to the LID ordinance, the project would not create or contribute to surface runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Therefore, the Proposed Project would result in less-than-significant impacts related to existing storm drain capacities or water quality and no mitigation is required.

iv. Impede or redirect flood flows?

No Impact. The Project Site is located in an urbanized area that is currently served by storm drain infrastructure. The site is currently developed with impermeable uses including an industrial building and a surface parking lot. The project would not change the local drainage pattern; therefore, the project would not have the potential to impede or redirect floodwater flows. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

No Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Project Site were sufficiently close to the ocean or other water body to potentially be at risk of seismically induced tidal phenomena (e.g., seiche and tsunami), or was within a flood zone, and if the Project Site utilized, stored or otherwise contained pollutants that would be at risk of release if inundated. The Project Site is not located within a Tsunami Inundation Zone or Flood Zone. Furthermore, the proposed use does not involve the storage or use of substantial quantities of potential pollutants. No impacts would occur and no mitigation is required.

e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

No Impact. A significant impact could occur if the project includes potential sources of water pollutants that would have the potential to interfere with a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. The project involves the construction, use, and maintenance of two new multifamily residential buildings. As compared to existing conditions (single family home) the project would not introduce different uses or potential sources of water pollutants. Moreover, the project would comply with the City's Low Impact Development (LID) ordinance, the primary purpose of which is to ensure that development and redevelopment projects mitigate runoff in a manner that captures rainwater and removes pollutants while reducing the volume and intensity of storm water flows. No impacts would occur and no mitigation is required.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	I the project:				
a.	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b.	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				

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a) Physically divide an established community?

No Impact. Examples of projects that can physically divide an established community include a new freeway or highway that traverses an established neighborhood. The project site is within an urbanized and established area of the City of Los Angeles. The project site is located off Sherman Way within a urban environment. The proposed project is an in-fill development located on a single lot that would allow for residential uses within an established residential neighborhood. The project does not propose any new streets or other physical barriers that could physically divide an established community. Given the location and nature of the proposed project, the project would not physically divide established communities. No impact would occur and no mitigation is required.

b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact may occur if a project is inconsistent with a General Plan policy or zoning regulation was designed expressly to avoid or mitigate an environmental effect at the Project Site. The site has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Medium Residential. The requested Zone of R3-1 is permitted within the Medium Residential land use designation. The property is not located within any Specific Plans or supplement Use District. The project includes the construction of a new multifamily building, a use that is permitted in the Medium Residential land use designation and is permitted in the R3-1 zone. The decision maker will determine whether the discretionary request for a Zone Change will conflict with applicable plans/policies. Impacts related to land use are address through compliance with existing regulations. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
b.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? <u>and</u>
- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

No Impact. The project site has not historically been used for mineral resource extraction and is not currently used for mineral recovery. The project site is not located within a MRZ-2 Area, an Oil Drilling/Surface Mining Supplemental Use District, or an Oil Field/Drilling Area.36 No mineral resources are known to exist beneath the project site. As such, the project would have no impacts associated with the loss of availability of a known mineral resource. Further, the proposed project does not involve any use that would result in any impacts to mineral resources. Therefore, there would be no loss of a known mineral resource and no impact would occur.

XIII. NOISE

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project result in:				
a.	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b.	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
C.	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				

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a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

Less than significant. A significant impact would occur if the project generated noise during construction or operations that exceeded the standards established in the City's Noise Ordinance or General Plan Noise Element. A Noise Study was conducted by Yorke Engineering, LLC dated March 21, 2023 (Appendix B). As analyzed therein and shown in Table 10: Estimated Peak Activity Daytime Noise Impacts - Residential Receptors, construction and operational noise would not exceed the thresholds of LAMC Sections 112.03 and 112.05. Additionally, construction noise control measures required by LAMC 112.05 would include the following:

- 1) The project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance No. 161,574 (see LAMC Section 112.05), and any subsequent ordinances (et seq), which prohibit the emission or creation of noise beyond certain levels.
- 2) Construction shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturdays or national holidays. No construction work shall be performed at any time on Sundays.
- 3) Construction activities shall be scheduled to avoid operating several pieces of large equipment simultaneously, which can cumulatively cause higher noise levels.
- 4) Noise-generating equipment operated at the project site shall be equipped with the most effective and technologically feasible noise control devices, such as mufflers, lagging (enclosures for exhaust pipes), and/or motor enclosures. All equipment shall be properly maintained to ensure that no additional noise, due to worn or improperly maintained parts, would be generated.

- 5) Noise-generating equipment, where its location on the site may be flexible (e.g., air compressors, generators, cement and mortar mixers, and materials deliveries), shall be placed as far as practical from the nearest noise sensitive land uses. Natural and/or fabricated barriers (e.g., trees, fencing, curtains) shall be used to screen propagation of noise from such activities toward these land uses to the maximum extent possible.
- 6) The project shall implement noise barriers comprising plywood construction fencing and/or flexible sound-absorbing curtains as practicable. The noise barriers shall be erected around the perimeter of the construction site to minimize the transmission of construction noise toward nearby noise-sensitive land uses. The noise barriers shall be at least 8 feet in height and constructed of materials achieving an Insertion Loss coefficient of at least 5 dBA for flexible curtains, 8 dBA for rigid plywood fencing, or 10 dBA in combination.
- 7) The project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Building Regulations Ordinance No. 178,048 (see LAMC Section 91.106.4.8), which requires a construction site notice that includes the following information: job site address, permit number, name and phone number of the contractor and owner or owner's agent, hours of construction allowed by code or any discretionary approval for the site, and City telephone numbers where violations can be reported. The notice shall be posted and maintained at the construction site prior to the start of construction and displayed in a location that is readily visible to the public.

The Noise Element of the General Plan contains Exhibit I: Guidelines for Noise Compatible Land Use, where the land use category for Residential Multi-Family has a "Conditionally Acceptable" threshold of 65 dB CNEL, and a "Normally Unacceptable" threshold of 70 dB CNEL. As concluded in the Noise Study, the long-term operational impact of the proposed project is predicted to be below these thresholds. No adverse impacts are expected from, and no noise control measures would be required for the operation of the proposed project.

Therefore, the construction and operational noise impacts of the proposed project would be less than significant.

b) Generation of, excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

Less than Significant. Construction activities can generate varying degrees of vibration, depending on the construction procedures and the type of construction equipment used. The operation of construction equipment generates vibrations that spread through the ground and diminish with distance from the source. Unless heavy construction activities are conducted extremely close (within a few feet) to the neighboring structures, vibrations from construction activities rarely reach the levels that damage structures. By complying with regulations, the project would result in a less-than-significant impact related to construction vibration and no mitigation is required.

c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

No Impact. The project site is not located in an airport land use plan area, or within two miles of any public or public use airports, or private air strips. The closest airport is the Van Nuys Airport, located approximately 2.5 miles to the west of the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area, and no impacts would occur.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

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a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

Less Than Significant Impact. A potentially significant impact to induced unplanned population growth would occur if the proposed project was proposing new homes in an area where they were not planned for. Pursuant to the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan, the subject site is designed for Medium Residential Land Uses which corresponds to the R3 zone. The proposed project is for the demolition of an existing single-family home and the construction use and maintenance of an eight-unit apartment building. The project includes a zone change from the R1-1 to R3-1 zone, which is consistent with the plan land use (Medium Residential) for the site. Thus the addition of seven net new dwelling units is consistent with what has been planed for this area. Therefore, as the project is consistent with the underlying Land Use Designation, there is no impact related to induced substantial unplanned population growth.

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

Less Than Significant Impact. A potentially significant impact would occur if the proposed project would displace a substantial quantity of existing residences or a substantial number of people. The proposed project would result in the demolition of a single-family home. Therefore, pursuant to SB 8 (Housing Crisis Act of 2019) the project is required to replace the demolished home by including one (1) unit for Very Low Income households on-site as a component of the proposed apartment project. Therefore, with compliance with the replacement reequipments, there is no impact related to displacement or replacement.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Fire protection?			\boxtimes	
b.	Police protection?			\boxtimes	
c.	Schools?				
d.	Parks?				
e.	Other public facilities?				

a) Fire protection?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) could not adequately serve the proposed project, necessitating a new or physically altered station. The project site and the surrounding area are currently served by LAFD Fire Station 81, located at 14355 Arminta Street (approximately 1 mile north of the project site).

The proposed project would result in a net increase of seven (7) units, which could increase the number of emergency calls and demand for LAFD fire and emergency services. To maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services, the LAFD may require additional fire personnel and equipment. However, given that there are existing fire stations are in close proximity to the project site (LAFD Station 81, 1 mile to the north of the project and LAFD Station 39, 1.9 miles to the south of the project), it is not anticipated that there would be a need to build a new or expand an existing fire station to serve the proposed project and maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection. By analyzing data from previous years and continuously monitoring current data regarding response times, types of incidents, and call frequencies, LAFD can shift resources to meet local demands for fire protection and emergency services. The proposed project would neither create capacity or service level problems nor result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for fire protection. Therefore, the project would have a less than significant impact on Fire protection.

b) Police protection?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) could not adequately serve the proposed project, necessitating a new or physically altered station. The proposed project would result in a net increase of seven units and could increase demand for police service. The project site and the surrounding area are currently served by LAPD's Van Nuys Police Station, located at 6240 Sylmar Avenue (approximately 1.3 miles south of the project site). Regarding operations, in the event a situation should arise requiring increased staffing or patrol units, additional resources can be called in. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to police protection services.

c) Schools?

Less than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Los Angeles Unified School District could not adequately serve the proposed project, necessitation a new or physically altered school site. However, the city assesses a development impact fee for residential projects to address such potential impacts. Therefore, with compliance with the fee requirement, the impact the project has on schools is less than significant.

d) Parks?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would exceed the capacity or capability of the local park system to serve the proposed project. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is responsible for the provision, maintenance, and operation of public recreational and park facilities and services in the City. The proposed project would result in a net increase of seven dwelling units, which could result in increased demand for parks and recreation facilities. Pursuant to Section 21.10 of the LAMC, the applicant may be required to pay the Parks Fee or Dwelling Unit Construction Tax for construction of apartment buildings. Therefore, the proposed project would not create capacity or service level problems or result in substantial physical impacts associated with the provision or new or altered parks facilities. Accordingly, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact on park facilities.

e) Other public facilities?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would result in substantial employment or population growth that could generate a demand for other public facilities, including libraries, which exceed the capacity available to serve the project site, necessitating new or physically altered public facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts. The proposed project would result in a net increase of seven residential units, which could result in increased demand for library services and resources of the Los Angeles Public Library System. However, the proposed project would not create substantial capacity or service level problems that would require the provision of new or expanded public facilities in order to maintain an acceptable level of service for libraries and other public facilities. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact on other public facilities.

XVI. RECREATION

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				
b.	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

a) Would the project Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would exceed the capacity or capability of the local park system to serve the proposed project. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is responsible for the provision, maintenance, and operation of public recreational and park facilities and services in the City. The proposed project would result in a net increase of 7 dwelling units, which could result in increased demand for parks and recreation facilities. Pursuant to Section 21.10 of the LAMC, the applicant may be required to pay the Parks Fee or Dwelling Unit Construction Tax for construction of apartment buildings. Therefore, the proposed project would not create capacity or service level problems or result in substantial physical impacts associated with the provision or new or altered parks facilities. Accordingly, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact on park facilities.

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would exceed the capacity or capability of the local park system to serve the proposed project. The RAP is responsible for the provision, maintenance, and operation of public recreational and park facilities and services in the City. The proposed project would result in a net increase of seven dwelling units, which could result in increased demand for parks and recreation facilities. Pursuant to Section 21.10 of the LAMC, the applicant may be required to pay the Parks Fee or Dwelling Unit Construction Tax for construction of apartment buildings. Therefore, the proposed project would not create capacity or service level problems or result in substantial physical impacts associated with the provision or new or altered parks facilities. Accordingly, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact on park facilities.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION⁴

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Voul	d the project:				
a.	Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				
b.	Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				
C.	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				

a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

Less than Significant. The City of Los Angeles has adopted programs, plans, ordinances and policies that establish the transportation planning framework for all travel modes. The overall goals of these policies are to achieve a safe, accessible and sustainable transportation system for all users. The Transportation Element of the City's General Plan, the "Mobility Plan 2035," offers a comprehensive vision and set of policies and programs the City aims to achieve to provide streets that are safe and convenient for all users. Vision Zero implements the Safety First goal of the Mobility Plan 2035, and aims to reduce transportation fatalities to zero by using extensive crash data analysis to identify priority corridors and intersections, and applying safety countermeasures.

The threshold test is to assess whether a project would conflict with an adopted program, policy, plan, or ordinance that is adopted to protect the environment. In general, transportation policies or standards adopted to protect the environment are those that support multi modal transportation options and a reduction in VMT. Conversely, a project would not be shown to result in an impact merely based on whether a project would not implement a particular program, plan, policy, or ordinance. Many of these programs must be implemented by the City itself over time, and over a broad area, and it is the intention of this threshold test to ensure that proposed development projects and plans do not preclude the City from implementing adopted programs, plans and policies.

Transit Roadway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

An impact would occur if the project conflicted with a program, plan, policy, or ordinance addressing transit, roadway infrastructure, or bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The proposed project will demolish an existing dwelling unit and will construct an eight-unit apartment building, resulting in seven net new dwelling units. The project will occur on private property and would not impact transit service, transit stops, transit stations, public bicycle facilities or pedestrian facilities (such as sidewalks). The project will be required to ensure the curb, sidewalk, and cutter meet the City's standards.

Additionally, the project is the construction of an eight-unit residential apartment building on a site currently occupied by a single family home use. The proposed eight-unit project would generate 37 trips a day which does not meet the Department of Transportation's minimum threshold for further analysis for transportation impacts.

Therefore, impacts related to conflict with transit programs, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian families, and plans, ordinances, or policy will be less than significant.

b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

Less than Significant. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines were revised in December 2018 in response to Senate Bill (SB 743), which was adopted in 2013 to change the way transportation impacts were considered. These revisions mandated the transition from Level-of-Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) as the primary metric for evaluating a project's transportation impacts. The Transportation Assessment Guidelines (TAG) also requires the TIA to examine whether the proposed project conflicts with the City's plans, programs, ordinances, and policies. In addition, Non-CEQA transportation analysis is also required to assess the project's potential transportation effects on pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities, project access, safety and circulation, project construction, and the potential for residential street intrusion.

In compliance with CEQA and/or in accordance with City regulations, LADOT may require applicants to analyze and assess project-specific transportation impacts based on the following criteria:

- If the Development Project is estimated to generate a net increase of 250 or more daily vehicle trips and requires discretionary action, a transportation assessment for a Development Project is required.
- A transportation assessment is required by City ordinance or regulation.

The project does not require the preparation of a formal transportation impact analysis since the project will result in the generation of fewer than 250 daily trips. In addition, generally, projects within one-half mile of either an existing major transit stop or a stop along an existing high-quality transit corridor should be presumed to cause a less than significant transportation impact. Projects that decrease vehicle miles traveled in the project site compared to existing conditions should be considered to have a less than significant transportation impact. The project's implementation will have less than significant impacts since the project will recycle existing undeveloped or

underutilized properties located in established urban areas. When development is located in a more rural setting, such as further east in the desert areas, employees, patrons, visitors, and residents may have to travel farther since rural development is often located a significant distance from employment, entertainment, and population centers. Consequently, this distance is reduced when development is located in urban areas since employment, entertainment, and population centers tend to be set in more established communities. As a result, the potential impacts are considered to be less than significant.

c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

No Impact. A significant impact could occur if a project were to include new roadway design or introduces a new land use or features into an area with specific transportation requirements and characteristics that have not been previously experienced in that area, or if access or other features were designed in such a way as to create hazard conditions. The Project Site is currently developed with a single-family home. A new eight-unit apartment building is proposed for construction. No changes are proposed to the surrounding road system. The project would include a curb cut for egress/ingress for vehicles access and would not include unusual design features. Adherence to all emergency response plan requirements set forth by the City and LAFD would be required through the duration of the project's construction and operation phases. There would be no impacts regarding hazards due to a design feature.

d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

No Impact. A significant impact would occur if the Proposed Project would result in inadequate emergency access. The project does not propose any changes to emergency access and will require approval of plans by the Fire Department. Further, the project must comply with all applicable City fire safety regulations. No impact will occur, and no mitigation is required.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				
b.	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				

a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1 (k)?

No Impact. The Project Site has not been listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k). Therefore, no impact will result and no mitigation is required

b) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

Less than Significant with Mitigation Measure. Approved by Governor Brown on September 25, 2014, Assembly Bill 52 (AB52) establishes a formal consultation process for California Native American Tribes to identify potential significant impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources (TCRs), as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074, as part of CEQA. Effective July 1, 2015, AB 52 applies to projects that file a Notice of Preparation of an ND, MND or EIR on or after July 1, 2015. PRC Section 21084.2 now establishes that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a TCR is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. To help determine whether a project may have such an effect, PRC Section 21080.3.1 requires a lead agency to consult with any California Native American tribe that requests consultation and is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a Proposed Project. That consultation must take place prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report for a project. As a result of AB 52, the following must take place: 1) prescribed notification and response timelines; 2) consultation on alternatives, resource identification, significance determinations, impact evaluation, and mitigation measures; and 3) documentation of all consultation efforts to support CEQA findings for the administrative record.

Under AB 52, if a lead agency determines that a project may cause a substantial adverse change to a TCR, the lead agency must consider measures to mitigate that impact. PRC Section 21074 provides a definition of a TCR. In brief, in order to be considered a TCR, a resource must be either: 1) listed, or determined to be eligible for listing, on the national, State, or local register of historic resources, or 2) a resource that the lead agency chooses, in its discretion supported by substantial evidence, to treat as a TCR. In the latter instance, the lead agency must determine that the resource meets the criteria for listing in the State register of historic resources or City Designated Cultural Resource. In applying those criteria, a lead agency shall consider the value of the resource to the tribe.

As specified in AB 52, lead agencies must provide notice to tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a Proposed Project if the tribe has submitted a written request to be notified. The tribe must respond to the lead agency within 30 days of receipt of the notification if it wishes to engage in consultation on the project, and the lead agency must begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving the request for consultation. In compliance with AB 52, the City provided notice to tribes soliciting requests for consultation on September 27, 2022.

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI) responded to the notice for consultation in an email dated October 25, 2022 stating that they will not be requesting consultation for the project at 7222 North Tyrone Street. Thus consultation with the FTBMI concluded.

On September 30, 2022, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation (Gabrieleno) requested to engage in tribal consultation. The first and only meeting was on November 15, 2022, Mr. Matthew Teutimez shared an oral testimony about general concerns with the subject site and the immediate area due to resources found near the site and stated he would provide materials

demonstrating the project is in close proximity to critical landscape features such as historic transportation corridors and waterways. On November 23, 2022 the Gabrieleno provided confidential substantial evidence that the project area could be culturally significant and sensitive for tribal cultural resources (TCRs). This is due to the extensive prehistoric-historic tribal use of the area. On November 28, 2022 the Gabrieleno provided recommended mitigation measures. The City reviewed the suggested mitigation measures. On February 13, 2023, the City emailed the Gabrieleno a letter with City mitigation measure and condition of approval language addressing the suggested mitigation measures by the Gabrieleno. On February 17, 2023, the Gabrieleno stated they were in disagreement with language and again provided their own requested Mitigation Measure language. Planning Staff offered to discuss the Mitigation Measure language further (emails dated April 24 and May 1, 2023) but did not receive a response so on May 10, 2023 Planning issued a letter noting the conclusion of consultation as well as the City's proposed Mitigation Measure language. Correspondence and letters are attached as Appendix D.

No other responses were received from any tribes during the 30-day period.

Based on the consultation, it is determined that there is evidence of tribal cultural resources on the Project Site or the immediately surrounding area. Thus, based on the consultation with the Gabrieleno, substantial evidence was provided demonstrating impacts related to tribal cultural resources will be less than significant with mitigations.

MM-T1: Mitigation Measure for Tribal Monitoring

Prior to commencing any ground disturbance activities at the Project site, the Applicant, or its successor, shall retain archeological monitors and tribal monitors that are qualified to identify subsurface tribal cultural resources. Ground disturbance activities shall include excavating, digging, trenching, plowing, drilling, tunneling, quarrying, grading, leveling, removing peat, clearing, driving posts, augering, backfilling, blasting, stripping topsoil or a similar activity at the project site. Any qualified tribal monitor(s) shall be approved by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation. Any qualified archaeological monitor(s) shall be approved by the Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources ("OHR").

The qualified archeological and tribal monitors shall observe all ground disturbance activities on the project site at all times the ground disturbance activities are taking place. If ground disturbance activities are simultaneously occurring at multiple locations on the project site, an archeological and tribal monitor shall be assigned to each location where the ground disturbance activities are occurring The on-site monitoring shall end when the ground disturbing activities are completed, or when the archaeological and tribal monitor both indicate that the site has a low potential for impacting tribal cultural resources.

Prior to commencing any ground disturbance activities, the archaeological monitor in consultation with the tribal monitor, shall provide Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to construction crews involved in ground disturbance activities that provides information on regulatory requirements for the protection of tribal cultural resources. As part of the WEAP training, construction crews shall be briefed on proper procedures to follow should a crew member discover tribal cultural resources during ground disturbance activities. In addition, workers will be shown examples of the types of resources that would require notification of the archaeological monitor and tribal monitor. The Applicant shall maintain on the Project site, for City inspection, documentation establishing the training was completed for all members of the construction crew involved in ground disturbance activities.

In the event that any subsurface objects or artifacts that may be tribal cultural resources are encountered during the course of any ground disturbance activities, all such activities shall temporarily cease within the area of discovery, the radius of which shall be determined by a qualified archeologist, in consultation with a qualified tribal monitor, until the potential tribal cultural resources are properly assessed and addressed pursuant to the process set forth below:

- 1. Upon a discovery of a potential tribal cultural resource, the Applicant, or its successor, shall immediately stop all ground disturbance activities and contact the following: (1) all California Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project; (2) and OHR.
- 2. If OHR determines, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21074 (a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be a tribal cultural resource in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, the City shall provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than 14 days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the Applicant, or its successor, and the City regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources.
- 3. The Applicant, or its successor, shall implement the tribe's recommendations if a qualified archaeologist retained by the City and paid for by the Applicant, or its successor, in consultation with the tribal monitor, reasonably conclude that the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.
- 4. In addition to any recommendations from the applicable tribe(s), a qualified archeologist shall develop a list of actions that shall be taken to avoid or minimize impacts to the identified tribal cultural resources substantially consistent with best practices identified by the Native American Heritage Commission and in compliance with any applicable federal, state or local law, rule or regulation.
- 5. If the Applicant, or its successor, does not accept a particular recommendation determined to be reasonable and feasible by the qualified archaeologist or qualified tribal monitor, the Applicant, or its successor, may request mediation by a mediator agreed to by the Applicant, or its successor, and the City. The mediator must have the requisite professional qualifications and experience to mediate such a dispute. The City shall make the determination as to whether the mediator is at least minimally qualified to mediate the dispute. After making a reasonable effort to mediate this particular dispute, the City may (1) require the recommendation be implemented as originally proposed by the archaeologist or tribal monitor; (2) require the recommendation, as modified by the City, be implemented as it is at least as equally effective to mitigate a potentially significant impact; (3) require a substitute recommendation be implemented that is at least as equally effective to mitigate a potentially significant impact to a tribal cultural resource; or (4) not require the recommendation be implemented because it is not necessary to mitigate an significant impacts to tribal cultural resources. The Applicant, or its successor, shall pay all costs and fees associated with the mediation.
- 6. The Applicant, or its successor, may recommence ground disturbance activities outside of a specified radius of the discovery site, so long as this radius has been reviewed by both the qualified archaeologist and qualified tribal monitor and determined to be reasonable and appropriate.
- 7. The Applicant, or its successor, may recommence ground disturbance activities inside of the specified radius of the discovery site only after it has complied with all of the

recommendations developed and approved pursuant to the process set forth in paragraphs 2 through 5 above.

- 8. Copies of any subsequent prehistoric archaeological study, tribal cultural resources study or report, detailing the nature of any significant tribal cultural resources, remedial actions taken, and disposition of any significant tribal cultural resources shall be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at California State University, Fullerton and to the Native American Heritage Commission for inclusion in its Sacred Lands File.
- 9. Notwithstanding paragraph 8 above, any information that the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, determines to be confidential in nature shall be excluded from submission to the SCCIC or provided to the public under the applicable provisions of the California Public Records Act, California Public Resources Code, section 6254(r), and handled in compliance with the City's AB 52 Confidentiality Protocols.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

			Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wo	uld	the project:				
	a.	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
	b.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				
	C.	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
	d.	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				
	e.	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would increase water consumption or wastewater generation to such a degree that the capacity of facilities currently serving the project site would be exceeded. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) conducts water planning based on forecast population growth. The addition of a an eight unit apartment building would be consistent with Citywide growth, and therefore, the project demand for water is not anticipated to require new water supply entitlements and/or require the expansion of existing or construction of new water treatment facilities beyond those already considered in the LADWP 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Prior to any construction activities the project applicant would be required to coordinate with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to determine the exact wastewater conveyance requirements of the proposed project, and any upgrades to the wastewater lines in the vicinity of the project site that are needed to adequately serve the proposed project would be undertaken as part of the project. Furthermore, the General Plan Framework Element (originally adopted by the City Council in 1996 and readopted in 2001), sets forth a citywide comprehensive long-range growth strategy. Chapter 9 of the Framework Element, Infrastructure and Public Services, identifies the viability of the infrastructure system, including power, as supplied by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and telecommunications, as provided by public and private entities. The goals, objectives, and policies contained in the Framework Element are implemented on a Citywide basis to ensure the adequacy of development. The Southern California Gas Company provides natural gas to City residents, and the net addition of a seven dwelling units would not exceed capacity. Finally, both the Department of Water and Power and the Southern California Gas Company utilize energy efficient policies and programs as regulated by the state and the city so that the capacity of infrastructure systems remain adequate to serve City residents. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact related to water or wastewater, energy, natural gas, and/or telecommunications infrastructure.

b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

Less than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would increase water consumption or wastewater generation to such a degree that the capacity of facilities currently serving the project site would be exceeded. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) conducts water planning based on forecast population growth. The net addition of an 8 unit apartment as a result of the proposed project would be consistent with Citywide growth, and, therefore, the project demand for water is not anticipated to require new water supply entitlements and/or require the expansion of existing or construction of new water treatment facilities beyond those already considered in the LADWP 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Prior to any construction activities, the project applicant would be required to coordinate with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to determine the exact wastewater conveyance requirements of the proposed project, and any upgrades to the wastewater lines in the vicinity of the project site that are needed to adequately serve the proposed project would be undertaken as part of the project. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact related to water supplies.

c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

Less than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project would exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). All wastewater from the project would be treated according to requirements of the NPDES permit authorized by the LARWQCB. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to wastewater treatment requirements.

d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project's solid waste generation exceeded the capacity of permitted landfills. The Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and private waste management companies are responsible for the collection, disposal, and recycling of solid waste within the City, including the project site. Solid waste during the operation of the proposed project is anticipated to be collected by the BOS and private waste haulers, respectively. As the City's own landfills have all been closed and are non-operational, the destinations are private landfills. In compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 939, the project applicant would be required to implement a Solid Waste Diversion Program and divert at least 50 percent of the solid waste generated by the project from the applicable landfill site. The proposed project would also comply with all federal, State, and local regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact related to solid waste.

e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project's solid waste generation exceeded the capacity of permitted landfills. The Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and private waste management companies are responsible for the collection, disposal, and recycling of solid waste within the City, including the project site. Solid waste during the operation of the proposed project is anticipated to be collected by the BOS and private waste haulers, respectively. As the City's own landfills have all been closed and are non-operational, the destinations are private landfills. In compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 939, the project applicant would be required to implement a Solid Waste Diversion Program and divert at least 50 percent of the solid waste generated by the project from the applicable landfill site. The proposed project would also comply with all federal, State, and local regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact related to solid waste.

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones:

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
b.	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				
C.	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
d.	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				

a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Less Than Significant Impact. The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department coordinates with City departments, municipalities, and community-based organizations to ensure that the City and its residents have the resources to prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies, disasters and significant events. The City's Emergency Operations Organization comprises all agencies of the City's government, including Fire. The Los Angeles Fire Department actively engages in disaster preparedness and includes fire as one of 13 federally identified threats to the City. Therefore, the construction of an eight unit apartment building will not significantly impair any adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation.

b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the proposed project exposed people to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire. The subject site is not located within a designated Hillside area, Very High Fire Severity Zone, or High Wind Velocity Area. Any impacts involving pollutant concentrations from a wildfire would be less than significant.

c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact. A significant impact would occur if the eight unit apartment building required the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure, such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities that may exacerbate fire risk. The project will be required to comply with all fire-safety related requirements in the building code. As such, there would be less than significant impact.

d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is not located in a designated Hillside or Landslide area or flood zone, and therefore, the project would have less than significant impacts on area downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b.	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				
C.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				

a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

Less Than Significant Impact. On the basis of the foregoing analysis, the proposed project does not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten or eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. The project site is bordered by existing development in an urbanized area of the City of Los Angeles. The proposed project is consistent with the intent of the General Plan. Therefore, the project would not have a significant impact on any sensitive, rare, or endangered plant/wildlife community.

b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. Incremental impacts resulting from development and operation of the proposed project and other cumulative projects that would be under construction include air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and tribal resources. The analysis concluded that these incremental impacts are each less than significant or can be mitigated to a less than significant level. When viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects, these impacts are not cumulatively considerable. No cumulative impacts are anticipated in connection with this or other projects. The proposed project complies with Community Plan Land Use Designation, SCAQMD's AQMP, SCAG's RTP/SCS, and LADWP's UWMP. No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified. The analysis contained in this Initial Study evaluated existing conditions, potential impacts associated with the development of the project, and possible environmental cumulative impacts. The project does not have any impact on projected growth or planned projects for the City of Los Angeles or neighboring jurisdictions known as of the date of this analysis.

c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Less Than Significant Impact. There are no known substantial adverse effects on human beings that would be directly or indirectly caused by the proposed project. The environmental evaluation has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will result from the project.

5 PREPARERS AND PERSONS CONSULTED This Initial Study was prepared by the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning.