NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

TO: Office of the County Clerk
Environmental Filings
12400 E. Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA  90650

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

In conformance with Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, please post this Notice for a period of 30 days. Enclosed is the required fee of $75.00 for processing.

Notice is hereby given that the Long Beach Planning Commission, Lead Agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND 14-09) for the project described below:

Project Title: City of Long Beach Historic Preservation Element

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description:

State law offers considerable flexibility in providing additional optional Elements beyond the seven State mandated Elements (Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Noise and Safety Elements) of a local General Plan. California Government Code Section 65303 enables a county or city to adopt any other Elements or address any other subjects which relate to the physical development of that county or city. Once adopted, an optional Element carries the same legal authority as any of the seven mandatory Elements and must be consistent internally and with all other Elements of a jurisdiction’s General Plan.

This Historic Preservation Element is intended to better integrate historic preservation into City procedures and interdepartmental decisions, and to create a meaningful partnership with the community in order to implement the City’s historic preservation program. As set forth in the Vision Statement, the Historic Preservation Element is intended to ensure that the rich history of Long Beach is preserved through the identification, protection, and celebration of its historic resources which are valued for their role in the City’s environment, urban design, economic prosperity, and contributions to the quality of life in its neighborhoods. The Historic Preservation Element establishes the goals, policies and implementation measures that affirm the City’s commitment to historic preservation.

The project site is not on any list as enumerated under Section 65965.5 of the California Government Code. The ND 14-09 Initial Study has determined that no significant impacts would occur to any resource areas as a result of this project.
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Negative Declaration ND 14-09

Public Review Period during which the Lead Agency will receive written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration:

Starting Date: March 1, 2010
Ending Date: March 31, 2010

The following public meetings will all be held at Long Beach City Hall, First Floor Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802:

Public Meeting of the Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission for the proposed Historic Preservation Element
Monday, March 8, 2010
5:30 PM

Public Meeting of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency for the proposed Historic Preservation Element
Monday, March 15, 2010
9:00 AM

Public Meeting of the Long Beach Planning Commission for the proposed Historic Preservation Element and consider adoption of ND 14-09
Thursday, April 15, 2010
5:00 PM

The Negative Declaration (ND 14-09) for this Historic Preservation Element Update is available online at:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

ND 14-09 is also available at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
- Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor

Written comments can be mailed to:

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

Comments can also be sent via e-mail to:

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