

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**
for the Omnibus Zoning Code Amendments Project

This serves as the City of Long Beach’s (City) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration for the Long Beach Omnibus Zoning Code Amendments Project – December 2019, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Omnibus Zoning Code Amendments Project – December 2019

Project Location: Citywide, City of Long Beach, CA

Lead Agency: Planning Bureau, Development Services, City of Long Beach, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The proposed Zoning Code Amendments – December 2019 (Project) would consist of changes categorized henceforth in this document by ‘development standards’, ‘land use’ and ‘administrative procedures’, collectively referred to as the “Project.” The specific extent of the changes to Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) are described as follows:

- 1) Development Standards – Make the following changes to existing development standards:
 - a. Eliminate prohibitions on storage attics within accessory structures in residential zoning districts;
 - b. Exempt satellite publicly run, post-secondary educational uses from change of use parking requirements when proposed in existing buildings on commercially zoned properties located within one-half mile of public transit;
 - c. Exempt certain non-permanent fabric canopies covering rooftop usable open space from height limitations.
- 2) Land Use – Update land use regulations to:
 - a. Clarify use regulations for the remnant CO (Office Commercial) and CH (Highway Commercial) commercial zones that were phased out in 1992;
 - b. Clarify in which industrial zones personal storage and commercial storage/personal storage uses are permitted;
 - c. Allow aerospace manufacturing uses by-right in certain industrial areas and Planned Development Districts/Specific Plans that are industrial in character;
 - d. Create a process to allow temporary uses for community benefit projects on vacant lots;
 - e. Allow interim housing, such as emergency shelters and bridge or transitional housing, by-right in select commercial, industrial and institutional zoning districts; allow permanent supportive housing by-right in industrial and institutional zoning districts; and establish or revise related definitions, as appropriate; and
- 3) Administrative Procedures –
 - a. Add Zoning Code provisions that identify how new uses and unspecified development standards are applicable in specific plans and planned development districts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the Project will not have significant adverse impacts to the environment. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Negative Declaration, and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802;
- Billie Jean King Main Library, 200 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802;

- Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California 90805; and
- City of Long Beach website at:
http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

For questions regarding the Negative Declaration, contact:

NAME:	Jennifer Ly	PHONE:	(562) 570-6368
TITLE:	Planner	EMAIL:	Jennifer.Ly@LongBeach.gov
ADDRESS:	City of Long Beach Development Services Department 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3 rd Floor Long Beach, CA 90802		

*Public Review Period: **Begins – January 2, 2020***

Ends – February 3, 2020

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Jennifer Ly, City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor Long Beach, California 90802.