FINDINGS:

The proposed code amendment to the Commercial and Industrial Development standards is consistent with:

- 1) The General Plan objective to enhance the quality of life, direct development away from residential neighborhoods, helps harmonize change, and preserves the existing character and scale of residential neighborhoods. (Objectives 1 and 5) The proposed amendment limits development outside targeted development areas by focusing on the areas outside of the boundaries of Specific Plans. (Policy 1.9) The proposed amendment will require future projects to correspond with the existing fabric of surrounding residential neighborhoods. (Objectives 5.7 and 5.9)
- 2) The purpose of the Zoning Code by addressing additional details of site planning and ensuring that new development is compatible with and protects use and enjoyment of the surrounding residential areas.



City of Pasadena Planning Division 175 N. Garfield Avenue Pasadena, California 91101-1704

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: Three-Story Development/Single-Family Residential Zone Compatibilit Study							
PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Pasadena – Planning Division							
PROJECT CONTACT PERSON: Antonio Gardea, Associate Planner 175 N. Garfield Ave.; Pasadena, CA 91101 ELEPHONE: (626) 744-6725							
210 freeway. Affe Boulevard, North	ROJECT LOCATION: Various properties throughout the City of Pasadena, primarily north of the 10 freeway. Affected properties are located along Lincoln Avenue, North Los Robles Avenue, Washington oulevard, North Allen Avenue, Villa Street, and North Altadena Avenue. (See Map Attachment A of Initial tudy) The study areas are in the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County.						
Industrial Develop 17.24.040 and PN rear setbacks, he corrections to the	PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pasadena is considering revisions to the existing Commercial and industrial Development Standards and Setback and Encroachment Plane Requirements and Exceptions (PMC 7.24.040 and PMC 17.40.160). The proposed revisions may include modifications to the required side and ear setbacks, height limits and maximum number of stories. The proposed amendments are technical orrections to the General Property Development and Use Standards to ensure greater compatibility between ew development and abutting low density residential neighborhoods.						
X The propose The proposes significant effect in the Plani The proposes	FINDING On the basis of the initial study on file in the Current Planning Office: X_The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project COULD have a significant effect on the environment; however there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Mitigation Monitoring Program on file in the Planning Division Office were adopted to reduce the potential impacts to a level of insignificance. The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL MPACT REPORT is required.						
Completed by: Title: Date:	Antonio Gardea Associate Planne 09.28.05	Determination Approved: r Title: Date:					
COMMENTS REC	UBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: September 7 through September 28, 2005 OMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT: YesNo IITIAL STUDY REVISED: YesNo						



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

10:	⊦rom:	City of Pasadena
Los Angeles County Clerk		Planning & Development Dept.
Business Filing & Registration		175 N. Garfield Avenue
12400 E Imperial Hwy Rm 1101		Pasadena, CA 91101-1704
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Norwalk, CA 90650	Contact:	
Attn: J. Bance Baker	Phone	626 744-4009
SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in comp	pliance with s	§21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.
Project Title: Three-Story Development/Single-Fam	nily Residentia	Zone Compatibility Study
Project Location (include county): Various professeway. Affected properties are located along Lincoln Allen Avenue, Villa Street, and North Altadena Avenue City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County.	n Avenue, No	rth Los Robles Avenue, Washington Boulevard, North
Project Description : The City of Pasadena is Development Standards and Setback and Encroachm 17.40.160). The proposed revisions may include mormaximum number of stories. The proposed amendment and Use Standards to ensure greater compatibility neighborhoods. A copy of the Negative Declaration is referenced address.	ent Plane Red difications to t ents are techr between new	quirements and Exceptions (PMC 17.24.040 and PMC the required side and rear setbacks, height limits and nical corrections to the General Property Development we development and abutting low density residential
		r □ Responsible Agency has approved the and has made the following determinations
 The project □ will ☒ will not have a significant □ An Environmental Impact Report was pre ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for Mitigation measures □ were ☒ were not made A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan □ was A statement of Overriding Considerations □ was Findings □ were ☒ were not made pursuant to 	epared for thi this project a condition s 区 was not as 区 was not	s project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA. pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. of the approval of the project. adopted for this project. of adopted for this project.
This is to certify that the Final EIR with comm Negative Declaration/Mitigated Declaration, is ave Center, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 9	ailable to the	
Signature (Public Agency)	Date	Title
Date received for filing:		

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code. Updated per the State CEQA Guidelines as Amended through September 7, 2004

Attachment 4



California Department of Fish and Game

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

Project Title/Location: Three-Story Development/Single-Family Residential Zone Compatibility Study / Various properties throughout the City of Pasadena, primarily north of the 210 freeway. Affected properties are located along Lincoln Avenue, North Los Robles Avenue, Washington Boulevard, North Allen Avenue, Villa Street, and North Altadena Avenue. (See Map Attachment A of Initial Study) The study areas are in the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County

Project Applicant: City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department – Planning Division

Project Description: The City of Pasadena is considering revisions to the existing Commercial and Industrial Development Standards and Setback and Encroachment Plane Requirements and Exceptions (PMC 17.24.040 and PMC 17.40.160). The proposed revisions may include modifications to the required side and rear setbacks, height limits and maximum number of stories. The proposed amendments are technical corrections to the General Property Development and Use Standards to ensure greater compatibility between new development and abutting low density residential neighborhoods.

Findings of Exemption: The project will not 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 Game (CDFG) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFG or USFWS; have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means; 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; conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or; conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Initial Study and public hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Denver E. Miller

Title: Environmental Administrator Lead Agency: City of Pasadena

Planning and Development Department

Date:

CITY OF PASADENA PLANNING DIVISION HALE BUILDING 175 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE PASADENA, CA 91109-7215

INITIAL STUDY

In accordance with the Environmental Policy Guidelines of the City of Pasadena, this analysis, the associated "Master Application Form," and/or Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and supporting data constitute the Initial Study for the subject project. This Initial Study provides the assessment for a determination whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION I – PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Title: Three-Story Development/Single-Family Residential Zone Compatibility Study

2. <u>Lead Agency Name and Addre</u>ss: City of Pasadena, Community Planning Section

175 North Garfield Avenue, 2nd Floor

Pasadena, California 91109

Contact Person and Phone Number: Antonio Gardea, Associate Planner (626) 744-6725

3. <u>Project Location</u>: Various properties throughout the City of Pasadena, primarily north of the 210 freeway. Affected properties are located along Lincoln Avenue, North Los Robles Avenue, Washington Boulevard, North Allen Avenue, Villa Street, and North Altadena Avenue. The study areas are in the City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles. State of California.

4. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: City of Pasadena, Current Planning Section

175 North Garfield Avenue Pasadena. California 91109

- General Plan Designation: Neighborhood Commercial and General Commercial in which three-story development is permitted.
- 6. Zoning: CG, GC -1 (General Commercial), and CL (Limited Commercial) zoning districts where three-story development is permitted abutting low density residential properties.
- 7. <u>Description of the Project:</u> Amendment(s) to Title 17, Chapter 17.24.040 (Table 2-6 Commercial and Industrial District General Development Standards) and Chapter 17.40.160 (Setback and Encroachment Plane Requirements and Exceptions). The City of Pasadena is considering revisions to the existing Commercial and Industrial District General Development Standards and Setback and Encroachment Plane Requirements and Exceptions (PMC 17.24.040 and PMC 17.40.160). The proposed revisions may include modifications to the required side and rear setbacks, height limits and maximum number of stories. The proposed amendments are technical corrections to the General Property Development and Use Standards to ensure greater compatibility between new development and adjacent low density residential neighborhoods.
- 8. <u>Surrounding Land Uses and Setting</u>: The study focuses on commercial properties abutting low density residential zones. The subject properties and properties in the immediate vicinity are developed with a variety of uses including residential, educational, public assembly, office, professional, retail sales, and service uses. The City of Pasadena is a built out city of approximately 23 square miles. Commercial development is located on infill sites, usually sites with existing development that is demolished for new projects.
- 9. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): The City of Pasadena is the lead agency, and the City Council will adopt the proposed amendments to Title 17, of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with environmental documentation. The Planning Commission, after a public hearing, will make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the proposed amendments. The Northwest Commission and Design Commission will provide comments.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

Aesthetics	Geology and Soils	Population and Housing
Agricultural Resources	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Public Services
Air Quality	Hydrology and Water Quality	Recreation
Biological Resources	Land Use and Planning	Transportation/Traffic
Cultural Resources	Mineral Resources	Utilities and Service Systems
Energy	Noise	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (to be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	Х
I find that, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	
I find that the proposed MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.	
I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment., but at least effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.	
I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.	
Antonio Gardea Printed Name 39/08/05 Reviewed By/Date Denver Miller Antonio Name	
Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted on:	
Adoption attested to by: Printed name/Signature Date	

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 than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect is 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 mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "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 Section 20, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analysis may 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. See CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section 20 at the end of the checklist.
 - 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 documents and the extent to which 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. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) 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 significant.

SECTION II - ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1.	BACKGROUND. Date checklist submitted: Department requiring checklist Project Manager assigned:	klist: Planning a	gust 30, 2005 and Development D tonio Gardea	Division	
2.	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explanations of a	all answers are req	uired):	
		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation is Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
3.	AESTHETICS. Would the project	ct:			
	a. Have a substantial adverse e	effect on a scenic	vista? ()		
					\boxtimes
WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. The proposed changes to the development standards would apply to commercially zoned properties citywide and may reduce the allowable heights in some zoning classifications. Many of the properties are located along the north south arterial streets that have views of the San Gabriel Mountains. Since a majority of the properties are located along major streets, any future projects will be subject to Design Review to ensure the compatibility with surrounding properties. The project will not result in new sources of light and glare, nor will the night-time views be affected. No impact is expected to scenic or aesthetic resources. b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? ()					
					\boxtimes
reco	? The subject properties are remmended scenic highway, or under Protection Ordinance. See response.	official scenic cor			cenic highways,
	c. Substantially degrade the ex	kisting visual cha	racter or quality of	the site and its sui	rroundings?()
					\boxtimes
properesid	"? The project is intended to imerties. The amendments to the ential neighborhoods from develonse 3a.	e development	standards seek t	o protect the visi	ual character of

Significant Potentially Less Than **Unless** Significant Significant No Impact Mitigation is **Impact Impact** Incorporated d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (X WHY? See response 3a. AGRICULTURAL 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. Would the project: 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? (X WHY? The City of Pasadena is a developed urban area surrounded by hillsides to the north and northwest. The western portion of the City contains the Arroyo Seco, which runs from north to south through the City. It has commercial recreation, park, natural and open space. There is no prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide importance, as shown on maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. Because these amendments are technical corrections to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties, there will be no significant agricultural impacts. b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? (X The City of Pasadena has no land zoned for agricultural use other than commercial nurseries being allowed by right in the CG (General Commercial) and IG (General Industrial) zones and conditionally

WHY? There is no known farmland in the City of Pasadena; therefore the proposed project would not result in the conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use.

result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? (

in the CO (Office Commercial), CL (Limited Commercial), OS (Open Space) and PS (Public-Semi Public)

c. Involve other changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could

5. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

Zoning Districts.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation is Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
a. (Conflict with or obstruct impleme	entation of the ap	oplicable air quality	plan? ()		
					\boxtimes	
WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. Because the amendments are technical corrections to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties, there will be no significant air quality impacts. The project does not propose any new development or building square footage. Future development projects will be reviewed to determine if they are compatible with all applicable air quality plans and standards.						
b.	Violate any air quality standard	or contribute to	an existing or proje	ected air quality v	iolation? ()	
					\boxtimes	
WHY?	See response to 5a.					
C.	c. 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 (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? ()					
					\boxtimes	
WHY?	See response to 5a.					
d.	Expose sensitive receptors to s	substantial pollut	ant concentrations	? ()		
					\boxtimes	
WHY? The project is an amendment to existing development regulations. The subject properties are located abutting low density residentially zoned properties which are considered sensitive receptors. However, the proposed amendment to the development standards does not affect the permitted land uses, nor does it introduce new uses that would expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Future projects are required to comply with existing air quality plans. See response to 5a.						
e.	Create objectionable odors affe	ecting a substant	ial number of peop	le?()		
					\boxtimes	
reviewe	The proposed amendment do ed on a case by case basis to ectionable odors. See response	determine if the		• •		
6. B	IOLOGICAL RESOURCES. W	ould the project:	:			
a.	Have a substantial adverse el identified as a candidate, sens regulations, or by the California	sitive, or special	status species in l	local or regional	plans, policies, or	

Significant Unless

Significant Unless Mitigation is Incorporated

Less Than Significant Impact

No Impact

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. The amendments are intended to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties that apply to commercially zoned properties citywide. Because these are technical corrections, there will be no significant biological resource impacts.

b.	Have a substantial adverse effectidentified in local or regional plans and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlif	s, policies, and reg			
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 6a.				
C.	Have a substantial adverse effect Clean Water Act (including, but removal, filling, hydrological interru	not limited to, ma	rsh, vernal pool,		
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 6a.				
d.	Interfere substantially with the mo or with established native resident nursery sites? ()			•	-
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the pr	Because the proposed amendme oject would not directly result in onent of wildlife species. See respor	development of pr			
e.	Conflict with the provisions of an Conservation Plan (NCCP), or other	•		•	
					\bowtie
	There are no adopted Habitat Cor y of Pasadena. See response to 6a		Natural Communi	ty Conservat	tion Plans within
7. C	CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would	the project:			
a.	Cause a substantial adverse chan Guidelines Section 15064.5? (ge in the significal)	nce of a historical r	esource as	defined in CEQA
					\boxtimes
WHY? for co	The proposed project is an amen	idment to the deve s three-story build	lopment standards lings abutting low	relating to density res	properties zoned sidentially zoned

property. Future projects are subject to review and approval by Design and Preservation staff to ensure

there are no impacts to historic resources. No impact to cultural resources is expected.

Significant Potentially Less Than **Unless** Significant **Significant** No Impact Mitigation is **Impact Impact** Incorporated b. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? () \boxtimes WHY? See response to 7a. c. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal ceremonies? (X WHY? See response to 7a. **ENERGY.** Would the proposal: a. Conflict with adopted energy conservation plans? (\boxtimes WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. The amendments are technical corrections to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties. Any development in the future will be reviewed individually to insure compliance with adopted energy conservation plans. No energy impacts are expected. b. Use non-renewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner? () П X WHY? See response to 8a. 9. **GEOLOGY AND SOILS.** Would the project: a. Expose people or structures to 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. ()

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the development standards relating to properties zoned for commercial development that allows three-story buildings abutting low density residentially zoned property. The amendments are technical corrections to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties, there will be no significant geology and soils impacts. Any future development projects will be required to obtain building permits and will be evaluated by the Building Division to ensure there are no soils/geology impacts.

ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? ()

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation is Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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WHY? See response to 9a.				
iii. Seismic-related ground fa Hazards Zones Map issue evidence of known areas o	ed by the State	Geologist for the a		
				\boxtimes
WHY? See response to 9a.				
iv. Landslides as delineated of Geologist for the area or				
	П	П		\boxtimes
WHY? See response to 9a.				
b. Result in substantial soil erosi	on or the loss of	topsoil? ()		
				\bowtie
WHY? See response to 9a.	_	_	 -	-
 Be located on expansive soil creating substantial risks to life 		Table 18-1-B of to	he Uniform Buildi	ing Code (1994),
	П	П		\bowtie
WHY? See response to 9a.		_	_	_
d. Have soils incapable of adeq disposal systems where sewe	• • •	•		ative wastewater)
				\boxtimes
WHY? See response to 9a.				
10. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS	MATERIALS . V	Vould the project:		
 a. Create a significant hazard to disposal of hazardous mater 		he environment thro	ugh the routine tr	ansport, use or
				\boxtimes
WHY? The proposed amendment is residential properties and does not projects would be required to comply	change the pe	rmitted uses on th	e subject proper	ties. Any future

hazardous materials.

		Impact	Mitigation is Incorporated	Impact	No Impact
	Create a significant hazard to and accident conditions invol				
					\boxtimes
WHY? Se	ee response to 10a.				
	Emit hazardous emissions o waste within one-quarter mile				, substances, or
					\boxtimes
no chang	There a number of public and les to the permitted land use Regulations regarding emission	s are proposed,	and future uses v	would be subject to	City, State and
G	e located on a site which is overnment Code Section 65 ublic or the environment? (
					\boxtimes
	he study areas are not locate es published by California En				
W	or a project located within ar ithin two miles of a public ai r people residing or working i	rport or public us	se airport, would ti		
					\boxtimes
	nere is no public airport with approximately 11 miles away		he City. The near	rest airport is locat	ted in the City of
	or a project within the vicinity eople residing or working in tl			ect result in a safe	ty hazard for
					\boxtimes
at the ea	The study area at the north e stern edge of the Arroyo Se t result in allowable land uses a. There are no private airst	eco near the City s and would not i	y's border with Alt result in safety haz	adena. However,	the amendment
	npair implementation of or ph nergency evacuation plan? (ysically interfere)	with an adopted e	mergency respons	se plan or
WHY? T 10a.	he proposed amendments w	ould not affect th	ne City's emergend	cy response plan.	See response to

Significant Unless

Less Than Significant

No Impact

Potentially Significant

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation is Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
iı	Expose people or structures t ncluding where wildlands are a vildlands? ()				
					\boxtimes
	The study areas are within love conse to 10a.	w fire hazard are	eas according to t	he City's adopted	Safety Element.
11. HY	DROLOGY AND WATER QUA	ALITY . Would th	ne project:		
a.	Violate any water quality stan	dards or waste o	discharge requiren	ments? ()	
					\boxtimes
WHY? The proposed project is an amendment is a technical correction to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties. No changes to permitted land uses are proposed which would increase water demand or negatively affect groundwater supplies. No impact to hydrology and water quality is expected. Any new construction subject to the ordinance will be reviewed on a per project basis to ensure all water quality standards and water demands are met. b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge					
	such that there would be a stable level (e.g., the production not support existing land uses	on rate of pre-ex	isting nearby wells	s would drop to a le	evel which would
					\boxtimes
WHY? S	See response to 11a.				
C.	Substantially alter the existing of the course of a stream of siltation on-or off-site? ()				
					\boxtimes
WHY? S	See response to 11a.				
d.	Substantially alter the existing of the course of a stream or a manner, which would result	river, or substan	tially increase the		•
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 11a.				
e.	Create or contribute runoff w water drainage systems or pro				

WHY? See response to 11a.

 \boxtimes

		Significant Impact	Mitigation is Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
f.	Otherwise substantially deg	rade water quali	ty? ()		
WHY?	See response to 11a.				\boxtimes
g.	Place housing within a 10 Boundary or Flood Insurance adopted Safety Element of t	e Rate Map or o	dam inundation area	a as shown in the	City of Pasadena
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 11a.				
h.	Place within a 100-year floo	d hazard area st	ructures, which wo	uld impede or redi	rect flood flows?
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 11a.				
i.	Expose people or structures flooding as a result of the fa			r death involving f	ilooding, including
					\boxtimes
WHY?	See response to 11a.				
j.	Inundation by seiche, tsuna	mi, or mudflow?	()		
			П		\bowtie
	The City of Pasadena is not I undated by either a seiche or			odies of water or t	the Pacific Ocean
12. LA	AND USE AND PLANNING.	Would the proje	ct:		
a.	Physically divide an existing	community? ()		
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construction of any project must comply with noise regulations and must adhere to City regulations governing hours of construction, noise levels generated by construction and mechanical equipment, and the allowed level of ambient noise (Chapter 9.36 of the Pasadena Municipal Code). Regulations in the Municipal Code regarding ambient noise levels apply to stationary noise sources. No impact is expected.

t	b. Exposure of persons to or glevels? ()	generation of e	excessive groundbo	ne vibration or gr	oundborne noise
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15. PC	DPULATION AND HOUSING. W	Vould the proje	ect:		
	Induce substantial population g homes and businesses) or indii infrastructure)? ()	rowth in an are	ea, either directly (fo	r example, by prop ion of roads or oth	oosing new ner
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property. The amendments are technical corrections to ensure compatibility between commercial and residential properties. There are no increases in density proposed as part of the amendment to the development standards. As a result, the proposed amendment will not cause an increase in the population beyond what the current zoning districts permit. No significant population or housing impacts would result from the proposed amendment.

b.	Displace substantial nu housing elsewhere? (mbers of existing hous)	sing, necessitati	ng the construction	n of replacement
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	c. Parks?()				
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d. Police Protection? ()				
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WHY? See response to 16a.				
e. Schools?()				
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f. Other public facilities? ()			
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17. RECREATION.				
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a. Cause an increase in traff the street system (i.e., re volume to capacity ratio of	sult in a substan	tial increase in eith	er the number of	

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 b. Exceed, either individually congestion management ag 	-			ed by the county			
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WHY? See response to 18a.							
	c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? ()						
WHY? See response to 18a.				\boxtimes			
	d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? ()						
WHY? See response to 18a.							
e. Result in inadequate emerg	ency access? ()					
WHY? See response to 18a.				\boxtimes			
f. Result in inadequate parking	g capacity?()					
WHY? See response to 18a.				\boxtimes			
·	g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus						
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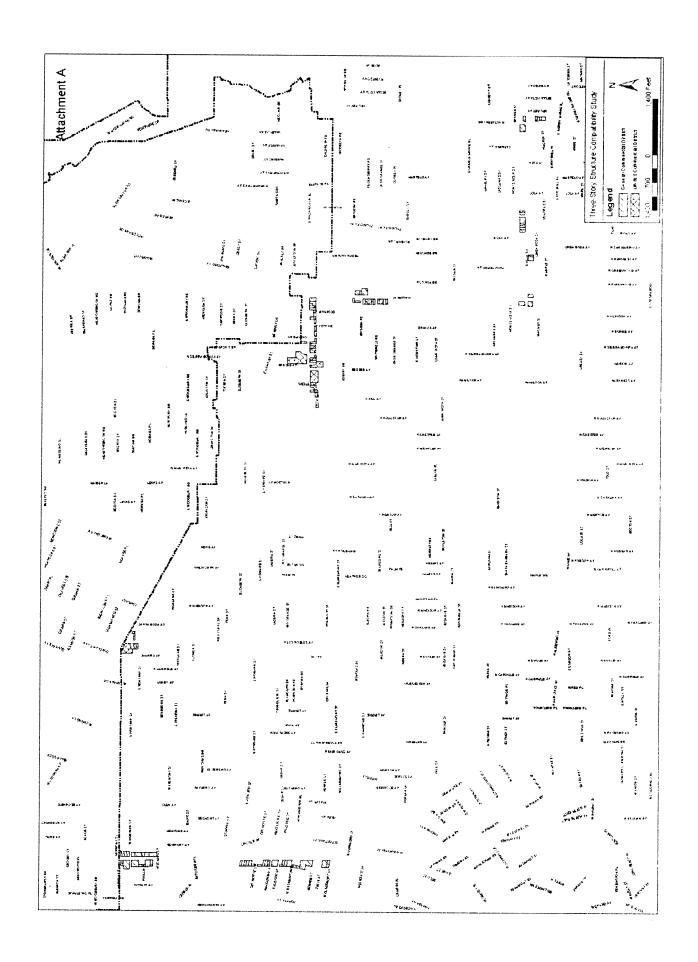
19.	UT	ILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEM	/IS. Would the pro	oject:			
	 a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? () 						
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	b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ()						
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	c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ()						
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WHY	? 9	See response to 19a.					
	d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ()						
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WHY	? 9	See responses to 19a.					
	e. 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? ()						
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	f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? ()						
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g.	Comply with federal, state, a	nd local statutes	s and regulations re	lated to solid wast	e? ()		
WHY? S	ee response 19a.				\boxtimes		
20. MAN	NDATORY FINDINGS OF SIG	ONIFICANCE.					
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	II be no significant impacts the species, or threaten any pla			environment, redu	ce habitat of fish		
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 project? ()							
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	See response to 20a. Furthe ns and will not cause any adv	• •	•	•			
c.	Does the project have env human beings, either directly		cts which will cau)	se substantial ad	verse effects on		
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1226 Wesley Ave Persadera Ca.91104 Deus Sir, Altmouph O Bhall De mable to afferd the meeting on Sept. 28,05, to discuss height restrictions an buildings in my area I should like to endorse your plans to allow commercial properties to be constructed only two Shoreys high yours succeedy RECEIVED Christme Vactery

Rodriguez, Jane

From:

Williams, Brian

Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 5:05 PM

To:

Rodriguez, Jane

Subject: FW: Nov 14th Hearing

From: Clark, Alicia Denise

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:50 PM

To: Williams, Brian

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Antonio Gardea asked me to pass this info on to you.

From: Gardea, Antonio

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:29 PM

To: Clark, Alicia Denise

Subject: FW: Nov 14th Hearing

Alicia

This is an email in support of the proposed changes to the commercial and industrial development standards.

From: santageoc@aol.com [mailto:santageoc@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 11:11 AM

To: Gardea, Antonio

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jouneo@pacbell.net; ika@pasonline.com; jazzypoetess@yahoo.com

Subject: Nov 14th Hearing

NO NO NO! Pasadena's skyline is disappearing before our eyes! Keep the limit!

Nov. 14th's hearing on maximum height and number of stores allowed for new commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects!

George M. Courville 1775 Monte Vista Pasadena, 91106

Everyone on my copy list, send comments to "agardea@cityofpasadena.net.

STOP THE BUILDING AND KEEP THE maximum height and number of stores allowed for new commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects!



November 11, 2005

City Council
City of Pasadena
c/o Jane Rodriquez, City Clerk
117 East Colorado, 6th Floor
Pasadena, CA 91105

Re: Multi family / Single family abutment proposals

Dear Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association, I would like to express our support of the proposals made by Ron Logan and Berkeley Harrison, who live on Magnolia Avenue within the Madison Heights district, related to the abutment of multi family and single family zoned areas.

There are many examples throughout Madison Heights where multi family zoning is located next to historically significant single family homes (e.g. California Blvd., S. Lake Avenue, Marengo Ave., Glenarm Blvd.). At this time, most existing multi family and single family zoned areas coexist harmoniously. The recommendations presented by Msrs. Logan and Harrison ("the Magnolia proposal") strive to allow for development of multi family zoned areas yet preserve this tranquil coexistence. Their recommendations would be a benefit to many historic neighborhoods throughout Pasadena.

The Magnolia proposal was reviewed at a recent Madison Heights Neighborhood Association board meeting and the support of the MHNA board is unanimous. The recommended setbacks, height restrictions, and fence / wall heights up to ten feet should go a long way to maintaining privacy and preserving the attractiveness of one of Pasadena's jewels, its historic neighborhoods.

Please include this letter in the agenda package of the City Council meeting when this issue is considered.

Sincerely,

∮am**ę**s Van de Voorde

President

Madison Heights Neighborhood Association

cc: Berkeley Harrison Ron Logan