

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING  
A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE LINCOLN AVENUE  
SPECIFIC PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Pasadena, as the decision-making body for the lead agency, by prior and separate Resolution certified the environmental impact report (“EIR”) for the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan, made environmental findings and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that there are significant environmental effects arising from the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan that remain even after mitigation, but there are overriding considerations that outweigh those effects; and

**WHEREAS**, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

CEQA requires the decision-making agency to balance the economic, legal, social, technological or other benefits of a Plan against its unavoidable environmental impacts when determining whether to approve a Plan. If the benefits of the Plan outweigh the unavoidable adverse impacts, those impacts may be considered acceptable. CEQA requires the agency to provide written findings supporting the specific reasons for considering a Plan acceptable when significant impacts are unavoidable. Such reasons must be based on substantial evidence in the administrative record. The City

Council acknowledges the environmental impacts identified in the EIR and elsewhere in the record of proceedings, but finds that the following economic, technological, and regional benefits of the Plan outweigh the significant and unavoidable effects identified in the EIR and the record of proceedings for Plan related air quality, greenhouse gas, noise and traffic impacts. The City Council finds that the benefits of the Plan set forth below, independent of the other benefits, warrant approval of the Plan notwithstanding the significant and unavoidable environmental impacts of the Plan. In making this finding, the City Council has balanced the benefits of the Plan against its unavoidable impacts and indicates its willingness to accept those adverse impacts.

#### **Statement of Overriding Considerations**

- The Plan will serve to facilitate redevelopment of a key corridor of the City and capitalize on the Lincoln corridor's strengths. It will create a neighborhood "main street," while preserving and enhancing existing residential areas and providing new opportunities for additional housing in the area.
- The Plan will bring to existing neighborhoods the neighborhood-oriented retail and services that will provide a stronger link to the immediate community for residents, thereby enhancing the quality of life and neighborhood character in this area of the City.
- Through a redeveloped and revitalized area, residents and visitors alike will experience increased public safety through Plan implementation.

Adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mark Jomsky, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Theresa E. Fuentes  
Assistant City Attorney

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