

SOUTH LAKE STUDY AREA MAP

ATTACHMENT A

E CALIFORNIA BL

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S HUDSON AV

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S LAKE AV

RM-32

OAKWOOD PL



Proposed
Height Limit
District (RM-32)



LAKWOOD PL

NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

ATTACHMENT B

City of Pasadena
Current Planning Section
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: HL-1 Height Limit Overlay District in South Lake Zoning Study Area

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Pasadena CONTACT PERSON: Bill Trimble, Planner

ADDRESS: 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

TELEPHONE: 626/744-6774

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Pasadena, Count of Los Angeles, State of California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Zoning Map Amendment to adopt the HL-1 Height Limit Overlay District in South Lake Study Area, which includes those parcels zoned RM-32 in whole or in part in the block bounded by South Lake Avenue, California Boulevard, Oakwood Place, and Hudson Avenue

FINDING

On the basis of the initial study on file in the Current Planning Office:

The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment.

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 in the Mitigation Monitoring Program on file in the Current Planning Office were adopted to reduce the potential impact to a level insignificance.

The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Completed by: Bill Trimble
Title: Senior Planner
Date: February 17, 2005

Determination Approved:
Title:
Date:

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: February 17, 2005 to March 9,2005

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT: Yes No

INITIAL STUDY REVISED: Yes No

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

INITIAL STUDY

In accordance with the Environmental Guidelines of the City of Pasadena, this analysis, the associated "Environmental Assessment Form" 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: Zoning Map Amendment to adopt a Height Limit (HL) Overlay District, which would limit RM-32 multifamily development project heights to 23 feet to the top plate and 32 feet to the highest ridgeline, within the RM-32 District fronting on west side of South Lake Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Oakwood Place, i.e., the South Lake Height Limit Overlay District.
2. Lead Agency Name and Address: City of Pasadena
Planning & Development Department
Community Planning Section
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109
3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Bill Trimble, (626) 744-6774
4. Project Location: Those parcels now designated RM-32 in whole or in part, within the RM-32 Multifamily zoning district in the block bounded by California Boulevard, South Lake Avenue, Oakwood Place, and South Hudson Avenue
5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: City of Pasadena
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109
6. General Plan Designation: Medium-High Density Residential (0-32 dwelling units/acre)
7. Zoning: RM-32 (Multifamily Residential, 0-32 units/acre),

8. Description of the Project:

The proposed Overlay District would limit RM-32 multifamily development projects within the Overlay District to heights of 23 feet to the top plate and 32 feet to the highest ridgeline in the rear 40 percent of a site, on parcels that are 60 feet in width or greater. It would amend the Zoning Map for the parcels zoned RM-32 Multifamily in the block bounded by California Boulevard, South Lake Avenue, Oakwood Place, and South Hudson Avenue.

9. Surrounding Land uses and Setting:

North – General Commercial

South - Residential Single-Family

East - Residential Multifamily

West - Residential Single-Family

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).

The proposed Zoning Map amendment requires a recommendation from the Planning Commission and approval by the City Council.

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.

	Land use and Planning		Biological Resources		Aesthetics
	Population and Housing		Energy and Mineral Resources		Cultural Resources
	Geological Problems		Hazards		Recreation
	Water		Noise		Mandatory Findings of Significance
	Air Quality		Public Services		
	Transportation and Circulation		Utilities and Service Systems		

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.	--X--
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 project MAY have a significant effect(s) on the environment, but at least one 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, if the effect is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated." 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, there WILL NOT be a significant effect in this case because all potentially significant effects (1) have been analyzed in an earlier EIR pursuant to applicable standards and (2) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project.	

Prepared by
William Trimble, Senior Planner

Reviewed by

Date Adopted


Signature


Initials

Adoption Attested to by

Signature and Title

For Decision-making body

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
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SECTION II - ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

I. Background

Date Checklist Submitted: February 17, 2005; Revised, March 3, 2005
 Department Requiring Checklist: Planning & Development Department
 Planner assigned: Bill Trimble

II. Environmental Impacts (Explanations of all answers are required)

1. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the proposal:

a. Conflict with the general plan designation or zoning?

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WHY? The General Plan designation for the subject area is Medium-High Density Residential (MHDR, 0-32 dwelling units/acre), and the zoning designation is Multifamily Residential, 32 units per acre (RM-32). The proposed overlay district will establish a height restriction for new development within the RM-32 district but will not affect the permitted density or base zoning.

The intent of limiting the height of new structures within the subject area is to protect the character of existing neighborhoods. Many of the parcels within the proposed overlay exhibit unique characteristics that comprise the character of a neighborhood. The City's General Plan encourages future development to take into consideration the well being of citizens, neighbors and passersby. Furthermore, it encourages the preservation of character and scale of Pasadena's established residential neighborhoods.

b. Conflict with applicable environmental plans or policies adopted by agencies with jurisdiction over the project?

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WHY? The proposed special overlay district does not conflict with any applicable environmental plans or policies and is consistent with the regional growth forecast for Pasadena in "Southern California 2020 – A Preliminary Growth Forecast: Regional Overview.

c. Be compatible with existing land use in the vicinity?

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WHY? The subject sites are developed with residential uses that are compatible with the existing land use in the vicinity. The proposed overlay district will not restrict residential use on these parcels. The overlay will only restrict the height of new structures to two stories, on parcels of 60 feet in width or greater.

d. Affect agricultural resources or operations (e.g. impacts to soils or farmlands, or impact from incompatible land uses)?

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WHY? The zoning study area is located in a developed urban area. There is no known agricultural acreage in or near the study area.

e. Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not change the existing residential character of the subject area or of any adjacent areas. The proposed overlay district will be more consistent with the existing land use and development intensity within the subject areas.

The existing physical arrangement of the community will not be disrupted, nor will the uses envisioned for the area by the overlay districts.

2. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Will the proposal:

a. Cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?

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WHY? Local population projections will not be affected as a result of the proposed overlay districts, because they do not affect the permitted density.

b. Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g. through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?

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WHY? The proposed overlay districts do not affect the density now permitted.

c. Displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?

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WHY? The proposed overlay district will not result in the removal of any type of housing. The proposed height limit overlay district will limit the height of new development to two stories but permitted densities remain the same. Existing housing is not affected by the height limit for new development, though structures of three stories will become nonconforming. The City, however, allows continued use, maintenance, repair, alteration and enlargement, and reconstruction or restoration of non-conforming structures in the event of involuntary damage or destruction, subject to the provisions of revised Zoning Code Chapter 17.71 (Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots).

3. GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS. Would the proposal result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:

a. Fault Rupture?

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WHY? The proposed overlay districts will not expose people or property to geological hazards. The potential exists for people and property to be exposed to the hazards of seismic activity in most of California. This proposal will not increase the potential occurrence of earthquakes. The risk of earthquake damage is minimized for future projects by complying with the Uniform Building Code and other applicable codes. Structures for human habitation must be designed to meet or exceed California Uniform Building Code standards for Seismic Zone 4. The proposed project is a zoning map amendment. No new structures are proposed in conjunction with the amendment. Any new structures must meet all code requirements prior to issuance of a building permit.

b. Seismic ground shaking?

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WHY? Since the City of Pasadena is located within a larger area traversed by active fault systems, such as the San Andreas, Sierra Madre, Santa Monica and Newport-Inglewood, any major earthquake along these systems will cause seismic ground shaking in Pasadena. At a minimum the earthquake resistant design and materials of new projects must meet or exceed the current seismic engineering standards of the California Uniform Building Code Seismic Zone 4 requirements. Much of the City is on sandy, stony or gravelly loam formed on the alluvial fan adjacent to the San Gabriel Mountains. This soil is more porous and loosely compacted than bedrock and thus subject to greater impacts from seismic ground shaking than bedrock. See also response 3a.

c. Seismic ground failure, including liquefaction?

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WHY? According to the Seismic Hazard map of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the General Plan, the subject area is located where slopes have low slope instability. Any new development occurring after approval of the proposed Zone Change and General Plan amendment will comply with existing City regulations that control any slope instability, therefore there will be no impact. Compliance with these codes and inspections are precautionary measures to ensure that there will be no increased exposure to seismic ground failure including liquefaction. See also response 3a.

d. Seiche, tsunami, or volcanic hazard?

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WHY? The City of Pasadena is not located near any inland or off shore bodies of water of a significant enough size to be in the path of a seiche or tsunami. There has been no known volcanic activity in or near the City.

e. Landslides or mudflows?

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WHY? According to the Seismic Hazard map of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the General Plan, the subject area is located where slopes have low slope instability. Existing City regulations will control any slope instability, therefore, there will be no impact. In addition, the Seismic Hazard map does not show the subject area to be located in an area where there is geologic evidence of past landslides.

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f. *Erosion, changes in topography or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading or fill?*

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WHY? The height limit overlay districts will have no impact on soil conditions. According to the Final Environmental Impact Report certified for the adoption of the 2004 Land Use and Mobility Elements, the natural water erosion potential of Pasadena's soils is low unless these soils are disturbed during the wet season. Both the Ramona and Hanford soils associations, which underlay much of the City, have high permeability, low surface runoff and slight erosion hazard due to the gravelly surface layer and low topographic relief away from the steeper foothill areas of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The proposed overlay districts do not affect the permitted density for development. In the event of new development project, water erosion during the construction of any projects will be minimized by limiting construction to dry weather, and compliance with construction staging plan that is reviewed and approved by the City prior to issuance of any grading or building permit. No structures are proposed as part of the zoning map amendment.

g. *Subsidence of the land?*

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not have any impact on the subsidence of the land. Any grading or excavation necessary for a development project must conform to the City's grading ordinance, and Chapters 70 and 29 of the California Uniform Building Code (UBC) relating to grading and excavation. Such conformance will lessen the likelihood of any subsidence due to ground shaking following an earthquake.

h. *Expansive soil?*

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WHY? Two soils associations underlie much of the City: Ramona and Hanford. The Ramona soils are slightly expansive, while the Hanford soils are not expansive. The type of soil that lies within the subject area is Ramona gravelly/stony loam. Any grading or excavation necessary for a development project must conform to the City's

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grading ordinance, Appendix Chapter 33 of the 2001 California Uniform Building Code (UBC) relating to grading and excavation. Such conformance will reduce the likelihood of soil expansion within safe limits.

i. Unique geologic or physical features?

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WHY? There are no unique geologic or physical features in the subject area.

4. WATER. Would the proposal result in?

a. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface run off?

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WHY? The proposed overlay district does not affect the coverage or permitted density of development. However, the potential exists for any development project to increase the amount of impermeable ground surface area, which may result in a decrease in the absorption rate and increase the amount of surface run off. Through its review and approval process, the City requires development projects to provide site drainage plans, and connection to the appropriate storm drain channels. Thus, the proposal would not result in significant changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns or in the rate and amount of surface run off. This runoff may be discharged via Los Angeles County Flood Control Channels into the San Pedro Bay.

b. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?

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WHY? Existing physical conditions in the area will generally remain the same as a result of the proposal. The land uses that will be allowed in the subject area will remain residential, with only the potential height of new development limited by the proposed overlay districts. The overlay districts will not result in exposing people or property to water related hazards, such as flooding. According to the Dam Failure Inundation Map of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the City's General Plan, the subject area is not located in a dam inundation area. There are no significant bodies of water either in or near the City of Pasadena, which could subject the City to tidal waves.

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c. *Discharge into surface water or other alteration of surface water quality (e.g. temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity)?*

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WHY? There are no bodies of water near the subject area, whose surface waters would receive any discharge from new development, where the overlay districts are proposed. Moreover, any development within these areas shall be subject to the City's review and approval process, which ensures that any development is connected to or served by existing storm drain infrastructure.

Pasadena's runoff is discharged via Los Angeles County Flood Control Channels into the San Pedro Bay.

d. *Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?*

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WHY? Existing physical conditions in the area will generally remain the same as a result of the proposal. The subject area is not located near any significant body of water. However, the impermeable surface of the area may increase as additional developments occur in the future. The net increase in future developments, however, is not significant compared to the existing intensity of development. Furthermore, the City's review and approval process includes provisions that ensure development projects connect to approved public storm drain channels, catch basins and eventually to the San Pedro Bay via Los Angeles County Flood Control channels.

e. *Changes in currents, or the course of direction of water movements?*

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WHY? The subject area is not located near any significant body of fresh or marine water. The proposed overlay districts do not affect land use or permitted density of development. New development will not differ significantly from existing development and will not have any potential to change the currents or the course of direction of water movements.

In addition, according to the Dam Failure Inundation Map of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the City's adopted General Plan, the subject area is not located in a dam inundation area.

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f. *Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations or through substantial loss of groundwater recharge capacity?*

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WHY? The proposed overlay districts do not affect the coverage or permitted density of development in the subject areas. Pasadena’s water table is 200 to 400 feet below the level of the ground, which means that it will not likely be affected. The existing physical conditions in the area, however, will remain the same, and as a result will not change the quantity of ground waters.

g. *Altered direction or rate or flow of ground waters?*

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WHY? Existing physical conditions within the subject areas will generally remain the same as a result of the proposal, and will not impact the ground water flow or rate since Pasadena’s water table is 200 to 400 feet below the level of the ground. Further, except in the area of the Arroyo Seco and parts of Eaton Canyon, the ground is moderately dense, and not easily penetrated by substances. The subject areas are not in, or near, either of these areas.

h. *Impacts to ground water quality?*

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WHY? See 4.g.

i. *Substantial reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies?*

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WHY? The proposed overlay district will not affect the number of units that are permitted in the subject area. Future developments in the subject area shall be of the same land use (residential) and intensity (Medium-Low Density Residential) as the predominant existing developments. The water supply needs of future dwelling units shall be provided by the City’s Water and Power Department, which requires that developments comply with the Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance. This ordinance mandates that projects shall consume only 80 per cent of projected consumption rate.

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It is anticipated that future developments will not cause a substantial reduction in the amount of groundwater, nor will it directly contribute to withdrawals from, or a reduction in, the amount of groundwater available for public water supplies.

Moreover, the adopted 2004 Land Use Element, Policy 9.5 **Stewardship of Natural Environment** requires water conservation through encouragement of native, water conserving and regionally appropriate landscaping. New landscaping on future development must implement these concepts and illustrate them on landscaping plans prior to issuance of a building permit.

5. AIR QUALITY. Would the proposal:

a. Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect the density that is permitted in the subject areas. No new construction is proposed as part of the zoning map amendment, and the reduction of permitted height will not lead to violations of any air quality standards. Air emissions due to potential future construction of additional dwelling units in the subject area are expected to be intermittent and temporary, such that no long-term change in air quality could be expected.

Due to its geographical location and the prevailing off shore daytime winds, Pasadena receives smog from downtown Los Angeles. The prevailing winds are from the southwest and carry smog from central Los Angeles, to the San Fernando Valley and to Pasadena in the San Gabriel Valley where it is trapped against the foothills. For these reasons the potential for adverse air quality in Pasadena is high.

Pasadena is located in a non-attainment area, an area that frequently exceeds national ambient air quality standards. However, the proposed project does not meet the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) land use threshold for significant air emissions, according to the 1993 updated SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook.

b. Expose sensitive receptors to pollutants?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not change the prevailing existing land use or intensity (Medium-High Residential) in the subject areas. According to Figure 5-1 and Table 5-1 of the 1993 updated SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook

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the project is located near sensitive receptors, however a zoning map amendment will not generate any significant toxic air emissions.

c. *Alter air movement, moisture, or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?*

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WHY? The height limit overlay district is proposed near areas of similar uses (Medium-High density residential and single-family residential), where the potential future structures should be of a similar size as the existing ones. No new construction is proposed as [art pf the zoning map amendment. Therefore, the proposed zone change will not cause an alteration of air movement, moisture, temperature or any change in climate.

Further, potential future development projects shall conform to the height and setback requirements of the proposed zoning map amendment. One-to two-story structures intended for residential use are not likely to create any wind tunnel effects or contain sufficient reflective surfaces to raise the air temperature.

d. *Create objectionable odors?*

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WHY? The proposed overlay district will retain the residential character of the subject area, at lower heights than that currently permitted. Medium-High Density Residential is a type of use that is not included in the 1993 updated SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook Figure 5-5 "Land Uses Associated with Odor Complaints".

6. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION. Will the proposal result in:

a. *Increased vehicle trips or traffic congestion?*

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect permitted density in the subject areas. No new construction is proposed as part of the zoning map amendment.

b. *Hazards to safety from design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?*

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect the density of development that is permitted in the subject area. There are no specific development proposals at this time that will be subject to the proposed overlay district. Future development projects are subject to the City's review and approval process, which will ensure that any proposed residential development will comply with development standards set forth in the zoning code and the Uniform Building Code that ensure compatibility with the surrounding area both in terms of design and safety features. Various City regulations that address the development site as well as the public right-of-way are enforced both during and after construction time. Therefore, no new hazards will be introduced to the area.

c. Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?

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WHY? The ingress and egress for all future potential developments in the subject area shall be evaluated by the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department during the review and approval process, prior to issuance of any building permits. Any development plan must provide adequate emergency access or access to nearby uses. The project must comply with all Building, Fire and Safety Codes and plans are subject to review and approval by the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department, Building Division, and Fire Department.

d. Insufficient parking capacity on-site or off-site?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay districts will not affect the density of development that is permitted in the subject areas. The Zoning Code requires a minimum of two (2) off-street covered parking spaces per dwelling unit, unless the unit is less than 550 square feet in area. Any future proposal to construct dwelling units must provide this minimum number of parking spaces prior to issuance of building permit to minimize impact on parking in the neighborhood.

e. Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicycles?

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WHY? The proposed overlay district does not affect the density of development that is permitted in the subject area. There is no construction proposed as part of this zoning map amendment. Any new construction will be required to meet all department requirements prior to the issuance of building permits.

f. Conflicts with adopted policies supporting transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect the permitted density or land uses in the subject areas. No new construction is proposed as part of the zoning map amendment.

g. Rail, waterborne or air traffic impacts?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect the permitted density of residential development in the subject areas or the number of trips that may result from new development there. The Gold Line light rail provides service available to commuters going to and from the subject area.

7. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the proposal result in impacts to:

a. Endangered, threatened or rare species or their habitats (including but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals, and birds)?

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WHY? The subject area is located in a developed urban area. There are no known unique, rare or endangered plant or animal species or habitats in or near the areas. No new construction is proposed as part of the zoning map amendment.

b. Locally designated species (e.g., heritage trees)?

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WHY? There are no specific proposed development projects that will be subject the height overlay district. The subject area may contain some locally designated species of trees, native trees or individual trees considered important to Pasadena. However,

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whenever a future potential development project is proposed, the applicant or developer shall be required to comply with the City Trees and Tree Protection Ordinance (Ordinance 6896, adopted May 6, 2002). Among other requirements, a development proponent is required to submit landscape plans to the Zoning Administrator and the Parks and Forestry Supervisor of the Public Works and Transportation Department for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit for the new development. See also 3.i. and 7.a.

c. Locally designated natural communities (e.g., oak forest, coastal habitat)?

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WHY? The Final Environmental Impact Report for the 1994 Land Use and Mobility Elements maps the natural communities within the City's boundaries. The subject areas are not located near any of these communities.

The subject areas are located in a developed urban area. There are no known existing plant communities on or near the subject site.

d. Wetland habitat (e.g. marsh, riparian and vernal)?

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WHY? The subject area is located in a developed urban area. There is no known naturally occurring wetland habitat on or near the subject site.

e. Wildlife dispersal or migration corridors?

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WHY? The subject area is located in a developed urban area, and the proposal does not involve the dispersal of wildlife nor will it result in a barrier to wildlife migration or movement. See also response d. above.

8. ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the proposal:

a. Conflict with adopted energy conservation plans?

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WHY? The height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor conflict with the 1983 adopted Energy Element of the General Plan. Potential development in the future will comply with the energy standards in the California Energy Code, Part 6 of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24). Measures to meet these performance standards may include high efficiency Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and hot water storage tank equipment, lighting conservation features, higher-than-required rated insulation and double glazed windows.

b. Use non-renewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner?

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WHY?

Electrical energy consumption:

The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities and will not create a demand for energy that requires development of new energy sources. Any additional resources used for future development will not cause a significant reduction in available supplies.

Energy supplies are available from existing mains, lines and substations in the area. Consumption will be lessened by adherence to the performance standards of California Energy Code, Part 6 of the California Building Standards Code Title 24.

Any potential increase in consumption that results from development in the study areas will be reduced to an insignificant level by meeting the above referenced energy standards. Measures to meet these performance standards may include high efficiency Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and hot water storage tank equipment, lighting conservation features, higher than required rated insulation and double glazed windows. The energy conservation measures will be prepared by the developer and shown on building plans. This plan will be submitted to the Water and Power Department and Building Official for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. Installation of energy saving features will be inspected by a City Inspector prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Water consumption:

Any potential increased water consumption from new development in the study area will be mitigated during drought periods by the future applicants adhering to the Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance, which restricts water consumption to 90% of expected consumption during each billing period. The city's Water and Power Department strongly encourages commercial and residential water customers to practice and adhere to water conservation measures through continuous public education and outreach, using a bi-monthly free publication, *In-Focus*, and other intermittent water-conservation projects.

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c. *Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State?*

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WHY? The Final Environmental Impact Report for the 1994 Land Use and Mobility Elements of the City's General Plan state that there are two areas in Pasadena that may contain mineral resources of sand, gravel and stone - Eaton Wash and Devils Gate Reservoir. The subject site is located outside and not near these areas.

9. HAZARDS. Would the proposal involve:

a. *A risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substance (including but not limited to: oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation)?*

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WHY? The height limit overlay district limits the height of development in a multifamily residential neighborhood. Any future development proposals must adhere to applicable zoning and fire regulations regarding the use and storage of any hazardous substances. Further, there is no evidence that any parcel in the subject area has been used for underground storage of hazardous materials.

b. *Possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?*

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect the permitted densities nor circulation patterns. The subject area is located within an urban area and will not change the logistical needs of the area. To ensure compliance with zoning, building and fire codes, each applicant is required to submit appropriate plans for plan review prior to the issuance of a building permit. Adherence to these requirements ensures that the project will not have a significant impact on emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plans.

The City of Pasadena maintains a citywide emergency response plan, which goes into effect at the onset of a major disaster (e.g., a major earthquake). The Fire Marshall maintains the disaster plan. In case of a disaster, the Fire Marshall is responsible for

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implementing the plan, and the Pasadena Police Department devises evacuation routes based on the specific circumstance of the emergency.

The City has pre-planned evacuation routes for dam inundation areas associated with Devil's Gate Dam, Eaton Wash, and the Jones Reservoir. The subject areas are not within any of these dam inundation areas. The City is located in Flood Zone D, Community Map #0650050, September 1984 as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). There are no areas in the City designated as eligible for flood insurance by FEMA.

c. The creation of any health or potential health hazard?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor potential health hazards. The land uses allowed under the proposed zoning overlay district does not differ from those currently permitted nor are they uses known to create significant health hazards. Further, the project plans of future development projects must comply with existing Building, Health and Fire Safety Codes. The occupation and use of such proposed projects are not significant threat to public health. Any development proposal requires the review and approval of City departments to ensure compliance with the zoning code, the Uniform Building Code, and other city regulations.

d. Exposure of people to existing sources of potential health hazards?

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WHY? There are no known underground storage tanks, standing ponds of still water or infestations of disease carrying vectors such as rats on the subject area. Any future specific development projects must comply with various City regulations and development standards to prevent exposure of people to sources of potential health hazards, if any is identified at that time.

e. Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees?

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WHY? The Wildfire Hazard Map of the 2002 adopted Safety Element of the City's General Plan shows the subject area is located in a low fire hazard area. Project plans of future specific development proposals must be reviewed and approved by both the Building Division and the Fire Department prior to any permits being issued.

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10. NOISE. Will the proposal result in:

a. Increases in existing noise levels?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect permitted densities nor lead to an increase in ambient noise. No new construction is proposed as part of this zoning map amendment. Noise generated by future construction activities within the subject areas may have a short-term impact and noise from air conditioning and heating systems may increase the existing level of ambient noise after construction. However, significant long-term impacts are not anticipated. Future development projects 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).

The impact from construction noise will be short-term and limited to normal working hours (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. on Saturday in or within 500 feet of a residential area in accordance with City regulations. Also, each project contractor is required to coordinate with the Public Works Department regarding all construction-related traffic, parking and staging area to ensure that truck routes for transportation of materials and equipment are established with consideration for sensitive uses in the neighborhood.

Any future development projects must comply with the City's Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.36 of the Pasadena Municipal Code) and the California Sound Transmission Control Standards (CAC, Title 24, building Standards, Chapter 2-35).

b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?

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WHY? See 10.a. above.

11. PUBLIC SERVICES. Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:

a. Fire Protection?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect permitted densities nor have an effect on governmental services. Furthermore, the City of Pasadena Fire

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Department is a member of the Verdugo Fire Communications System, a nine-member collaborative organization that provides mutual assistance to each member. The nine neighboring members are: Arcadia, Burbank, Glendale, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena. Membership in the Verdugo System facilitates each member's ability to respond to any member jurisdiction to call for assistance and to extend assistance to the other members.

b. Police Protection?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect permitted densities nor encourage development that would tend to increase the need for polices protection.

c. Schools?

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WHY? A school development impact fee of \$2.24 per square foot is collected on residential construction of project exceeding 500 square feet. This fee helps for the cost of accommodating new children enrolling in the school district as a result of residential development. Public facilities, public schools and churches are exempt from this fee.

The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted density in the subject area.

e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities in the subject area. Future development in the area may result in additional maintenance of public facilities. However, the projected revenue to the City in terms of impact fees, increased property taxes (and additional sales tax), and development fees will help reduce such impact to a level that is not significant.

f. Other governmental services?

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WHY? City services in processing discretionary reviews and building permits for future potential development projects will be paid for by the fees collected for these services. Fees collected for these services will reduce any potential impact on other governmental services.

12. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Will the proposal result in a need for new systems or supplies, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:

a. Power or natural gas?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the need for utility and service systems. The subject area is located in a developed urban area where power and natural gas supply lines are in place. Any future development projects in the areas will not result in a need for new systems or in substantial alteration to the existing systems. Further, the Power Division of the Pasadena Water and Power Department will review each proposed development project and will determine if it can serve a project using existing electrical distribution system. However, on-site improvements may be necessary to access this public utility. Each applicant will pay for these improvements. Possible increased consumption of power and gas due to future projects will be reduced by meeting the energy standards in the California Energy Code, Part 6 of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24), and by participating in City-wide energy conservation programs administered by the Water and Power Department.

b. Communications Systems?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the need for communication systems. The subject areas are located in a developed urban area where communication systems are in place, such that future development projects will not result in a need for new systems or in substantial alterations to the existing systems.

c. Local or regional water treatment or distribution facilities?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the need for water treatment or distribution facilities. Any proposed development project in the future will not affect any of the groundwater recharge spreading grounds, wells or distribution facilities of the Water Division of the City's Water and Power Department. See 3i.

d. Sewer or septic tanks?

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The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted density nor the demand for sewer or septic tanks. The subject areas are located in a developed urban area where a sewer system is already in place. Any new development in the subject area will be reviewed by the Public Works Department to determine whether it can be connected to the City's sewer system.

e. Storm water drainage?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor lot coverage in the subject areas. The subject areas are located in a developed urban area where storm drainage is provided by existing streets, storm drains, flood control channels, and catch basins.

All potential future development projects must have on-site drainage plans approved by the Building Official and the Public Works and Transportation Department prior to the issuance of any building permits. Any on-site improvements needed to provide drainage or to connect the project with the existing City drainage system are the responsibility of the applicant, thus, will not result in the need for a new or substantial alteration to the existing drainage system.

f. Solid waste disposal?

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WHY? The height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the demand for solid waste disposal. The subject area is located in a developed urban area and is within the City's refuse collection area.

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Growth anticipated in the 2004 General Plan EIR indicated that an increase of approximately 24,394 tons per year of solid waste by the year 2015 for the entire City is considered an impact that is less than significant. The City has taken the appropriate steps to meet its obligations regarding solid waste plan and policies. Since the City's growth projects are consistent with SCAG's regional forecasts, the City complies with the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan, which is also based on SCAG's regional growth forecasts.

Any potential development projects in the subject area will be reviewed to determine whether any upgrades or new systems are required. It is the applicant's responsibility to upgrade or install new systems.

g. Local or regional water supplies?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the demand on local or regional water supplies. Any potential development projects in the subject area will be required to comply with the City's Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance during periods of drought, thereby reducing monthly water consumption to 90 percent of the expected consumption for this type of land use. The impact will be reduced to a level that is not significant. Further, the Water Division of the Pasadena Water and Power Department will review all proposed development projects in the subject area, and will determine necessary improvements in the site to connect to existing service lines.

The project does not affect any of the local groundwater recharge spreading grounds. See also 4.i.

13. AESTHETICS. Will the proposal:

a. Affect a scenic vista or scenic highway?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will reduce potential height of new development to two stories, but no scenic vistas or views of scenic highways are affected. Future development projects in the subject area will not impact an Official State Scenic Highway, L.A. County Recommended Scenic Highway or unofficial City Designated Scenic corridor.

b. Have a demonstrable negative aesthetic effect?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will reduce the potential scale new development. Future development projects shall be subject to the height and mass limitations of the Zoning Code for the RM-32 zoning district, but with height limits reduced to two stories, and will be required to submit a landscape plan for review and approval by the Zoning Administrator prior to the issuance of any building permits. Height and direction of any outdoor lighting and the screening of mechanical equipment must conform to the Zoning Code requirements. Any proposed project will be reviewed to ensure it will not lead to any demonstrable negative aesthetic impact.

See also 13.a.

c. Create light or glare?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will reduce the potential height of new development and any light or glare association with greater heights. Future development projects will not result in a significant impact as each project will be required to comply with the Zoning Code standards that regulate glare and outdoor lighting. Exterior and interior lights and reflective building materials may be potential sources of light and glare. Use of reflective materials shall conform to the Zoning Code requirements.

14. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the proposal:

a. Disturb paleontological resources?

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WHY? There are no records of any significant paleontological resources in the City of Pasadena. Therefore, there are no known paleontological resources in the subject area. If any such sites are encountered during grading or construction of any future development project, all grading or construction efforts that would disturb these sites shall cease.

b. Disturb archaeological resources?

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WHY? There are no known prehistoric or historic archeological sites within the subject area. If any such sites are encountered during grading or construction of any future projects, all grading or construction efforts, which would disturb these sites shall cease. An archaeologist shall be notified and provisions for recording and excavating the site shall be made in compliance with Section 15064.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

There are no buildings (structures, natural features, works of art or similar objects) scheduled for demolition, relocation, removal or significant alteration within the subject area, which are of significant archaeological value to the City.

c. Affect historical resources?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will not affect existing structures but will limit the hight of new development to two stories. Any development projects in the future will be subject to the City’s review and approval process, which provides for the protection and preservation of any building with historic and/or architectural significance. The City imposes restrictions and provides guidelines to proposed new buildings, or renovation of existing buildings, in order to ensure that new structures respect the context and relate to the historic character of the neighborhood.

d. Does the proposal have potential to cause a physical change that would affect unique ethnic cultural values?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district will limit the height of new development to two stories but not will affect any existing structures Any development projects in the future are subject to the City’s review and approval process, which provides for the protection and preservation of building with historic and/or architectural significance. The City imposes restrictions and provides guidelines to proposed new buildings, or renovation of existing buildings, in order to ensure that new structures respect the context and relate to the historic character of the neighborhood.

The subject area, however, is located in a developed urban area where there is no known evidence that it would affect unique ethnic cultural values.

e. Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

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WHY? The subject area is located in a developed urban area where there is no known evidence of religious or sacred uses that the proposed zoning map amendment would restrict.

15. RECREATION. Will the proposal:

a. Increases the demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities nor the demand for parks or recreational facilities.

b. Affect existing recreational opportunities?

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WHY? Recreational opportunities in the vicinity of the subjects areas have already been established, and the proposed height limit overlay districts for residential development will not impact their quality or quantity.

16. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

a. Does the project have the potential to 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, reduce the number or restrict the range of a scarce or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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WHY? The subject area is located in a developed urban area. There are no known unique, rare, or endangered plant or animal species or habitats on or near the areas. There are no records of any significant paleontological resources in the City of Pasadena. There are no known prehistoric or historic archeological sites within the project boundary.

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The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities in the subject area. Any potential development in the study area will be evaluated on a per project basis and will be required to mitigate any impacts that have the potential to degrade the quality of environment or reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species, or reduce the number or restrict the range of a scarce or endangered plant or animal or eliminate major periods of California history or prehistory.

b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?

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WHY? The proposed height limit overlay district does not affect permitted densities in the subject area but limits the height of potential development. Any potential development projects in the subject areas, if approved, will be limited to two stories in height rather than the three stories now permitted on parcels that are 60 feet or greater in width. Thus, the long-term effect would be the reduction in height. There are requirements in the municipal code to minimize noise, traffic and other related impacts to a level of insignificance for future development projects. The proposed zone overlay district will not create any significant air quality or traffic impacts in the vicinity. There are no significant environmental impacts identified for biological resources or energy and mineral resources under this proposal.

c. 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).

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WHY? The proposal to adopt the overlay district in the South Lake study area does not affect permitted densities but simply limits height in the rear 40 percent of parcels that are 60 feet or greater in width. Any potential residential development shall be reviewed and approved by the City in accordance with various Zoning Code, Building Code and other applicable regulations, such that each site will be developed with the minimum impact on the environment and its surroundings. The long-term effect of the proposed height limit overlay districts will be to reduce the potential overall height of residential development in the subject areas. New construction will be required to complement the existing physical conditions of those areas. In conjunction with past, current, or future potential projects, the proposed height limit overlay district would not have cumulatively considerable impacts.

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d. *Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?*

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WHY? The proposal will not have a significant effect on geological resources, water, flooding, hazards, public services and utilities and service systems. The proposal will not use or change the use of significant amounts of services.

17. EARLIER ANALYSES.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case a discussion should identify the following sheets:

a. Earlier analyses used. Identify earlier analyses and state where they are available for review.

On April 18 and May 16, 1994, the City of Pasadena adopted its Revised General Plan's Mobility and Land Use Elements, respectively. A Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was likewise adopted (SCH#93121066). This program EIR focused its analysis on Land Use; Population, Employment and Housing; Transportation and Circulation; Geology; Hydrology and Water Quality; Air Quality; Noise; Biological Resources; Utilities; Public Services; Aesthetic/Visual Impacts; and Cultural Resources. For all these impacts, the EIR identified mitigation measures that would reduce the potential impact to insignificant levels. A copy of the Final Program EIR is available for review at the office of Planning Division, located at 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109. Interested parties may call this office at (626) 744-4009.

In addition, On November 8, 2004, the City of Pasadena adopted its Revised General Plan Land Use Element. A Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was likewise adopted. This program EIR focused its analysis on Land Use and Planning; Transportation and Traffic; Population and Housing; Noise; Air Quality; Aesthetics; Cultural Resources; Geology/Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology; Public Services/Recreation; and Utilities and Service Systems. For all the impacts, the EIR identified mitigation measures that would reduce the potential impact to insignificant levels. A copy of the Final Program EIR is available for review at the office of Planning Division, located at 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109. Interested parties may call this office at (626) 744-4009.

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- b. Impacts adequately addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed by a document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on analysis.

The proposal to adopt the height limit overlay district in the South Lake study area has been reviewed for consistency with the policy, goals, and objectives of the General Plan. The policy statements are contained in the 2004 Land Use Element of the City's General Plan, a document that was adopted in conjunction with the Program EIR that analyzed and identified potential impacts on various items in the checklist list above. The proposed overlay district creates no potential significant impacts requiring mitigation.

- c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated" describe the mitigation measures incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

Since the proposed height limit overlay district has been determined not to have a significant impact on any of the environmental items in the checklist, there is no need for any mitigation measures.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

ATTACHMENT C



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING**

Project Title / Location (include county)

Zoning Map Amendment to adopt a Height Limit (HL-1) Overlay District within the RM-32 Multi-family Residential District fronting on the west side of South Lake Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Oakwood Place, i.e., the South Lake Zoning Study Area, City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles, California.

Project Description

The proposed HL-1 Overlay District would limit RM-32 multifamily development projects within the Overlay District to heights of 23 feet to the top plate and 32 feet to the highest ridgeline in the rear 40 percent of a site, on parcels that are 60 feet in width or greater. It would amend the Zoning Map for the parcels zoned RM-32 Multifamily in the block bounded by California Boulevard, South Lake Avenue, Oakwood Place, and South Hudson Avenue.

There are nine parcels within the area that are zoned, in whole or in part, RM-32. The HL-1 Height Limit Overlay District would affect these nine parcels

Findings of Exemption (attach as necessary)

A finding of no significant impact based upon the Initial Environmental Study has been made by staff. The zoning map amendment and potential developments in the future are in a developed area of the city of Pasadena where there are no remaining fish and/or wildlife habitats. A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the zoning map amendment.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that 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: Zoning Administrator
Lead Agency: City of Pasadena
Planning and Development
Date: March 25, 2005