

WHY? By reducing the zoning from higher densities to lower densities exposure of sensitive receptors to pollution will not increase. In fact, by reducing the allowed density the exposure to sensitive receptors will likely decrease as compared to what is allowed under the current zoning. Furthermore, any new projects must comply with the Federal Clean Air Act, the California Clean Air Act and the regional Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) adopted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Southern California Association of Governments. The AQMP contains measures to meet federal and state requirements. The City of Pasadena is also part of the West San Gabriel Valley Planning Council, which adopted the West San Gabriel Valley Air Quality Plan. Any project proposed next to a sensitive receptor is required to undergo its own environmental review.

e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? ()

WHY? The types of uses allowed by the proposed zoning are not shown on the 1993 updated SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook Figure 5-5 "Land Uses Associated with Odor Complaints."

6. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a. 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 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ()

WHY? The project applies to properties in a developed urban area. There are no known unique, rare or endangered plant or animal species or habitats on or near the area that the zone change/general plan amendment would apply. Further, there is no construction proposed under the proposal.

b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ()

WHY? There are no designated natural communities, however, the Final Environmental Impact Report for the adopted 2004 Land Use and Mobility Elements maps the natural communities within the City's boundaries. The project is not located near any of these communities. The project is located in a developed urban area.

c. Have a substantial adverse effect of 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? ()

WHY? The project is located in a developed urban area. There is no known naturally occurring wetland habitat within the vicinity of the proposed project area

d. *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?* ()

WHY? The project is located in a developed urban area and does not involve the dispersal of wildlife nor will it result in a barrier to migration or movement.

e. *Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?* ()

WHY? In a study area of this size, there likely are trees that would require protection under the City's tree protection ordinance (no. 6896). Projects built under the new zoning will continue to be required to comply with this ordinance. Furthermore, changing the zoning designation to reduce the maximum density will not remove any protected trees or change the City's tree protection ordinance. Tree removal applications are not a part of this project application. The project is not in the Hillside Development Overlay District or the Lower Arroyo.

f. *Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?* ()

WHY? There are no adopted Habitat Conservation or Natural Community Conservation Plans within the City of Pasadena. There are also no approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plans.

7. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a. *Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?* ()

WHY? Within the study area there are a number of properties that are within a Landmark District and one house designed by Greene and Greene. Additionally, the study area is flanked on the west and the east by two Landmark Districts – one on the National Register and one locally designated. The zone change and general plan amendment will not by itself directly cause a substantial adverse change. By changing the zoning designation to one that establishes a lower density, it may aid in preserving historic and potentially historic buildings. Development under the new zoning would be more compatible with the surrounding historic neighborhoods and structures. The change in zoning and general plan designation will require greater setbacks thereby respecting neighboring historic buildings. Furthermore, any specific projects built under the new zoning would require CEQA review for this issue. The demolition (relocation, removal or significant alteration) of an historic building (structures, natural features, works of art or similar objects) is

subject to review prior to issuance of a building permit by the City. Therefore the proposed re-zone and general plan amendment will not result in any significant impacts to the adjacent landmark districts or any historic properties.

b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? ()

WHY? There are no known prehistoric or historic archeological sites in the project area. This change in zoning and general plan designation will not directly result in any change to archaeological resources. However, any project submitted under the new zoning will continue to be subject to all City requirements and CEQA review.

c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? ()

WHY? There are no records of any significant paleontological resources in the City of Pasadena. Therefore, there are no known paleontological resources affected by the project.

d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal ceremonies? ()

WHY? There are no known human remains in the project area. The project – changing the zoning and the general plan designation – does not call for any soil or human remains to be disturbed. However, any projects submitted under the new zoning and general plan designation would be subject to their own CEQA review and the laws of the State of California. City policy is to call the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office if a corpse is found at a project site. (If the remains are determined to be Native American, the Gabrieleño/Tongva Tribal Council should be contacted at (626) 286-1632 or by e-mail at <http://www.tongva.com/>. For human remains other than Native American, there is a general prohibition in the California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 prohibiting human remains from being buried outside a dedicated cemetery.)

8. **ENERGY.** Would the proposal:

a. Conflict with adopted energy conservation plans? ()

WHY? The project does not conflict with the 1983 adopted Energy Element of the General Plan. The proposed project reduces the potential intensity of development by changing the zoning. This reduction in density will reduce the number of people relying on energy resources. Further, any future projects constructed under the zoning proposed by this zone change must 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? ()

Why? The project does not conflict with the 1983 adopted Energy Element of the General Plan. The proposed project reduces the potential intensity of development by changing the zoning. This reduction in potential density will reduce the number of people relying on energy resources.

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 only change this project will create in regard to geological safety is to reduce the number of units and therefore reduce the number of people who may be subject to the effects of an earthquake. The potential already existed under the current zoning for people and property to be exposed to the hazards of seismic activity in most of California. This project will not increase the potential occurrence of earthquakes. The risk of earthquake damage is minimized because the new structures that may be proposed under the proposed zone change and general plan amendment shall be built according to the Uniform Building Code and other applicable codes, and are subject to inspection during construction. Structures for human habitation must be designed to meet or exceed California Uniform Building Code standards for Seismic Zone 4.

ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? ()

WHY? An "inferred, concealed fault" runs in an east-west direction through the northern portion of the study area, just north of Claremont Street. This area is a "fault management hazard zone". The change in zoning and general plan designation will not increase the risk of loss, injury, or death due to ground shaking beyond that of the existing zoning.. The reduction in zoning may actually reduce the number units and thus people who will be affected by strong seismic ground shaking.

iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction as delineated on the most recent Seismic Hazards Zones Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of known areas of liquefaction? ()

WHY? The change in zoning and general plan designation will not increase the risk of loss, injury, or death due to seismic-related ground failure anymore than the existing zoning.. The reduction in zoning density may actually reduce the number of units and thus people who will be affected by seismic-related ground failure.

iv. Landslides as delineated on the most recent Seismic Hazards Zones Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of known areas of landslides? ()

WHY? According to Plate P-1 of the Cities Safety Element of the General Plan (as based on the State's Seismic Hazard Zone Maps), the project site is not in a Landside Hazard Zone. According to the Slope Instability Map (Plate 2-4 of the Technical Background Report of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the General Plan) the project is not in an area of slope instability. According to these same sources there is no known historic evidence of landslides within the boundaries of the project site or at adjacent properties. For any future development with the project area, existing City regulations will control any slope instability; therefore there will be no impact. In addition the Seismic Hazard map does not show this project to be located in an area where there is geologic evidence of past landslides.

b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and land use designation does not involve any new construction and will not increase the loss of topsoil or increase soil erosion.. Especially for those areas where RM-12 zoning is proposed, the amount of excavation and loss of topsoil will be reduced in comparison to the existing zoning. Projects in RM-12 zoned areas are limited to a maximum of two units per lot, thus they do not normally require as much excavation as RM-16 or RM-32 projects which often involve semi-subterranean garages. For future projects built under the proposed zoning, water erosion during construction will be minimized by limiting construction to dry weather, covering exposed excavated dirt during periods of rain and protecting excavated areas from flooding with temporary berms. Soil erosion after construction will be controlled by implementation of an approved landscape and irrigation plan. These plans are required to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator (or Design Review Commission staff) for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.

c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? ()

WHY? The City of Pasadena rests primarily on an alluvial plain. To the north, the San Gabriel Mountains are relatively new in geological time. These mountains run generally east-west and have the San Andreas Fault on the north and the Sierra Madre Fault to the south. The action of these two faults in conjunction with the north south compression of the San Andreas tectonic plate is pushing up the San Gabriel Mountains. This uplifting combined with erosion has helped form the alluvial plain. The zone change and general plan amendment will not have an affect on soil stability or create any of the above hazards. Projects built under the new zoning regulations may require a geological study to determine if the soil is stable enough to support the planned project without being graded and the soil compacted to specified standards per applicable codes. All future projects submitted under the proposed zoning are required to comply with CEQA and all other local regulations.

d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? ()

WHY? According to the 2002 adopted Safety Element of the City's General Plan the project site is underlain by alluvial material from the San Gabriel Mountains. This soil consists primarily of sand and gravel and is in the low to moderate range for expansion potential.

- e. *Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?* ()

WHY? The City of Pasadena allows septic tanks to be used for only specified areas in the hillsides per regulations found in Ordinances 3881 and 4170 and codified in Pasadena Municipal Code. The proposed project is not in any of these specified areas. New construction must be hooked up to a sewer if it is available. If the sewer is at a higher elevation than the project, the sewage is to be pumped up to the sewer.

10. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:

- a. *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?* ()

WHY? Changing the zoning within the project area from one type of residential zoning to a less dense residential zoning will not cause a significant hazard to the public or the environment. The project area has been and continues to be a residential area. Furthermore any new projects proposed under the new zoning and land use designation must comply with the applicable residential zoning requirements, which do not allow for uses or storage of hazardous substances other than the small amounts of pesticides, fertilizers and cleaning agents required for normal maintenance of residential structures and landscaping. Any future projects must adhere to applicable zoning and fire regulations regarding the use and storage of any hazardous substances. Further there is no evidence that the project area has been used for underground storage of hazardous materials.

- b. *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?* ()

WHY? Changing the zoning within the project area from one type of residential zoning to a less dense residential zoning will not cause a significant hazard to the public or the environment. The project area has been and continues to be a residential area. Furthermore any new projects proposed under the proposed zoning and land use designation must comply with residential zoning requirements, which do not allow for uses that have hazardous materials. Therefore there is no significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions, which could release hazardous material.

- c. *Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?* ()

WHY? Madison School is less than .25 miles from the southeast portion of the project area. None of the uses allowed under the current or the proposed zoning and general plan designation will emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substance, or waste.

d. *Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?* ()

WHY? Changing the zoning within the project area from one type of residential zoning to a less dense residential zoning will not cause a significant hazard to the public or the environment. The project area has been and continues to be a residential area.

e. *For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?* ()

WHY? The project site is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

f. *For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?* ()

WHY? The project site is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

g. *Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?* ()

WHY? The project is located within an urban area.. Adherence to building, zoning, and fire codes will ensure that future projects proposed under the new zoning designation will not have a significant impact on emergency response and 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 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. According to the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the General Plan, the project area is not within any of these dam inundation areas.

There are no areas in the City designated as eligible for flood insurance by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? ()

WHY? According to the 2002 adopted Safety Element as shown on Plate 4-2, Wildfire Hazard Map, the project site is in an area of low fire hazard.

11. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? ()

WHY? The project will not by itself violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. The act of changing the zoning will have no affect on the water quality. Any future projects based on the proposed zoning must comply with federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) National Pollution Disposal Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements and the City's Storm Water and Urban Runoff Control Regulations.

There are no bodies of water near the project, whose surface waters would receive any discharge from the project. However, if there is water runoff from the future development sites, this runoff may be discharged via Los Angeles County Flood Control Channels into the San Pedro Bay.

The project is not located near any significant body of fresh or marine water.

b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? ()

WHY? By changing the zoning and the land use designation in this area from a higher density to a lower density residential zone, less groundwater will be used. Additionally, by changing the zoning from RM-16 to RM-12 there will be more natural soil and less lot coverage. This will allow for more water to percolate back into the soil as compared to the current zoning designation..

Future projects will use the existing water supply system provided by the Pasadena Department of Water and Power and the existing sewer provided by the Public Works Department. Therefore, there will be no direct additions or withdrawals from the ground waters.

During drought conditions, future projects will need to comply with the Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance (Chapter 13 of the Pasadena Municipal Code) the project shall only consume 90% of expected consumption. To ensure compliance with this ordinance, the applicant shall submit a water conservation plan limiting the project's water consumption to 90% of expected consumption. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the City's Water and Power Department and the Building Division prior to the issuance

of a building permit. The applicant's irrigation and plumbing plans shall comply with the approved water conservation plan.

c. *Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site?* ()

WHY? By changing the zoning and the land use designation in the project area drainage patterns will not be changed, streams will not be altered, and erosion rates will not increase. How future projects will affect erosion, drainage, and stream courses will be reviewed at the time a specific development is proposed. For future projects, the drainage of surface water from the project will be controlled by building regulations and directed towards the City's existing streets, flood control channels, storm drains and catch basins. The applicant shall submit a site drainage plan for review and approval by the Building Division and the Public Works Department prior to the issuance of a building permit. Due to the existing building regulations and the submission, approval and implementation of a drainage plan there will be no significant impact from surface runoff.

According to the 2002 adopted Safety Element of the City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan, most properties in the City are not normally subject to flooding.

d. *Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site?* ()

WHY? The City of Pasadena contains two streams the Arroyo Seco and Eaton Creek, the project area is not located near either stream. Therefore the project will not alter the course of these streams or any ravines or gullies on the site.

e. *Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?* ()

WHY? The proposed project would most likely reduce the demand on the storm water drainage system as compared to what the existing zoning density allows. The project area is adequately served by existing stormwater drainage systems.

f. *Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?* ()

WHY? The project will not by itself degrade water quality. For future projects, runoff will be controlled during construction using required Best Management Practices. There are no known hazardous materials that would be disturbed during construction. Future projects will most likely connect to the existing water, sewer and storm drain systems. The environmental review of future projects proposed under the new zoning and land use designations will assess any impacts on groundwater quality.

g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or dam inundation area as shown in the City of Pasadena adopted Safety Element of the General Plan or other flood-or inundation-delineation-map? ()

WHY? According to the Dam Failure Inundation Map, Plate 3-1, of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the City's adopted General Plan, the project is not located in a dam inundation area.

h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows? ()

WHY? The entire City of Pasadena is in Zone D on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map Community Number 065050. In Zone D the City is not required to implement any flood plain management regulations.

i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? ()

WHY? According to the Dam Failure Inundation Map, Plate 3-1, of the adopted 2002 Safety Element of the City's adopted General Plan, the project 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. For future multi-family projects, an on-site drainage system will convey storm water runoff to designated flood control facilities.

j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? ()

WHY? The City of Pasadena is not located near enough to any inland bodies of water or the Pacific Ocean to be inundated by either a seiche or tsunami. For mudflow see responses to 9.

12. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:

a. Physically divide an existing community? ()

WHY? The project will not physically divide an existing community. The project does not include the construction of nor will allow the construction of any project that would physically divide the community. The project proposes to reduce residential density, which will have no dividing effect.

b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? ()

WHY? The land use map designates the southern portion of the study area as Medium-High Density Residential (0-32 dwelling units / acre) and the northern portion of the study area as Medium-Density Residential (0-16 dwelling units / acre). Given, the General Plan provides for a range of densities, it can be inferred that the General Plan goals and policies could be met at a range of densities, not solely at maximum build out.

This project calls for zoning that reduces the density to ranges allowed in the General Plan Land Use Diagram; maintains the permitted types of uses called for in the Land Use Diagram; implements policies in the General Plan that seek preservation of Pasadena's character, scale, and residential neighborhoods; and allows for continued housing growth.

The proposed re-zoning and general plan amendment would allow for a balanced implementation of the General Plan goals. Specifically, this zone change and general plan amendment helps implement objectives one, five, and seven. These objectives seek to support the preservation of Pasadena's character, scale, and residential neighborhoods

While the zone change is in compliance with the land use plan, policies and regulations the project includes a general plan amendment. The General Plan Land Use Map, as described in the preceding paragraphs, allows for a broad range of densities. The proposal to revise the General Plan will assist in refining and narrowing the broad density range, and is necessary to establish consistency with the proposed zoning revisions

c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan (HCP) or natural community conservation plan (NCCP)? ()

WHY? There are no Habitat Conservation or Natural Community Conservation Plans in Pasadena.

13. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? ()

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the adopted 2004 Land Use and Mobility Elements of the City's General Plan states that there are two areas in Pasadena, which may contain mineral resources of sand, gravel and stone Eaton Wash, and Devils Gate Reservoir. The project is not near these areas.

b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? ()

WHY? There are no locally important mineral-resource recovery sites delineated by the City of Pasadena Land Use Element of the Comprehensive General Plan. The 1994 certified final EIR for this element states that there are two areas within Pasadena which contain aggregate for making Portland cement, one in the Arroyo Seco, the other in Eaton Canyon. These areas are zoned for Open Space uses and are not

currently being mined. There are no mineral-resource recovery sites shown in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan. The 1999 "Aggregate Resources in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" map published by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology shows no aggregate resources with the City of Pasadena.

14. NOISE. Will the project result in:

a. *Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?* ()

WHY? The project itself will not lead to a significant increase in ambient noise. By decreasing the intensity of new development there will most likely be less construction noise and less residential related noise (air conditioning systems, heating systems, etc.). Since less people will live in the area as compared to development under current zoning, less people will be affected by rising noise levels.

b. *Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?* ()

WHY? The project is not located near any light rail tracks or freeways.

c. *A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?* ()

WHY? See response to 14.a. The Noise Restrictions Ordinance (Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 9.36) sets the allowed ambient noise level. The project does not involve construction and will not increase ambient noise levels

d. *A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?* ()

WHY? The project will not cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels. The affected properties will be down zoned and will remain residential.

e. *For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?* ()

WHY? There are no airports or airport land use plans within the City of Pasadena. Pasadena is part of the Burbank, Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority, but the airport is in the City of Burbank.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? ()

WHY? The project is not within the vicinity of the Police Heliport or the Fire Camp in the Arroyo Seco.

15. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? ()

WHY? The project will reduce the number of units allowed in this area. Therefore it will not induce population growth.

b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? ()

WHY? This project does not call for the demolition of any buildings, neither directly or indirectly. Furthermore, the zoning code allows for the reconstruction of non-conforming buildings in the event of an involuntary destruction by a catastrophic event.

c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? ()

WHY? This project does not call for the removal or displacement of people. The balanced nature of the zone change and general plan amendment allows for continued housing growth on the majority of the lots within the project area.

16. PUBLIC SERVICES. Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a. Fire Protection? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of fire service.

b. Libraries? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of library service.

c. Parks? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of park and recreational service.

d. Police Protection? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of police service.

e. Schools? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of educational services.

f. Other public facilities? ()

WHY? Changing the zoning and the general plan designation so that the number of units per acre is reduced will not affect the provision of other public facilities.

17. RECREATION.

a. *Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?* ()

WHY? The current zoning allows for a greater number of units and potential residents that would be utilizing area parks. Therefore, implementation of the zone change and general plan amendment will likely decrease park use in comparison to the existing zoning.

b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? ()

WHY? The project contains no recreational facilities nor does it require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.

18. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

a. Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? ()

WHY? The proposed zone change and general plan amendment would lessen the number of new units built within the project area. By reducing the density of new development the number of new trips and traffic within the project area will be reduced in comparison to the number that would be created under the current zoning. Thus there is no negative impact.

b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? ()

WHY? The proposed zone change and general plan amendment would lessen the number of units built within the project area. By implementing the zone change and general plan amendment the level of service would be equal to or better than if the area were developed under the current zoning. Thus there is no negative impact.

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? The project site is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? ()

WHY? A change in the permitted density will not increase hazards or incompatible uses.

e. Result in inadequate emergency access? ()

WHY? The ingress and egress for sites will not change by reducing the permitted density in the project area.

f. *Result in inadequate parking capacity (vehicle or bicycle)?* ()

WHY? The parking capacity for sites will not change by reducing the permitted density in the project area. The Zoning Code currently establishes the minimum number of vehicle and bicycle parking spaces required. Future building projects must continue to comply with all City regulations.

g. *Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?* ()

WHY? The zone change and general plan amendment – which reduces the permitted density in the project area will have no effect on adopted policies, plans, or programs dealing with alternative transportation.

19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

a. *Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?* ()

WHY? The proposed zone change and general plan amendment would lessen the number of new units built within the project area. This will not directly affect wastewater. However, future individual projects will be reviewed for compliance with waste water treatment requirements.

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?* ()

WHY? The implementation of this new zoning pattern and general plan designation will not require or result in the construction of new, or expansion of existing, water or wastewater treatment facilities. However, any individual project built after the new zoning is in place will need to prepare its own environmental analysis. Furthermore the Final EIR for the current General Plan reviewed the affects of the existing zoning. The proposal is to reduce the zoning, thus the impact of water service and wastewater treatment will be reduced in comparison with the current zoning designations.

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?* ()

WHY? The project will not require the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. Any future projects would be infill in nature, located in a developed urban area, where storm drainage is provided by existing streets, storm drains, flood control channels, and catch basins.

d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ()

WHY? The Final EIR for the 2004 General Plan Update verified that water supply could meet demand if the City was built to the maximum allowed by the General Plan. By implementing this project, the number of allowable units in the project area will decline. Thus, the proposed zoning will have less of a demand on the water supply than the current zoning.

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? ()

WHY? See responses to 19 a. and b.

f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? ()

WHY? The Final EIR for the 2004 General Plan Update verified that landfill capacity could meet demand if the City was built to the maximum allowed by the General Plan. By implementing this project, the number of allowable units in the project area will decline. Thus, the proposed zoning will have less of a demand on landfill space than the current zoning.

g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? ()

WHY? The project's reduction in the allowable housing density will have no affect on the area's compliance with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

20. EARLEIR ANALYSIS.

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 18 at the end of the checklist.

a) Earlier Analysis Used. A copy of the Final Program EIR and the General Plan 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.

b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. The proposal is for a zone change and general plan amendment in the subject area from a higher density residential zone to a lower density residential zone, and a General Plan amendment from Medium-High Density Residential (0-32 unit per acre) and Medium

Density Residential (0-16 units per acre) to reflect the appropriate Medium Density Residential (0-16 units per acre) and Low-Medium Density Residential (2 units per lot).

The proposed zone change and General Plan amendment has been reviewed for consistency with the policy, goals, and objectives of the General Plan. The policy statements are contained in the Revised 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.

c) Mitigation Measures. Since the proposed zone change and General Plan amendment have 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.

21. 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 rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? ()*

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 site. 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. Besides the structures, there are no known natural features, works of art or similar objects in the subject area having a significant cultural value to the City.

The proposed Zone Change and General Plan amendment could result in the construction of additional units (however, at a lower density than what is currently permitted). These future projects will be subject to CEQA review, but given the location of the project area, they would not 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. The proposed zone change is located in a built urban environment.

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? ()*

WHY? The proposal to change the zoning designation and to amend the General Plan Land Use map does not involve any new construction. There is always the possibility that new development will occur in a given area, however the project proposes to reduce the maximum density permitted, resulting in less cumulative impacts from future development. (omitted).

c. *Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? ()*



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.

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INITIAL STUDY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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| 1 | Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, California Public Resources Code, revised January 1, 2004 official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999. |
| 2 | Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Maps- the official Los Angeles and Mt. Wilson, quadrant maps were released in 1977. |
| 3 | CEQA Air Quality Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, revised 1993 |
| 4 | East Pasadena Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, codified 2001 |
| 5 | Energy Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1983 |
| 6 | Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2002 |
| 7 | Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, certified 2004 |
| 8 | 2000-2005 Housing Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002. |
| 9 | Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 17.71 Ordinance #6868 |
| 10 | Land Use Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004 |
| 11 | Mobility Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004 |
| 12 | Noise Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002 |
| 13 | Noise Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 9.36 Ordinances # 5118, 6132, 6227, 6594 and 6854 |
| 14 | North Lake Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, Codified 1997 |
| 15 | Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide, "Growth Management Chapter," Southern California Association of Governments, June 1994 |
| 16 | Safety Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002 |
| 17 | Scenic Highways Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1975 |
| 18 | Seismic Hazard Maps, California Department of Conservation, official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999. The preliminary map for Condor Peak was released in 2002. |
| 19 | South Fair Oaks Specific Plan Overlay District Planning and Development, codified 1998 |
| 20 | State of California "Aggregate Resource in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" by David J. Beeby, Russell V. Miller, Robert L. Hill, and Robert E. Grunwald, Miscellaneous map no. .010, copyright 1999, California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology |
| 21 | Storm Water and Urban Runoff Control Regulations n Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.70 Ordinance #6837 |
| 22 | Transportation, Housing, and Child Care Survey: A Report Describing the Results and Findings of a Survey of Employees in the City of Pasadena, Child Care Planning Associates for the City of Pasadena, April 11, 1990 |
| 23 | Tree Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.52 Ordinance # 6896 |
| 24 | West Gateway Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2001 |
| 25 | Zoning Code, Chapter 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code |

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ATTACHMENT 5: GARFIELD HEIGHTS ZONING STUDY AREA



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

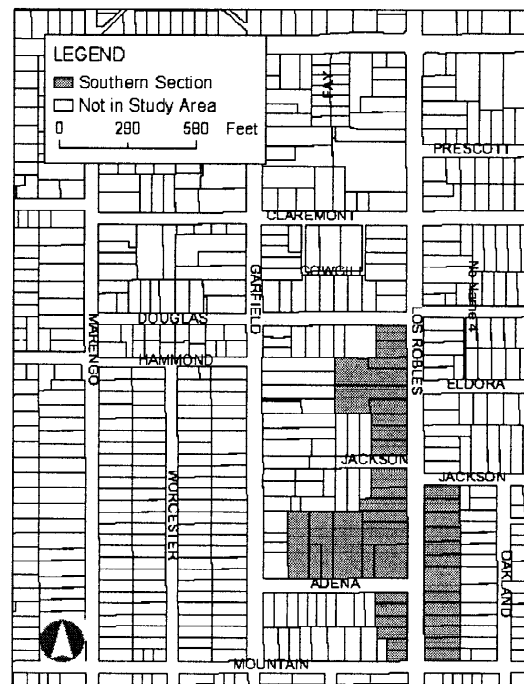
Project Title/Location: Garfield Heights Zone Change – South Section (Los Angeles County)

The Multi-Family Residential, City of Gardens RM-32 and Multi-Family Residential, City of Gardens RM-16 properties along N. Los Robles Ave. north of East Mountain Street and south of Douglas Street and Jackson Street. See the map below.

Project Applicant: City of Pasadena – Planning Division

Project Description: The project changed the zoning and General Plan Land Use. To the right is a diagram of the study area. The zoning for the study area changed from Multi-Family Residential, City of Gardens RM-32 to Multi-Family Residential, City of Gardens RM-16. The General Plan designation of Medium-High Density Residential was changed to Medium Density Residential.

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:

ATTACHMENT 6: GARFIELD HEIGHTS ZONING STUDY AREA



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Los Angeles County Clerk
Business Filing & Registration
12400 E Imperial Hwy Rm 1101
Norwalk, CA 90650
Attn: J. Bance Baker

From: City of Pasadena
Planning & Development Dept.
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101-1704
Attn: Scott Andrew Reimers

Contact: Scott Andrew Reimers
Phone: (626) 744-6710

SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with §21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):

None

Project Title:

Garfield Heights Zone Change – South Section

Project Location (include county):

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(Los Angeles County)

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This is to advise that the Lead Agency has approved the above described project on _____ (date approved) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Section 15091).

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Declaration, is available to the General Public at: The City of Pasadena Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Title

Date received for filing:

Date received for filing at OPR (if applicable):

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