

# Agenda Report

April 12, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Planning and Development Department

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR PROPOSED ACQUISITION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURPOSES OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 78 NORTH MARENGO AVENUE, AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 5723-026-028 AND 029.**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Notice of Exemption for the proposed acquisition for historic preservation purposes of the real property located at 78 North Marengo Avenue, and further identified as Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's Parcel Numbers 5723-026-028 and 029;
2. Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City is considering the acquisition of the real property located at 78 North Marengo Avenue ("Subject Real Property") for historic preservation purposes. The Subject Real Property is also commonly known as the former YWCA Building and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Subject Real Property has been vacant and unoccupied for at least the past twenty years, if not longer. The current owners have allowed the Subject Real Property to fall into a significant state of disrepair, thus placing this historically significant building at risk.

## **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed acquisition is consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies, as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The acquisition of the Subject Real Property is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15331 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation. The proposed acquisition is within the city limits on a site of 52,015 square feet. The Subject Real Property has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. Acquisition of the Subject Real Property for historic preservation purposes will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. Finally, the Subject Real Property can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared and attached for the City Council's review and consideration.

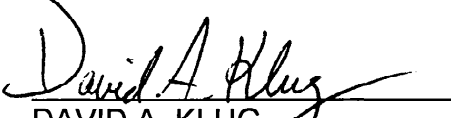
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The adoption of the Notice of Exemption has no fiscal impact.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachment:

Attachment A – Notice of Exemption



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  
Los Angeles County Clerk  
Business Filing & Registration  
12400 E Imperial Hwy Rm 1101  
Norwalk CA 90650

From:  
City of Pasadena  
Planning & Development Dept.  
175 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91109

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**Project Title:** Acquisition of the former YWCA Building

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**Project Address:** 78 N. Marengo Blvd.

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**Project City:** Pasadena **Project County:** Los Angeles

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**Project Description:** The City of Pasadena is seeking acquisition of the property located at 78 N. Marengo Blvd. via eminent domain for the purposes of historic preservation.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Pasadena

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**Project Contact Person:** David A. Klug

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**Exempt Status (Check one):**

- Ministerial (CEQA Sec. 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269)(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. California Admin. Code Title 14 Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15331
- Statutory Exemption California Admin. Code Title 14 Chapter 3 Section (insert #)
- General Rule California Admin. Code Title 14 Chapter 3 Sec. 15061 (b) (3)

**Reason why project is exempt:** The project is exempt per Section 15331, Historical Resource/Rehabilitation. This exemption applies to projects that restores, repairs, protects etc. historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards.

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**Lead Agency**

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