

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
**PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY</b> City of Los Angeles	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> 13
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> ENV-2010-1946-MND	<b>CASE NO.</b> CPC-2010-1945-HD-SPR
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<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> 1603-1619 N. Cherokee Avenue
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
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**NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY**  
Selma Community Housing, L.P. (Holly Benson) & Los Angeles Unified School District (c/o Sam Mistrano)  
701 E. 3rd Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

**FINDING:**  
The City Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles has Proposed that a mitigated negative declaration be adopted for this project because the mitigation measure(s) outlined on the attached page(s) will reduce any potential significant adverse effects to a level of insignificance  

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SEE ATTACHED SHEET(S) FOR ANY MITIGATION MEASURES IMPOSED.

Any written comments received during the public review period are attached together with the response of the Lead City Agency. The project decision-maker may adopt the mitigated negative declaration, amend it, or require preparation of an EIR. Any changes made should be supported by substantial evidence in the record and appropriate findings made.

THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT IS ATTACHED.

<b>NAME OF PERSON PREPARING THIS FORM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>
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**I-120. Aesthetics (Light)**

- Environmental impacts to the adjacent residential properties may result due to excessive illumination on the project site. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- Outdoor lighting shall be designed and installed with shielding, such that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties or the public right-of-way.

**III-10. Air Pollution (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)**

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- All unpaved demolition and construction areas shall be wetted at least twice daily during excavation and construction, and temporary dust covers shall be used to reduce dust emissions and meet SCAQMD District Rule 403. Wetting could reduce fugitive dust by as much as 50 percent.
- The construction area shall be kept sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind.
- All clearing, earth moving, or excavation activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds (i.e., greater than 15 mph), so as to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
- All dirt/soil loads shall be secured by trimming, watering or other appropriate means to prevent spillage and dust.
- All dirt/soil materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amount of dust.
- General contractors shall maintain and operate construction equipment so as to minimize exhaust emissions.
- Trucks having no current hauling activity shall not idle but be turned off.

**III-50. Air Pollution (Stationary)**

- Adverse impacts upon future occupants may result from the project implementation due to existing diminished ambient air pollution levels in the project vicinity. However, this impact can be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- An air filtration system shall be installed and maintained with filters meeting or exceeding the ASHRAE Standard 52.2 Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 11, to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety.

**IV-70. Tree Removal (Non-Protected Trees)**

- Environmental impacts from project implementation may result due to the loss of significant trees on the site. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- Prior to the issuance of any permit, a plot plan shall be prepared indicating the location, size, type, and general condition of all existing trees on the site and within the adjacent public right(s)-of-way.
- All significant (8-inch or greater trunk diameter, or cumulative trunk diameter if multi-trunked, as measured 54 inches above the ground) non-protected trees on the site proposed for removal shall be replaced at a 1:1 ratio with a minimum 24-inch box tree. Net, new trees, located within the parkway of the adjacent public right(s)-of-way, may be counted toward replacement tree requirements.
- Removal or planting of any tree in the public right-of-way requires approval of the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: 213-847-3077. All trees in the public right-of-way shall be provided per the current standards of the Urban Forestry Division the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services.

**V-20. Cultural Resources (Archaeological)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to discovery of unrecorded archaeological resources. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- If any archaeological materials are encountered during the course of project development, all further development activity shall halt and:
- The services of an archaeologist shall then be secured by contacting the South Central Coastal Information Center (657-278-5395) located at California State University Fullerton, or a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologist (SOPA) or a SOPA-qualified archaeologist, who shall assess the discovered material(s) and prepare a survey, study or report evaluating the impact.
- Project development activities may resume once copies of the archaeological survey, study or report are submitted to: SCCIC Department of Anthropology, McCarthy Hall 477, CSU Fullerton, 800 North State College Boulevard, Fullerton, CA 92834.
- Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the applicant shall submit a letter to the case file indicating what, if any, archaeological reports have been submitted, or a statement indicating that no material was discovered.
- A covenant and agreement binding the applicant to this condition shall be recorded prior to issuance of a grading permit.

**VI-10. Seismic**

- Environmental impacts to the safety of future occupants may result due to the project's location in an area of potential seismic activity. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The design and construction of the project shall conform to the California Building Code seismic standards as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

**VI-20. Erosion/Grading/Short-Term Construction Impacts**

- Short-term erosion impacts may result from the construction of the proposed project. However, these impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- The applicant shall provide a staked signage at the site with a minimum of 3-inch lettering containing contact information for the Senior Street Use Inspector (Department of Public Works), the Senior Grading Inspector (LADBS) and the hauling or general contractor.
- Chapter IX, Division 70 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code addresses grading, excavations, and fills. All grading activities require grading permits from the Department of Building and Safety. Additional provisions are required for grading activities within Hillside areas. The application of BMPs includes but is not limited to the following mitigation measures:
  - a. Excavation and grading activities shall be scheduled during dry weather periods. If grading occurs during the rainy season (October 15 through April 1), diversion dikes shall be constructed to channel runoff around the site. Channels shall be lined with grass or roughened pavement to reduce runoff velocity.
  - b. Stockpiles, excavated, and exposed soil shall be covered with secured tarps, plastic sheeting, erosion control fabrics, or treated with a bio-degradable soil stabilizer.

**VII-10. Green House Gas Emissions**

- The project will result in impacts resulting in increased green house gas emissions. However, the impact can be reduced to a less than significant level through compliance with the following measure(s):
- Install a demand (tankless or instantaneous) water heater system sufficient to serve the anticipated needs of the dwelling(s).
- Only low- and non-VOC-containing paints, sealants, adhesives, and solvents shall be utilized in the construction of the project.

**IX-20. Stormwater Pollution (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)**

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- Sediment carries with it other work-site pollutants such as pesticides, cleaning solvents, cement wash, asphalt, and car fluids that are toxic to sea life.
- Leaks, drips and spills shall be cleaned up immediately to prevent contaminated soil on paved surfaces that can be washed away into the storm drains.
- All vehicle/equipment maintenance, repair, and washing shall be conducted away from storm drains. All major repairs shall be conducted off-site. Drip pans or drop clothes shall be used to catch drips and spills.
- Pavement shall not be hosed down at material spills. Dry cleanup methods shall be used whenever possible.
- Dumpsters shall be covered and maintained. Uncovered dumpsters shall be placed under a roof or be covered with tarps or plastic sheeting.

**IX-40. Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (Hillside Residential and All 10-or-more-unit Subdivisions and Multi-Family Dwellings)**

- Environmental impacts may result from erosion carrying sediments and/or the release of toxins into the stormwater drainage channels. However, the potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by incorporating stormwater pollution control measures. Ordinance No. 172,176 and Ordinance No. 173,494 specify Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control which requires the application of Best Management Practices (BMPs). Chapter IX, Division 70 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code addresses grading, excavations, and fills. Applicants must meet the requirements of the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) approved by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, including the following (a copy of the SUSMP can be downloaded at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/>):
- **(Multiple Residential Dwellings of 10+ Units of Single- or Multi-Family, incl. Subdivisions):**
- Reduce impervious surface area by using permeable pavement materials where appropriate, including: pervious concrete/asphalt; unit pavers, i.e. turf block; and granular materials, i.e. crushed aggregates, cobbles.
- Install Roof runoff systems where site is suitable for installation. Runoff from rooftops is relatively clean, can provide groundwater recharge and reduce excess runoff into storm drains.

- Guest parking lots constitute a significant portion of the impervious land coverage. To reduce the quantity of runoff, parking lots can be designed one of two ways: i. Hybrid Lot - parking stalls utilize permeable materials, such as crushed aggregate, aisles are constructed of conventional materials such as asphalt; ii. Parking Grove - is a variation on the permeable stall design, a grid of trees and bollards are added to delineate parking stalls. This design presents an attractive open space when cars are absent, and shade when cars are present.
- Paint messages that prohibit the dumping of improper materials into the storm drain system adjacent to storm drain inlets. Prefabricated stencils can be obtained from the Dept. of Public Works, Stormwater Management Division.
- Design an efficient irrigation system to minimize runoff including: drip irrigation for shrubs to limit excessive spray; shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after significant precipitation; and flow reducers.
- Runoff from hillside areas can be collected in a vegetative swale, wet pond, or extended detention basin, before it reaches the storm drain system.

**X-40. Land Use**

- The proposed project would permit a land use which is not compatible with that of the surrounding projects. However, the potential impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- Prior to the issuance of the building permit, a copy of Case No. CPC-2010-1645-HD-SPR shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Director. In the event that CPC-2010-1645-HD-SPR is not approved the project will not be permitted those entitlements sought.

**XII-20. Increased Noise Levels (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities)**

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- The project shall comply with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance No. 144,331 and 161,574, and any subsequent ordinances, which prohibit the emission or creation of noise beyond certain levels at adjacent uses unless technically infeasible.
- Construction and demolition shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday.
- Demolition and construction activities shall be scheduled so as to avoid operating several pieces of equipment simultaneously, which causes high noise levels.
- The project contractor shall use power construction equipment with state-of-the-art noise shielding and muffling devices.

**XIV-10. Public Services (Fire)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the location of the project in an area having marginal fire protection facilities. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The following recommendations of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which includes the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features: fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width; all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant, and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane.

**XIV-30. Public Services (Police)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the location of the project in an area having marginal police services. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The plans shall incorporate the design guidelines relative to security, semi-public and private spaces, which may include but not be limited to access control to building, secured parking facilities, walls/fences with key systems, well-illuminated public and semi-public space designed with a minimum of dead space to eliminate areas of concealment, location of toilet facilities or building entrances in high-foot traffic areas, and provision of security guard patrol throughout the project site if needed. Please refer to "Design Out Crime Guidelines: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design", published by the Los Angeles Police Department. Contact the Community Relations Division, located at 100 W. 1st Street, #250, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 486-6000. These measures shall be approved by the Police Department prior to the issuance of building permits.

**XIV-40. Public Services (Construction Activity Near Schools)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the close proximity of the project to a school. However, the potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:

- The developer and contractors shall maintain ongoing contact with administrator of \_\_\_\_\_ school. The administrative offices shall be contacted when demolition, grading and construction activity begin on the project site so that students and their parents will know when such activities are to occur. The developer shall obtain school walk and bus routes to the schools from either the administrators or from the LAUSD's Transportation Branch (323)342-1400 and guarantee that safe and convenient pedestrian and bus routes to the school be maintained.
- The developer shall install appropriate traffic signs around the site to ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety.
- There shall be no staging or parking of construction vehicles, including vehicles to transport workers on any of the streets adjacent to the school.
- Due to noise impacts on the schools, no construction vehicles or haul trucks shall be staged or idled on these streets during school hours.

**XIV-50. Public Services (Schools affected by Haul Route)**

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- LADBS shall assign specific haul route hours of operation based upon \_\_\_\_\_ School(s) hours of operation.
- Haul route scheduling shall be sequenced to minimize conflicts with pedestrians, school buses and cars at the arrival and dismissal times of the school day. Haul route trucks shall not be routed past the school during periods when school is in session especially when students are arriving or departing from the campus.

**XIV-60. Public Services (Schools)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the location of the project in an area with insufficient school capacity. However, the potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The applicant shall pay school fees to the Los Angeles Unified School District to offset the impact of additional student enrollment at schools serving the project area.

**XV-10. Recreation (Increased Demand For Parks Or Recreational Facilities)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to insufficient parks and/or recreational facilities. However, the potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- **(Apartments)** Pursuant to Section 21.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the applicant shall pay the Dwelling Unit Construction Tax for construction of apartment buildings.

**XVI-40. Safety Hazards**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to hazards to safety from design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses. However, the potential impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The developer shall install appropriate traffic signs around the site to ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety.
- The applicant shall submit a parking and driveway plan that incorporates design features that reduce accidents, to the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Transportation for approval.

**XVI-50. Inadequate Emergency Access**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to inadequate emergency access. However, these impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- The applicant shall submit a parking and driveway plan to the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Transportation for approval that provides code-required emergency access.

**XVII-10. Utilities (Local Water Supplies - Landscaping)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the cumulative increase in demand on the City's water supplies. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- The project shall comply with Ordinance No. 170,978 (Water Management Ordinance), which imposes numerous water conservation measures in landscape, installation, and maintenance (e.g. use drip irrigation and soak hoses in lieu of sprinklers to lower the amount of water lost to evaporation and overspray, set automatic sprinkler systems to irrigate during the early morning or evening hours to minimize water loss due to evaporation, and water less in the cooler months and during the rainy season).
- In addition to the requirements of the Landscape Ordinance, the landscape plan shall incorporate the following:
  - Weather-based irrigation controller with rain shutoff
  - Matched precipitation (flow) rates for sprinkler heads
  - Drip/microspray/subsurface irrigation where appropriate
  - Minimum irrigation system distribution uniformity of 75 percent

- Proper hydro-zoning, turf minimization and use of native/drought tolerant plan materials
- Use of landscape contouring to minimize precipitation runoff
- A separate water meter (or submeter), flow sensor, and master valve shutoff shall be installed for existing and expanded irrigated landscape areas totaling 5,000 sf. and greater.

**XVII-20. Utilities (Local Water Supplies - All New Construction)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the cumulative increase in demand on the City's water supplies. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- If conditions dictate, the Department of Water and Power may postpone new water connections for this project until water supply capacity is adequate.
- Install high-efficiency toilets (maximum 1.28 gpf), including dual-flush water closets, and high-efficiency urinals (maximum 0.5 gpf), including no-flush or waterless urinals, in all restrooms as appropriate.
- Install restroom faucets with a maximum flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute.
- A separate water meter (or submeter), flow sensor, and master valve shutoff shall be installed for all landscape irrigation uses.
- Single-pass cooling equipment shall be strictly prohibited from use. Prohibition of such equipment shall be indicated on the building plans and incorporated into tenant lease agreements. (Single-pass cooling refers to the use of potable water to extract heat from process equipment, e.g. vacuum pump, ice machines, by passing the water through equipment and discharging the heated water to the sanitary wastewater system.)

**XVII-40. Utilities (Local Water Supplies - New Residential)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the cumulative increase in demand on the City's water supplies. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measures:
- Install no more than one showerhead per shower stall, having a flow rate no greater than 2.0 gallons per minute.
- Install and utilize only high-efficiency clothes washers (water factor of 6.0 or less) in the project, if proposed to be provided in either individual units and/or in a common laundry room(s). If such appliance is to be furnished by a tenant, this requirement shall be incorporated into the lease agreement, and the applicant shall be responsible for ensuring compliance.
- Install and utilize only high-efficiency Energy Star-rated dishwashers in the project, if proposed to be provided. If such appliance is to be furnished by a tenant, this requirement shall be incorporated into the lease agreement, and the applicant shall be responsible for ensuring compliance.

**XVII-90. Utilities (Solid Waste Recycling)**

- Environmental impacts may result from project implementation due to the creation of additional solid waste. However, this potential impact will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the following measure:
- **(Operational)** Recycling bins shall be provided at appropriate locations to promote recycling of paper, metal, glass, and other recyclable material. These bins shall be emptied and recycled accordingly as a part of the project's regular solid waste disposal program.
- **(Construction/Demolition)** Prior to the issuance of any demolition or construction permit, the applicant shall provide a copy of the receipt or contract from a waste disposal company providing services to the project, specifying recycled waste service(s), to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety. The demolition and construction contractor(s) shall only contract for waste disposal services with a company that recycles demolition and/or construction-related wastes.
- **(Construction/Demolition)** To facilitate on-site separation and recycling of demolition- and construction-related wastes, the contractor(s) shall provide temporary waste separation bins on-site during demolition and construction. These bins shall be emptied and the contents recycled accordingly as a part of the project's regular solid waste disposal program.

**XVII-100. Utilities (Solid Waste Disposal)**

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- All waste shall be disposed of properly. Use appropriately labeled recycling bins to recycle demolition and construction materials including: solvents, water-based paints, vehicle fluids, broken asphalt and concrete, bricks, metals, wood, and vegetation. Non recyclable materials/wastes shall be taken to an appropriate landfill. Toxic wastes must be discarded at a licensed regulated disposal site.

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**INITIAL STUDY**  
**and CHECKLIST**  
(CEQA Guidelines Section 15063)

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY:</b> City of Los Angeles	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> CD 13 - ERIC GARCETTI	<b>DATE:</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES:</b> Department of City Planning		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CASE:</b> ENV-2010-1946-MND	<b>RELATED CASES:</b> CPC-2010-1945-HD-SPR	
<b>PREVIOUS ACTIONS CASE NO.:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Does have significant changes from previous actions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does NOT have significant changes from previous actions.	
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> NEW 66-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS WITH 117 PARKING SPACES, A HEIGHT DISTRICT CHANGE FROM 1XL TO 2D, AND SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR JOINT PUBLIC-PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN PF ZONE.		
<b>ENV PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> The construction of a new 66-unit affordable apartment building with 117 parking spaces on a 26,817 square foot lot in the PF-1XL Zone. Approximately 16,400 cubic yards of dirt will be exported and hauled off-site. The project will have a 3:1 Floor Area Ratio (FAR), a 75-foot height, and a total floor area of 80,451 square feet. The applicant is seeking:(1) a Height District Change from Height District No. 1XL to Height District No. 2D with the "D" Limitation limiting the floor area ratio (FAR) to 3:1 and a 75-foot height, in lieu of 6:1 FAR and unlimited height permitted in Height District No. 2; and (2) Site Plan Review approval to permit a joint public and private development in the PF Zone with uses permitted in the adjoining C4 Zone for 66 affordable housing units on an existing surface parking lot with 50 parking spaces owned by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The project will provide 50 parking spaces for use by employees of Selma Elementary School during the day and will be rented to the general public at night. Also, the applicant is seeking a 3-foot front yard setback on Selma Avenue, a variable zero- to 5-foot side yard setback on the east to accommodate stairs from Cherokee Avenue to the second floor, a zero-foot side yard setback for the first floor parking structure, an 8-foot side yard setback for the residential units along the westerly property line, and a 6-foot rear yard setback at the northerly property line.		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS:</b> The site includes five contiguous parcels and 26,817 square feet on the northwest corner of Selma and Cherokee Avenues. It is currently improved with a level surface lot containing 50 parking spaces serving the employees of Selma Elementary School located across Cherokee Avenue on the east. The property is owned by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and leased to the applicant (Selma Community Housing, L.P.). Abutting properties include a two-story office/residential building on the west in the C4-2D Zone, a surface parking lot to the north in the P-1 Zone, and a church, a church-operated private elementary school and associated parking to the south across Selma Avenue in the C4-2D Zone.  The project site is located within the Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area Specific Plan, the Hollywood Redevelopment Project area (CRA), the Hollywood Entertainment District Business Improvement District (BID), the Central City Revitalization Zone, the Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone, Fire District No. 1, and is within 0.71420 km of the nearest fault.  Selma Avenue is a Local Street dedicated to a 60-foot width at the project's frontage.  Cherokee Avenue is a Local Street dedicated to a 50-foot width at the project's frontage.		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b> 1603-1619 N. Cherokee Avenue		
<b>COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:</b> HOLLYWOOD <b>STATUS:</b>	<b>AREA PLANNING COMMISSION:</b> CENTRAL	<b>CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:</b> CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does Conform to Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Does NOT Conform to Plan		
<b>EXISTING ZONING:</b> PF-1XL	<b>MAX. DENSITY/INTENSITY ALLOWED BY ZONING:</b> n/a	<b>LA River Adjacent:</b> NO
<b>GENERAL PLAN LAND USE:</b> PUBLIC FACILITIES	<b>MAX. DENSITY/INTENSITY ALLOWED BY PLAN DESIGNATION:</b> n/a	
	<b>PROPOSED PROJECT DENSITY:</b> 66-unit (3:1 FAR)	



**Determination (To Be Completed By 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.
- 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 revisions on the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact 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 earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

**City Planning Associate**

**(213) 978-1394**

Signature

Title

Phone

**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 may be 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 a mitigation measure has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to "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 "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses 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. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - 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 document and the extent to which they 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.
7. Supporting Information Sources: A sources list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
9. 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 significance.

### 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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AESTHETICS <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR QUALITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CULTURAL RESOURCES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GEOLOGY AND SOILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAND USE AND PLANNING <input type="checkbox"/> MINERAL RESOURCES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOISE	<input type="checkbox"/> POPULATION AND HOUSING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SERVICES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECREATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS <input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE
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### INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST (To be completed by the Lead City Agency)

*Background*

**PROPONENT NAME:**

Selma Community Housing, L.P. (Holly Benson)  
 & Los Angeles Unified School District (c/o Sam Mistrano)

**PHONE NUMBER:**

(213) 629-2702

**APPLICANT ADDRESS:**

701 E. 3rd Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90013

**AGENCY REQUIRING CHECKLIST:**

Department of City Planning

**DATE SUBMITTED:**

07/14/2010

**PROPOSAL NAME (if Applicable):**

Selma Community Housing

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<b>I. AESTHETICS</b>				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			✓
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?			✓
c.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			✓
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	✓		
<b>II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES</b>				
a.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?			✓
b.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?			✓
c.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?			✓
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?			✓
e.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?			✓
<b>III. AIR QUALITY</b>				
a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		✓	
b.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	✓		
c.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	✓		
d.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	✓		
e.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?		✓	
<b>IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b>				
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?			✓
b.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			✓
c.	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?			✓
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?			✓
e.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	✓		
f.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?			✓
<b>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>				

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a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?			✓
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	✓		
c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			✓
d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			✓

#### VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

a.	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: 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.		✓	
b.	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Strong seismic ground shaking?	✓		
c.	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?		✓	
d.	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Landslides?			✓
e.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	✓		
f.	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?		✓	
g.	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?		✓	
h.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?			✓

#### VII. GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	✓		
b.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?		✓	

#### VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal 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?		✓	
c.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?		✓	
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?			✓
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?			✓
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?			✓
g.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			✓

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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?		✓	
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**IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?		✓	
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 preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			✓
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?			✓
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?		✓	
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?		✓	
f.	Otherwise substantially degrade water 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 other flood hazard delineation map?			✓
h.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			✓
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?		✓	
j.	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?			✓

**X. LAND USE AND PLANNING**

a.	Physically divide an established community?			✓
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, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?		✓	
c.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?			✓

**XI. MINERAL RESOURCES**

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?			✓
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?			✓

**XII. NOISE**

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?		✓	
b.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			✓
c.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			✓
d.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		✓	

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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?				✓
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?				✓

### XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

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

### XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

a.	Would 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: Fire protection?		✓		
b.	Would 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: Police protection?		✓		
c.	Would 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: Schools?		✓		
d.	Would 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: Parks?		✓		
e.	Would 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: Other public facilities?			✓	

### XV. 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?		✓		
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?				✓

### XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

a.	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?			✓	
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b.	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?		✓		
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?				✓
d.	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			✓	
e.	Result in inadequate emergency access?		✓		
f.	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				✓

**XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS**

a.	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?			✓	
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?			✓	
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?			✓	
d.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?		✓		
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?			✓	
f.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?		✓		
g.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?		✓		

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

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083, 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080, 21083.05, 21095, Pub. Resources Code; *Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka* (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; *Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; *San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco* (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.



**DISCUSSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION** (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

The Environmental Impact Assessment includes the use of official City of Los Angeles and other government source reference materials related to various environmental impact categories (e.g., Hydrology, Air Quality, Biology, Cultural Resources, etc.). The State of California, Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology - Seismic Hazard Maps and reports, are used to identify potential future significant seismic events; including probable magnitudes, liquefaction, and landslide hazards. Based on applicant information provided in the Master Land Use Application and Environmental Assessment Form, impact evaluations were based on stated facts contained therein, including but not limited to, reference materials indicated above, field investigation of the project site, and any other reliable reference materials known at the time.

Project specific impacts were evaluated based on all relevant facts indicated in the Environmental Assessment Form and expressed through the applicant's project description and supportive materials. Both the Initial Study Checklist and Checklist Explanations, in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles's Adopted Thresholds Guide and CEQA Guidelines, were used to reach reasonable conclusions on environmental impacts as mandated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project as identified in the project description may cause potentially significant impacts on the environment without mitigation. Therefore, this environmental analysis concludes that a Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be issued to avoid and mitigate all potential adverse impacts on the environment by the imposition of mitigation measures and/or conditions contained and expressed in this document; the environmental case file known as **ENV-2010-1946-MND** and the associated case(s), **CPC-2010-1945-HD-SPR** . Finally, based on the fact that these impacts can be feasibly mitigated to less than significant, and based on the findings and thresholds for Mandatory Findings of Significance as described in the California Environmental Quality Act, section 15065, the overall project impact(s) on the environment (after mitigation) **will not:**

- Substantially degrade environmental quality.
- Substantially reduce fish or wildlife habitat.
- Cause a fish or wildlife habitat to drop below self sustaining levels.
- Threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community.
- Reduce number, or restrict range of a rare, threatened, or endangered species.
- Eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory.
- Achieve short-term goals to the disadvantage of long-term goals.
- Result in environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- Result in environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

All supporting documents and references are contained in the Environmental Case File referenced above and may be viewed in the EIR Unit, Room 763, City Hall.

For City information, addresses and phone numbers: visit the City's website at <http://www.lacity.org> ; City Planning - and Zoning Information Mapping Automated System (ZIMAS) [cityplanning.lacity.org/](http://cityplanning.lacity.org/) or EIR Unit, City Hall, 200 N Spring Street, Room 763. Seismic Hazard Maps - <http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/> Engineering/Infrastructure/Topographic Maps/Parcel Information - <http://boemaps.eng.ci.la.ca.us/index01.htm> or City's main website under the heading "Navigate LA".

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Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures
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APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS EXPLANATION TABLE

<b>I. AESTHETICS</b>			
a.	NO IMPACT	No scenic vista has been officially designated for the area. No impact would result.	
b.	NO IMPACT	The redevelopment of this site will not degrade the visual character of this site or its surroundings.	
c.	NO IMPACT	The project is not located along a City-Designated Scenic Highway and will not substantially damage any scenic resources. No impact would result.	
d.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project will likely result in an increase in light. The lights need to be shielded downward to mitigate the impact to a less than significant level.</b>	I-120
<b>II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES</b>			
a.	NO IMPACT	The site & the area are not zoned for agriculture use and do not contain farmland of any type. No impact will result.	
b.	NO IMPACT	The site has not been used for agricultural purposes and will not conflict with the Williamson Act. No impact will result.	
c.	NO IMPACT	Neither the site nor its surrounding is located within forest land, timberland, or timberland zone production. No impact will result.	
d.	NO IMPACT	Neither the site nor its surrounding is located within forest land. No impact will result.	
e.	NO IMPACT	No farmland impact would result with this development being that it is located in a suburban area and is presently development. No impact will result.	
<b>III. AIR QUALITY</b>			
a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project is not anticipated to conflict with or obstruct the implementation of any applicable policies, goals, or objectives of the SCAQMND &/or AQMP for reducing emissions associated with new development. The project should result in a less than significant impact.	
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>During construction there may be an increase to the existing basin-wide air quality violations, but this will only be a temporary impact. With mitigation measures, the project's air quality impact should be less than significant.</b>	III-10

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures	
c.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	The construction phase may increase the existing basin-wide air quality violations; however, these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the proposed mitigation measures. Air pollution impacts on future occupants will be mitigated by the use of an air filtration system.	III-50 III-10
d.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	The operation of the proposed housing project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants. However, during construction there may be an increase in dust, but this is a temporary impact.	III-10
e.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	During construction, activities associated with the application of architectural coatings and other interior and exterior finishes may produce discernible odors. These odors would be a temporary nuisance to adjacent properties, but because they are temporary and intermittent in nature, would not be considered a significant environmental impact.	

#### IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

a.	NO IMPACT	The project is an infill development in an urban area and is not likely to have an adverse impact on habitat or sensitive species. No impact will result.	
b.	NO IMPACT	This site does not contain riparian habitat or sensitive natural communities. No impact will result.	
c.	NO IMPACT	No wetlands are found on-site. No impact will result.	
d.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located within a wildlife corridor, nor is it used as a nursery. No impact will result.	
e.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	There are 10 trees on site scheduled for removal. Replacement of trees for all trees over eight inches in diameter on a 1:1 basis will mitigate the impact to a less than significant level.	IV-70
f.	NO IMPACT	The project will not conflict with any habitat conservation plan. No impact will result.	

#### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

a.	NO IMPACT	There are no historical resources on-site. No impact will result.	
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Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures	
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>This site is not known to have archeological resources; however, it is located within close proximity to an archaeological survey area (Sunset Boulevard). The area is substantially developed &amp; has had past grading soil disturbance activities, so historical find are not anticipated, however mitigation measures have been added to ensure less than significant impacts occur</b>	<b>V-20</b>
c.	NO IMPACT	The project is not located in an area known paleontological resources. No impact will result.	
d.	NO IMPACT	No human remains are anticipated to be located on-site. No impact will result.	

## VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The site is not located in an Alquist-Priolo Zone or within a Fault Rupture Study Area.	
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The property is subject to strong seismic shaking during earthquakes. However, this impact will be reduced to a less than significant level by the following the International Building Code standards during construction.</b>	<b>VI-10</b>
c.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The property is not identified in ZIMAS as being located within an area susceptible to liquefaction. A less than significant impact should result.	
d.	NO IMPACT	The property is level and not susceptible to landslides.	
e.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Environmental impacts may result from the grading of the site and the hauling of demolition materials. However, these impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level by the incorporation of construction mitigation measures.</b>	<b>VI-20 Approximately 16,400 cubic yards of dirt will be exported.</b>
f.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	Compliance with Building & Safety's Grading Division will ensure a less than significant impact.	
g.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project site has not been identified as being susceptible to expansive soils. However, construction of the project would be required to comply with the City of Los Angeles International Building Code (as of 01/01/2008), which includes building foundation requirements appropriate to site-specific conditions. Furthermore, potential risks related to expansive soil will be reduced to less than significant levels through review by the Grading Division.	

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures
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h.	NO IMPACT	No septic tanks are proposed for this project. No impact would result.	
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**VII. GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

a.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>During construction the project could generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, however, being a tenant improvement without major construction the emission will be at less than significant levels.</b>	VII-10
b.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	Presently the City of Los Angeles is developing methodologies and inventories for quantifying GHG emissions and evaluating various strategies and mitigation measures to determine the most effective course of action to meet the State goals as set forth under AB32. As a note, the California Building Code was recently updated to specifically address green house gas emissions and if followed will reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels.	

**VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	No hazardous materials are proposed to be routinely transported or used for this residential project.	
b.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The site is improved with a surface parking lot and is not anticipated to result in the accidental or foreseeable release of hazardous materials either during construction or the operation of the affordable housing development.	
c.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The site is located across the street from two elementary schools, however, the proposed 66-unit affordable housing project will not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste.	
d.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located on a hazardous-materials list nor is there a potential that the site was used for disposal or use of hazardous materials. No impact would result.	
e.	NO IMPACT	The area is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport.	
f.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip.	
g.	NO IMPACT	The project is not anticipated to interfere with any adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan	
h.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project site is not located in an area of wildland or high fire hazard terrain or vegetation.	

**IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures	
a.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Construction activities associated with the project will be required to meet the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements for storm water quality. The contractor will also be required to implement BMPs to control erosion &amp; to protect the quality of surface water runoff during the construction period. With appropriate design &amp; compliance with the applicable federal, state &amp; local regulations, Code requirements &amp; permit provisions, impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels.</b>	IX-20, IX-40
b.	NO IMPACT	The project would not involve any wells used to extract groundwater, nor would it involve excavations that are deep enough to require dewatering of the project site. No impact would occur.	
c.	NO IMPACT	No streams or rivers are contained on-site. The site currently drains into the sewer as will the proposed project.	
d.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	No streams or rivers are contained on-site and as such the development will not alter the existing drainage patterns. However a significant impact may occur if the project would result in increased runoff volumes during construction that could result in flooding conditions affecting the project site or nearby properties.	
e.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project is not anticipated to exceed the capacity of the existing stormwater drainage system. However, Stormwater will be controlled using best management practices to ensure pollution control measures. With implementation the mitigation measures will reduce stormwater runoff impacts to a less than significant.</b>	IX-20, IX-40
f.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	This residential project is not expected to degrade water quality by contamination or any other means.	
g.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located within a 100-year or 500-year flood hazard area. No impact would occur.	
h.	NO IMPACT	The project will not impede or redirect flood flows being that the site is not located within a 100-year flood hazards area.	
i.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The property is located in a potential inundation area; however, policies for protection of the Community are set forth in the Safety Element of the General Plan.	

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures
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j.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located within an inundation area of seiches, tsunamis nor mudflows. Therefore, no impact would occur with respect to risk of loss, injury or death by seiche, tsunami or mudflow.	
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**X. LAND USE AND PLANNING**

a.	NO IMPACT	The project would not involve the permanent closure of any streets or sidewalks, and no separation of uses or disruption of access between land use types will occur. Therefore, the residential project will not physically divide the established community and no impact would occur.	
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project will not conflict with the land use plan, nor any policies or regulations. However, the applicant is seeking a height district change to allow for the proposed floor area and height and site plan review under Case No. CPC-2010-1945-HD-SPR.</b>	X-40
c.	NO IMPACT	The site is located within an urban area and is not part of any habitat or natural community conservation plan. Therefore, no impact would occur.	

**XI. MINERAL RESOURCES**

a.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located in a known area of mineral resources.	
b.	NO IMPACT	The site is not designated as a locally important mineral resource recovery area.	

**XII. NOISE**

a.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Implementation of the project would result in an increase in ambient noise levels during both construction and operation. Construction of the project would require the use of heavy equipment for site demolition, grading and excavation, the installation of utilities, paving and building fabrication. On site operational noise would be generated by heating, ventilation &amp; air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. Therefore mitigation is required to reduce the project to less than significant noise levels.</b>	XII-20
b.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	Construction activities that would occur on site have the potential to generate low levels of groundborne vibration and will be temporary.	

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures	
c.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	Due to the increase of density on site, noise levels are anticipated to rise. However, this is an infill project and is anticipated to result in a less than significant increase in the ambient noise levels.	
d.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>During project construction, the applicant will be required to comply with the City's Noise Ordinance and with the City's policies governing construction activities. Also, the development of a wall along the property line will lessen noise to adjacent sites.</b>	<b>XII-20</b>
e.	NO IMPACT	The site is not located within an airport land use area and no impacts are anticipated.	
f.	NO IMPACT	The proposed project is not located within the vicinity of a private air strip and no impacts are anticipated.	

### **XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING**

a.	NO IMPACT	The project will result in the construction of 66 affordable housing units, which would likely be filled by the existing population.	
b.	NO IMPACT	The project site is improved with a surface parking lot. As such, no net housing will be displaced as a result of the project.	
c.	NO IMPACT	The project site is improved with a surface parking lot and will not result in the displacement of substantial numbers of people.	

### **XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES**

a.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project is located in an area of adequate fire response times; however, it is also located in Fire District No. 1. To improve fire protection additional mitigation measures have be added.</b>	<b>XIV-10</b>
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Police service and response times should be adequate, being that the project is located in a developed area. However, the project shall be designed to deter from crime.</b>	<b>XIV-30</b>
c.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project will increase the demand on area schools and is located across the street from Selma Elementary School; however, the impact will be reduced to a less than significant level by the payment of school fees to LAUSD and construction mitigation.</b>	<b>XIV-40, XIV-50, XIV-60</b>



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d.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	The project may result in an increase in the use of Parks; however, this impact will be reduced to a less than significant level by the payment of Quimby fees.	XV-10
e.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The Bureau of Engineering and Transportation will review the project so that there is no impact on the roads.	

**XV. RECREATION**

a.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	The increased use of parks by this residential project will be mitigated by the payment of Quimby fees.	XV-10
b.	NO IMPACT	The project will not require construction or expansion of recreational facilities.	

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC**

a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The Department of Transportation (DOT) reviewed the traffic analysis that was prepared by the applicant's traffic consultant (Overland Traffic Consultants) and determined that the project would not conflict with any plan, ordinance, or policy establishing the effectiveness of the circulation system.	
b.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	DOT's review of the traffic analysis determined that the project would not result in significant impacts to any applicable management program level of service or standards on adjoining streets/intersections. Nevertheless, DOT recommends a traffic control plan and a driveway access and circulation plan be submitted for DOT review and approval prior to the start of construction work, and that the project comply with any dedication and/or improvement recommendations from the Bureau of Engineering.	XVI-40 Also, see attached mitigation measures in the Department of Transportation Memo, dated October 28, 2010.
c.	NO IMPACT	No change in air traffic patterns will result from this project.	
d.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project does not include any hazardous design features. No impact would result.	
e.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	Review of the proposed project's emergency access and parking plan will ensure impacts are mitigated to a less than significant level.	XVI-50
f.	NO IMPACT	Ample public transportation is provided in the project vicinity. Neither the construction nor operation of the project would involve the relocation, replacement or hinder the function of any alternative transportation policies.	

**XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS**

Impact?	Explanation	Mitigation Measures	
a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project should not exceed the wastewater treatment requirements of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board.	
b.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	This project will not require the construction of a new water or wastewater treatment facility in that is it currently services by the Hyperion Tributary Facility.	
c.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The project will not likely result in a new stormwater drainage facility. However, new construction activities are subject to storm water run off controls and BOE standards for public improvement adjacent to the site.	
d.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Water supply issues have been of growing concern for the Department of Water &amp; Power (DWP); therefore to maintain a sustainable water supply for the City all new construction subject to discretionary review shall include water conserving measures.</b>	<b>XVII-10, XVII-20, XVII-40</b>
e.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The net increase in wastewater from the existing uses would increase wastewater generation. However, the Hyperion Tributary Facility is anticipated to be able to meet the sewage treatment needs of the project, and therefore, impacts would be less than significant.	
f.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>Local landfills have sufficient capacity to serve this project, as long as the project take advantage of the recycling systems provided.</b>	<b>XVII-90</b>
g.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATION INCORPORATED	<b>The project will be required to provide on-site recycling to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills. This will reduce the solid waste impact to a less than significant level.</b>	<b>XVII-100</b>
<b>XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
a.	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The proposed project is located in a developed and populated urban area. Mitigation measures are included that would ensure the project will not degrade the quality of the environment, reduce or threaten any fish or wildlife species, or eliminate important examples of California historic resources. Implementation of the mitigation measures provide potential adverse environmental impact associated with the project would be reduced to less than significant levels.	

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b. LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	The public/private affordable housing project will be consistent with applicable land use standards. The 66-unit residential development will result in environmental impacts; however, the project's incremental contribution to cumulative impacts would be less than significant and would result in a less than significant cumulative impacts in all areas analyzed.	
c. LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	After implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project does not have any significant direct or indirect impacts to human beings.	