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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Request to extend the 90-day time limit for Commission action on City of Los Angeles Proposed 1999 Venice Land Use Plan (for Commission Action at the June 13-16, 2000 meeting in Santa Barbara).

On November 29, 1999, the Los Angeles City Council transmitted to the South Coast District office the proposed land use plan (LUP) portion of the proposed Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Commission certification. Only the LUP portion of the proposed LCP has been submitted for Commission certification. The proposed Implementing Ordinances (IOP) portion of the proposed Venice LCP, the Venice Specific Plan, and a proposed categorical exclusion ordinance are not a part of the City's current LCP submittal.

In a letter dated December 13, 1999, the South Coast District office determined that the City's submittal was not complete, and requested that the City submit additional materials and information in order to complete the proposed 1999 Venice LUP submittal. The City submitted the necessary additional materials and information on March 10, 2000. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510(b) of the Coastal Act, the proposed 1999 Venice LUP submittal was officially deemed submitted on March 24, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, the land use plan of a proposed LCP must be acted on by the Commission within ninety days of being officially submitted. In order to be heard within the allotted time period, the proposed 1999 Venice LUP must be scheduled for Commission hearing at the current June 13-16, 2000 meeting.

However, due to unresolved issues regarding the proposed LUP, the Commission staff is requesting an extension of the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. The additional time is necessary to allow the City and Commission staff to dedicate the appropriate amount of time and attention to the proposed 1999 Venice LUP.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission extend the ninety day time limit for a period not to exceed one year.