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**ITEM Th15a**

May 23, 2001

MEMORANDUM**TO:** Commissioners and Interested Persons**RECORD PACKET COPY****FROM:** Peter Douglas, Executive Director
Deborah Lee, Deputy Director
Pam Emerson, Los Angeles County Area Supervisor
Charles Posner, Staff Analyst**SUBJECT:** Concurrence with the Executive Director's determination that the action of the City of Los Angeles accepting certification with suggested modifications of the Land Use Plan for Venice is legally adequate. (For Commission review at its June 14, 2001 meeting in Los Angeles.)**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission concur with the Executive Director's determination that the City's action is legally adequate.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 1999, the Los Angeles City Council transmitted the Land Use Plan (LUP) portion of the proposed Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Commission certification. On November 14, 2000, Commission approved the City of Los Angeles LUP for Venice with suggested modifications. The Commission's suggested modifications would supplement the Venice LUP with policies to protect marine resources and ESHA from impacts of development, maintain community character, and to enhance public access and recreational opportunities.

On March 28, 2001, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously adopted the attached resolution (Council File No. 98-0518-LCP) thereby approving the LUP for Venice as modified by the Commission. The City Council resolution and modified Venice LUP was then transmitted to the Executive Director for a determination that the City has incorporated the Commission's suggested modifications into the Venice LUP consistent with the Commission's action on November 14, 2000.

As provided in Section 13544.5 of the California Code of Regulations, the Executive Director must determine whether the City's action is legally adequate and report that determination to the Commission. In this case, the Executive Director has determined that the City's action is legally adequate. Unless the Commission objects to the Executive Director's determination, the certification of the City of Los Angeles LUP for Venice shall become effective upon the filing of the required notice of certification with the Secretary of Resources as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(V).

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Act of 1976 has declared that the California Coastal Zone is a distinct and valuable resource of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, one of the basic goals of the State is to protect, maintain, and where feasible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the Coastal Zone environment and its natural and manmade resources; and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Act of 1976 requires each local government lying, in whole or in part, within the Coastal Zone to prepare a Local Coastal Program for that portion of the Coastal Zone within its jurisdiction to assure that maximum public access to the coast and public recreation areas is provided, consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Venice Community Plan located west of Lincoln Boulevard lie within the Coastal Zone, as designated by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1999, and pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 30510(a), the City Council of the City of Los Angeles certified that the Land Use Plan of the Venice Local Coastal Program is consistent with the California Coastal Act of 1976;

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1999, the adopted Venice Coastal Land Use Plan has been transmitted to the California Coastal Commission for certification consistent with Section 30511(b) of the Coastal Act;

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission approved the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan with suggested modifications at its November 14, 2000 public meeting;

WHEREAS, written and oral evidence was duly presented to and considered by the California Coastal Commission at the aforesaid public meeting, including but not limited to a staff report, exhibits, appendices and public testimony; and

WHEREAS, plan amendments to the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan are necessary to reflect the California Coastal Commission's adopted modifications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter and ordinance provisions, the Mayor and the Director of Planning on behalf of the City Planning Commission have transmitted their recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption (No. CE-1999-882- LCP) was issued on the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan on March 8, 2000 pursuant to Article III, Sec.7 of the City CEQA Guidelines and Sec. 15266(a)(1) of State CEQA Guidelines, and the amendments to the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan are considered to be statutory exempt per Public Resources Code Section 21080.5; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 30510(b) and to Section 00071 of the Local Coastal Program Regulations of the California Coastal Commission, the City Council herewith submits the amendment to the Land Use Plan of the Venice Local Coastal Program.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 28 2001
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



J. MICHAEL CAREY
CITY CLERK

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