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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CHANNEL 35 STUDIO RELOCATION PROJECT

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Project Title: Channel 35 Studio Relocation Project (W.O. E1907457).

Project Location: The project site is located within the Los Angeles Plaza Historic District in the City of Los Angeles and contains the Merced Theatre, located at 420 North Main Street, the Masonic Hall, located at 416 North Main Street, and the Pico House, located at 424 North Main Street. Refer to the Project Location Map on the next page. All three structures are listed on the State Historical Register and are located within the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, the original center of the City of Angeles.

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate the existing Merced Theatre and Masonic Hall (interior and exterior retrofits) for Los Angeles City View Channel 35 studio use and complete a coordinated structural retrofit to the Merced Theatre, Masonic Hall, and Pico House. In order to utilize the three-story Merced Theatre and two-story Masonic Hall for studio use, the proposed project would require extensive structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing system retrofits. A ramp and elevator structure would also be installed to allow Americans with Disabilities Act access and equipment loading to all floors of the building. The proposed project has been planned and designed consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Project will retain, restore, repair, and appropriately replace portions of the property from its period of significance that contribute to its historic integrity, while making other slight compatible alterations in non-character-defining features and spaces that preserve the property's historical and architectural value.

Mitigation measures have been included in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) to ensure that any impacts are reduced to less than significant.

Public Review: This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on proposed project. The Initial Study is available for review at the Little Tokyo Branch Library, 600 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013; Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012; Council District 14 - District Office, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 465, Los Angeles, CA 9012; El Pueblo De Los Angeles, 125 Paseo De La Plaza - Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012; Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group (EMG), 1149 S. Broadway (contact Catalina Hernandez at (213) 485-5756); or online at <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg>.



The 20 day public review period starts February 25 and ends March 16, 2016. **Comments must be received in writing by March 16, 2016, by email (please put “Channel 35 Studio Relocation Project” in subject line) to Catalina.Hernandez@lacity.org, or by mail to:**

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
Attention: Catalina Hernandez, Environmental Specialist II
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Project Location Map

