CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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MAYOR

October 3, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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: CITYWIDE CAT PROGRAM (W.O. E1907610)
- State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#) Pending Assignment by OPR -

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project would be implemented throughout the City of Los Angeles by the City's Department of Animal Services, principally through the City's six animal shelters.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the proposed project is the establishment of a "Cat Program" involving the citywide coordination of actions and activities that will accomplish increased spay/neuter of cats, generally reduce the euthanasia of cats in City of Los Angeles ("City") animal shelters, accommodate the maintenance and improved management of cats in outdoor locations in a manner that minimizes their impacts on environmentally sensitive habitats, support members of the public with an interest in addressing nuisance issues relating to cats, and facilitate public and community education on cat-related issues. In addition, the proposed program includes: a minor amendment to Section 5.199 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code regarding the scope of use of the Animal Spay and Neuter Trust Fund; increasing the number of cats that may be kept without a kennel permit to five cats; allowing the feeding of free-roaming cats in colonies; and exempting cat colony operators from cat kennel permit requirements. Cat colonies would not be allowed in Environmentally Sensitive Areas or parks. Mitigation Measures have been included to further reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level.

In compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of this project. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to ensure that any impacts are reduced to a less than significant level. As such, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on October 3, 2013 and ending on November 4, 2013.

Copies of the document are available for review at the City's six animal shelters. To find your local shelter, visit http://www.laanimalservices.com/

A copy of this document may also be obtained by calling Catalina Hernandez of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5756 or by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering Website, http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/. All comments must be received in writing no later than 4:00 PM on November 4, 2013, by mailing to:

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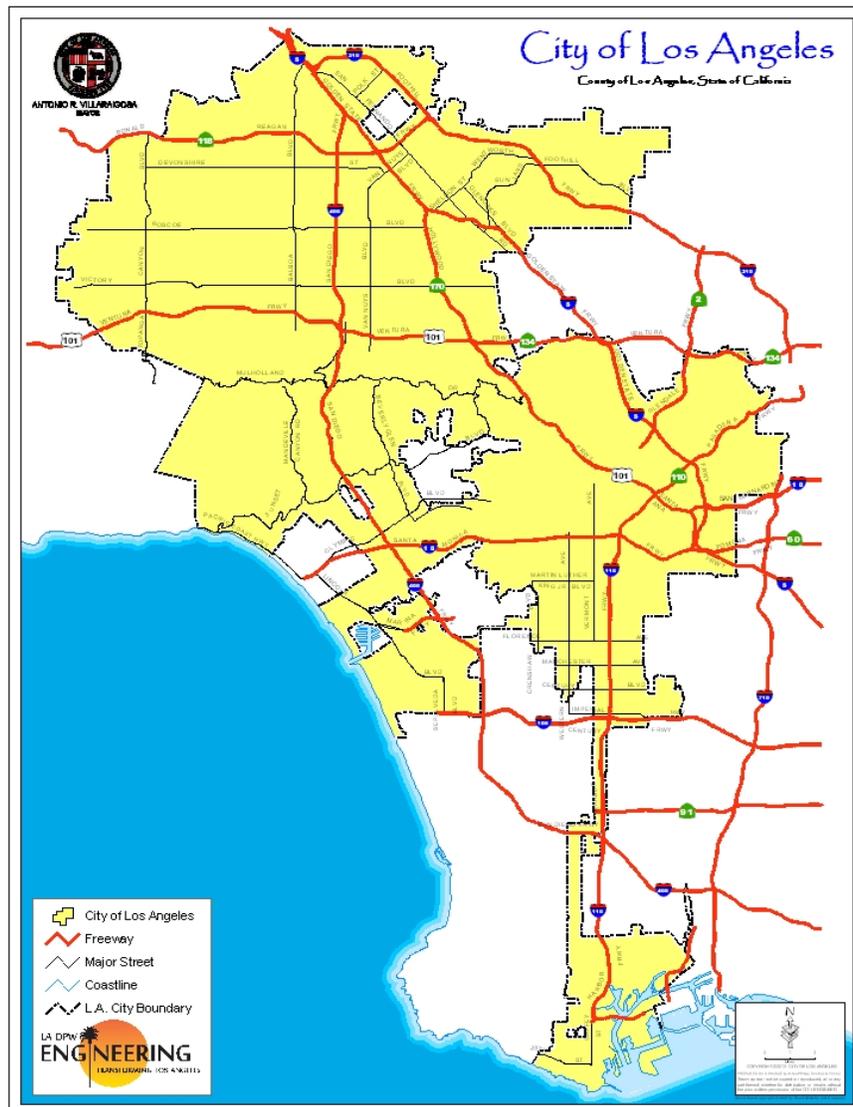Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Thank you for your interest.

Figure1. Project Location