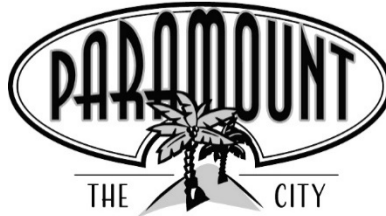


AGENDA

Paramount Planning Commission
December 3, 2024



Safe, Healthy, and Attractive

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ www.paramountcity.com

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

In-person Attendance: The public may attend the Planning Commission meetings in-person.

Public Comments: Members of the public wanting to address the Planning Commission, either during public comments or for a specific agenda item, or both, may do so by the following methods:

- **In-person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail:** planning@paramountcity.com

E-mail public comments must be received by **5:45 p.m. prior to the start of the meeting**. The e-mail should specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item No.; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

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Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gordon Weisenburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Gordon Weisenburger

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Commissioner Ernie Esparza
Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Vice Chair Linda Timmons
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) November 6, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

2. [CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/PARAMOUNT CITY INVESTORS, LLC](#)

- A) [ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24:033](#)

A request to approve a categorical exemption (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Civic Center improvements at the Paramount Civic Center; and Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Zone Variance No. 412 at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

- B) [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970](#)

A request by Paramount City Investors, LLC to operate restaurants at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

- C) [ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412](#)

A request by Paramount City Investors, LLC for a zone variance for an outdoor patio area within a portion of the required 10-foot front setback at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

3. [CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 969](#)

A request by Matthew Oldenkamp/ Mattco Forge, Inc. to approve the replacement of five previously approved hand-grinders with seven hand-grinders in an existing 800 square foot enclosed building and install an additional five hand-grinders in an adjacent 336 square foot enclosure for a total of 12 hand-grinders with HEPA exhaust filtration to comply with SCAQMD Rule 1430 at 16443 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. This project is a Class 1 (existing facilities) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 and Class 3 (new construction or conversion of small structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

4. [CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 973](#)

A request by Hart Food Products, Inc. to install and operate a chiller upon a steel platform at the rear of the existing warehouse building for the food processing of sauces at 15333-15337 Illinois Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. This project is a Class 3 (installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

REPORTS

5. [ORAL REPORT](#)

City Council Actions

COMMENTS

6. **COMMENTS**
- City Attorney
 - Commissioners
 - Staff

ADJOURNMENT

To a meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 220-2225 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. **Note:** Agenda items are on file in the Planning Department office and are available for public inspection during normal business hours. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet are also available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Planning Department office. The Planning Department office is located at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount.

DECEMBER 3, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2024.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2024

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS: Present: Commissioner Ernie Esparza
Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Vice Chair Linda Timmons
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Martyn, Interim City Attorney
John King, Interim Planning Director
Rick Baptista, Building and Safety Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Leslie Corrales, Assistant Planner
Cameron Younger, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of October 2, 2024 for approval.

It was moved by Vice Chair Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

2. **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 33** Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a recommendation for the City Council of the City of Paramount to approve an ordinance revising regulations for housing developments to further incorporate objective design standards citywide in residential zones.

Interim Planning Director John King credited Associate Planner Ivan Reyes as the project planner and introduced MIG Consultants, Steven Davidovas and Tessa Hocquet, who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Interim Planning Director John King stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:028, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS

None.

4. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF

Interim Planning Director John King announced Planning Intern Cameron Younger is leaving the City of Paramount for an excellent opportunity for a full-time position working for another city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:17 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

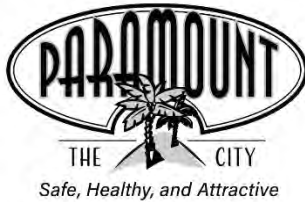
DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/PARAMOUNT CITY
INVESTORS, LLC

- A. HEAR STAFF REPORT.
- B. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- C. HEAR TESTIMONY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
 - (1) THOSE IN FAVOR
 - (2) THOSE OPPOSED
 - (3) REBUTTAL BY APPLICANT
- D. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

<u>MOTION:</u>	<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>
MOVED BY: _____	AYES: _____
SECONDED BY: _____	NOES: _____
[] APPROVED	ABSENT: _____
[] DENIED	ABSTAIN: _____



CITY OF PARAMOUNT PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER: Conditional Use Permit No. 970; Zone Variance No. 412

REQUEST:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 24:033, approving a categorical exemption (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Civic Center improvements at the Paramount Civic Center; and Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Zone Variance No. 412**
- B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:034, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 970, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.**
- C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:035, approving Zone Variance No. 412, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.**

APPLICANT: Paramount City Investors, LLC

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

LOCATION: 16493 Paramount Boulevard

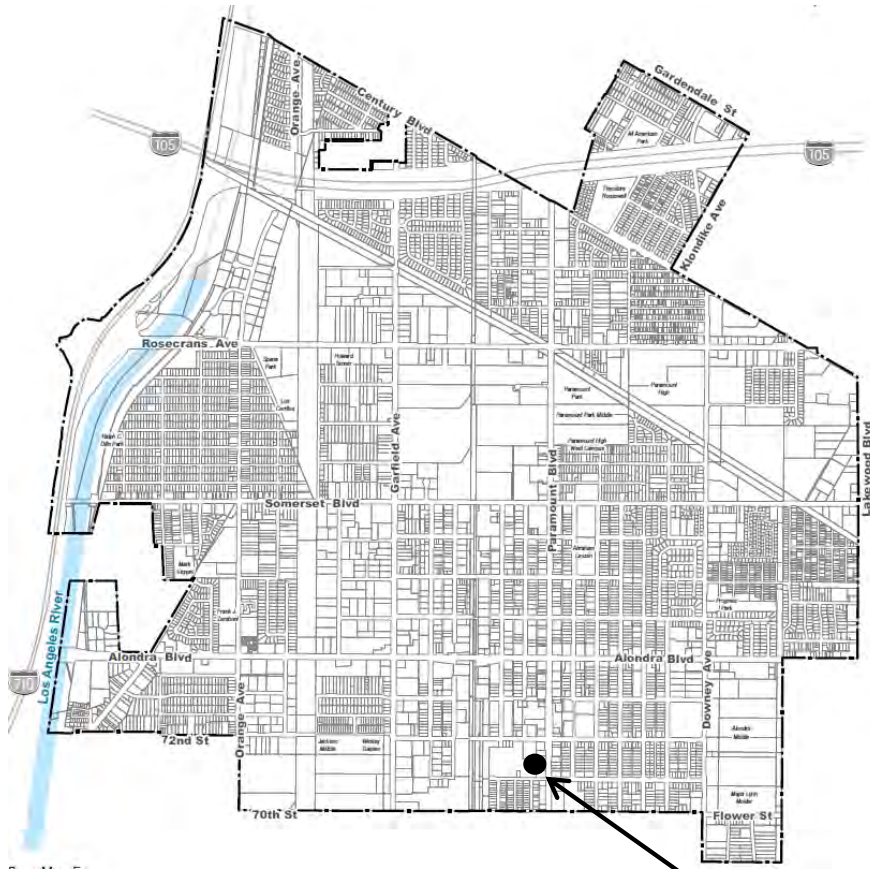
ZONE: C-3 (General Commercial)

GENERAL PLAN: Central Business District

PLANNER: John King

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Paramount City Investors, LLC Conditional Use Permit No. 970 Zone Variance No. 412



Subject
Location

16493 Paramount Boulevard; Civic Center



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John King, AICP, Interim Planning Director
By:
Date: December 3, 2024

**Subject: CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970; ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412**

BACKGROUND

This item is a request by Paramount City Investors, LLC to remodel the interior of and operate restaurants in the existing Paramount Saw commercial building (Conditional Use Permit No. 970) and construct and maintain an outdoor patio area at the front of the Paramount Saw building in a portion of the 10-foot front setback (Zone Variance No. 412) at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone. The request is associated with a City of Paramount modification and relocation of the existing public parking lot to the east of City Hall, upgrades to the Civic Center Gardens area, and the proposed acquisition of and improvements to Hay Tree Parcels.

The 4.4-acre project location consists of the following adjoining areas (see the aerial photograph below):

(APNs 7102-027-021, -020, -019, -908, -906, -907, -904, and -902; and an eastern portion of APN 7102-025-038) along the west side of Paramount Boulevard in the southern portion of the City; north of Harrison Street; east, west, and south of the Paramount City Hall building (16400 Colorado Avenue), and south and west of the Clearwater Building (16401 Paramount Boulevard).

Complementary to and separate from Planning Commission review of Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Zone Variance No. 412, the Development Review Board will review Development Review Application No. 24:007 regarding the design of the proposed Paramount Saw building remodel.

Project Area

The following (*Diagram A*) is an aerial photograph of the Civic Center area with the project site within a red border:



City Hall

The Civic Center area consists of those uses shown on the aerial photo above as *Diagram A*. The Civic Center area is anchored by Paramount City Hall, which was constructed in 1963. City Hall is the center of governance for the City of Paramount. In addition to City administrative offices, on the west side of the building is the City Council Chamber where the City Council and most City commissions regularly meet.

Below is a photo of City Hall.



Civic Center Gardens

In 2002, the Paramount Redevelopment Agency approved the Civic Center Plaza project. Construction began soon thereafter, and the project was completed June 2004. The Plaza Project encompassed the construction of a joint parking lot with Suburban Medical Center (now Kindred Hospital; property owner: General Hospital Corporation) and City Hall. The project included a central plaza area ("Plaza Area" or "Civic Center Gardens") and a main vehicular entrance off of Paramount Boulevard.

The Civic Center Gardens are a focal point to the Civic Center. The fountains, sculptures, seating areas, and landscaping provide much needed passive recreation space that enhances the civic experience with a cohesive design.

Below is a photo of the Civic Center Gardens.



Hospital

The Civic Center includes Kindred Hospital Paramount, which is a 159-bed long-term acute care and 18-bed acute rehabilitation unit hospital bordering the Civic Center to the west. The hospital and a complimentary four-story medical building opened in the fall of 1971 under the ownership of Dr. Irving Moskowitz and the Paramount General Hospital Company. After a series of previous business owners that included Suburban Hospital and Promise Hospital of East Los Angeles, Kindred Hospital (based out of Louisville, Kentucky) assumed operations in 2019.

Master Agreement with the Hospital

On September 18, 2002, the Paramount General Hospital Company entered into a Master Agreement for Grant of Easement, Maintenance, and Use with the City (the "Master Agreement"). (A copy of the Master Agreement is attached and incorporated as Attachment A).

As described in further detail below, the Master Agreement grants the City an easement over Paramount General Hospital Company's property for maintenance and landscaping purposes relating to the Hay Tree. This easement is described in more detail with the Hay Tree description section below.

Under the Master Agreement, Paramount General Hospital Company grants the City another easement ("the Public Easement"). A portion of the Public Easement consists of an area where the City was authorized to construct public improvements, including hardscape and landscape elements ("Plaza Area" – now known as the "Civic Center Gardens")

Clearwater Building

At the southwest corner of Paramount Boulevard and Jackson Street and within the northeast portion of the Civic Center is the two-story Clearwater Building. This office building was constructed in 1989 for private office use. The City purchased the property in 2004 and remodeled the building as a public facility. The first floor is leased by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and a second floor auditorium is available for public use. Two publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are located to immediate south of the Clearwater Building. Four EV charging stations exclusively for City of Paramount vehicle fleet use are located to the immediate west of the Clearwater Building.

Below is a photo of the Clearwater Building.



Hay Tree

The Hay Tree is a camphor tree planted in the late 1880s. This registered California Historical Landmark is approximately 100 feet to the west of Paramount Boulevard and 200 feet to the north of Harrison Street. As described in the nearby plaque placed by the State Department of Parks and Recreation:

The towns of Hynes and Clearwater, later incorporated as Paramount, were the center of the hay and dairy industry in Los Angeles and Orange Counties from the 1920s through the 1960s. Considered the “Milk Shed of Los Angeles”, Paramount developed into the largest hay market in the world. Each day the price of hay sold here was quoted by brokers in Chicago and New York City as the International Standard. Major hay sellers would gather each morning under this 120-year-old Camphor tree to determine the day’s price. The Hay Tree was also a cherished spot where truckers, workers, and farmers gathered for a lazy lunch or a spirited game of cards. The Camphor is the last remnant of the “World’s Largest Hay Market.”

The Hay Tree is located on two parcels of land currently owned by Paramount General Hospital Company. The Master Agreement grants to the City an easement over the two parcels for the maintenance, landscaping, and incidental purposes relating to the Hay Tree. A Bill of Sale signed by the President of Paramount General Hospital Company on September 18, 2022 sells, transfers, and conveys to the City all right, title, and interest to the Hay Tree. This Bill of Sale is an exhibit to the Master Agreement. The City is moving forward with acquiring the two parcels of land from Paramount General Hospital Company, preferably through negotiated sale, or, if necessary, by eminent domain.

Below is a photo of the Hay Tree.



Paramount Saw

To the immediate south of the Hay Tree land and at the northwest corner of Paramount Boulevard and Harrison Street (16493 Paramount Boulevard) is the Paramount Saw property. The property was developed in 1926/1936 with a 12,000 square foot building (industrial vernacular architectural style). The building was originally an automobile repair garage called Schilling Garage. By 1940, Western Consumers Feed Company, a dairy supplier, acquired the property and operated for decades from this location. By the early 1980s, Ted Mosier Sales, Inc., owned the property and operated a construction material and general merchandise wholesale business with a public scale at the front of the

building. In 2001, the owner of Paramount Saw acquired the property, relocated the Paramount Saw business from the previous location at Paramount Boulevard and 1st Street, and remodeled the building.

In July 2023, Paramount City Investors, LLC purchased the property from the owner of Paramount Saw.

In July 2023, the City of Paramount and Paramount City Investors, LLC entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement with Operating Covenants (the “DDA”). (A copy of the DDA is attached and incorporated as Attachment B). Both parties agreed that Paramount City Investors would purchase, rehabilitate, and preserve the property at 16493 Paramount Boulevard with City assistance. The agreement entitles the City to improve the area it rents and will occupy with a community room, kitchenette, restrooms, a City historical museum, and event area. Paramount City Investors would use the remainder of the property to construct and operate restaurant/retail/commercial uses.

The following is a photo from November 2024 looking northwest across Paramount Boulevard to the Paramount Saw property.



Parking Lot Modification

The existing City-controlled public parking lot includes a total of 104 parking spaces. The following aerial photo is a view of the City-owned properties within a blue border. The number of existing parking spaces for various areas in the public parking lot are noted.

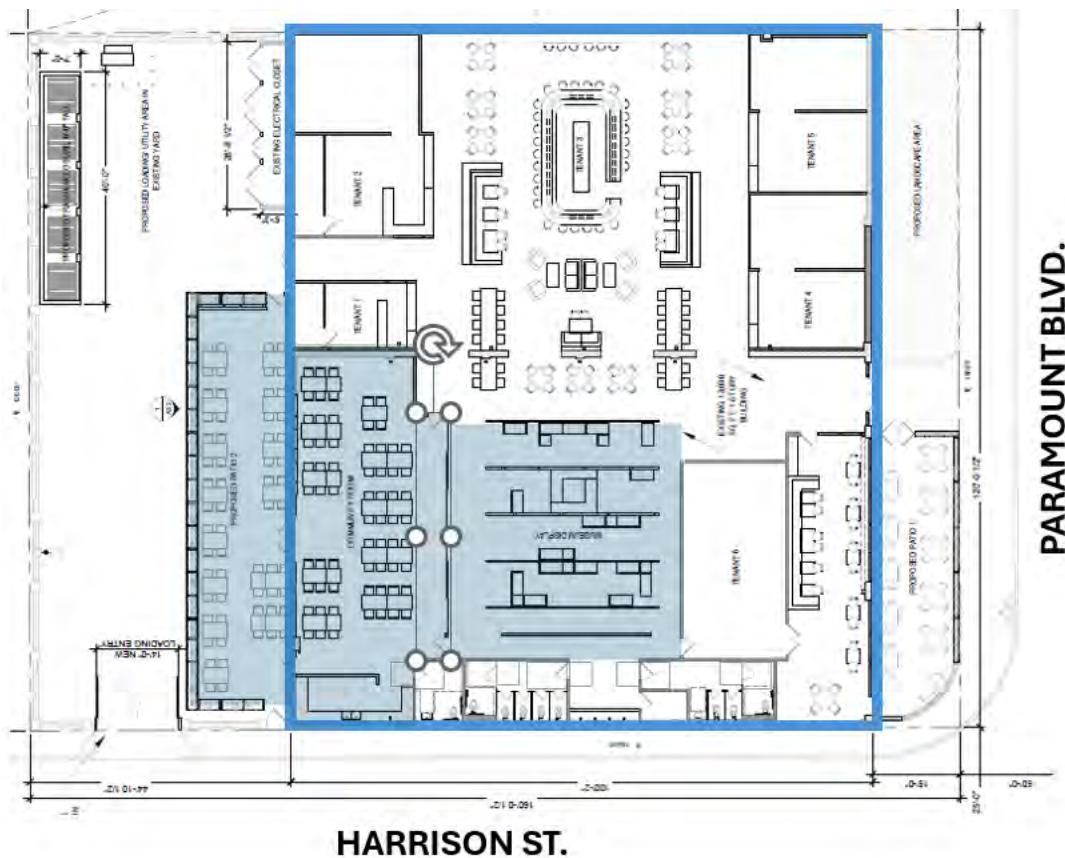


DISCUSSION

Plans

Plans for the remodel of the interior of Paramount Saw building as well as the patio in front are included for reference. The Development Review Board will review plans in greater detail.

The following is the proposed site plan. The Paramount Saw building is bounded by a blue border. The area to be leased by the City is highlighted in blue.



The following are renderings of the proposed exterior of the Paramount Saw building:



General Plan Consistency

The City Council most recently adopted a comprehensive Paramount General Plan update in 2007. The General Plan is made up of elements – land use, housing, transportation, resources management, health and safety, economic development, public facilities, and implementation. In early 2022, the City Council adopted a new element – environmental justice. The Land Use Element of the General Plan serves as the long-

term guide for development in Paramount and indicates the distribution, location, and land use for housing, business, industry, open space, recreation, and public facilities.

California Government Code Section 65860 requires General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map consistency for any project approved by the Planning Commission. For consistency, the various land uses authorized by a city's zoning ordinance must be compatible with the objectives, policies, general land uses, and programs specified in the general plan. As noted in the Paramount General Plan, "The City's zoning, specific plans, redevelopment plans, and individual development proposals must all be consistent with the policies, plans, and standards contained in the General Plan."

The project is consistent with the General Plan. The project is located in the Area Plan designated Central Business District in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. *Central Business District Area Plan Policy 2* states, "Land uses shall be limited to commercial or office uses, except as otherwise indicated on the General Plan Land Use Map."

An area designated for commercial development on the Land Use Map must have a corresponding commercial zoning designation. The project area is within the C-3 (General Commercial) zone. As described in Section 17.24.010 (Purposes) of Chapter 17.24 (C-3, General Commercial Classification) of the Paramount Municipal Code:

The uses designated in this chapter as permissible in the classification C-3 are considered compatible uses having common or similar performance standards in that they represent on-premises retail enterprises and involve only incidental and limited treatment, fabrication or assembly of commodities, or comprise types of enterprises involving the rendering of service both professional or to the person and permit facilities for recreation and entertainment.

The above excerpt from C-3 zone regulations describes commercial uses that are consistent with the Central Business District use limitations noted in *Central Business District Area Plan Policy 2*.

The proposed change the Paramount Saw building to a restaurant use further supports the General Plan and zoning intent for commercial uses in this area. Section 17.24.030 of the Municipal Code lists uses that may be permitted in the C-3 zone provided that in each instance a CUP is first obtained. "Restaurants, cafés, dinner houses, or establishments offering food for in-house consumption" is a category listed in this section.

Proposed Conditional Use Permit

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 939 is the first application under consideration by the Planning Commission. This CUP is a proposal to operate up to six restaurants in a food hall setting. At this time no specific restaurant operators have been determined. Individual

businesses may apply for separate CUPs in the future to sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.

A food hall is an open restaurant concept that has grown in popularity locally, nationally, and internationally. Restaurants are often small, creative, entry businesses with local orientation. Food halls are known as a business incubator and are considered excellent drivers of economic development. The restaurants within a food hall complex have a common seating area where customers can bring food purchases from the different establishments. Examples in Southern California include Grand Central Market in Los Angeles, The Hanger in Long Beach, the Anaheim Packing District, and Rodeo 39 in Garden Grove.

The proposed business operation hours of the food hall are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays to Thursdays and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

A total of 169 customer seats are proposed for the restaurants. As the Municipal Code requires one parking space for every three customer seats in a restaurant, 57 parking spaces are required. Parking spaces to the rear of the subject property are under the ownership of Paramount General Hospital and unavailable for any type of vehicle parking for Paramount Saw building use. In order to provide parking, the developer will rely upon public parking located within the Civic Center area to the north of the Paramount Saw building. The City proposes to construct a new public parking lot and provide improvements to existing parking areas, resulting in a total of 146 City-controlled parking spaces.

The 146 parking spaces accomodates the requirement for 57 parking spaces for the Paramount Saw restaurants. Considering the staggered hours of City Hall and Clearwater Building operations, in addition to the recent implementation of work-from-home options that have reduced onsite City staffing at City Hall and Gateway Cities Council of Governments staffing at the Clearwater Building, the remaining 89 parking spaces are sufficient.

The CUP meets the requirements of Section 17.48.020 as follows:

1. As conditioned, the requested use at the location proposed will not:
 - a. Adversely affect the health, peace, safety, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;
 - b. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; nor
 - c. Jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

The proposed restaurants, which meet the intent of the Central Business District and C-3 (General Commercial) zone, will integrate well with the surrounding residential and business area. Construction is limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays. Contractor staging will be limited to the onsite rear yard of the Paramount Saw building. Professionally fabricated, weather-durable signs are required to be installed following separate Planning Department review and approval of the sign content, design, and precise locations to clearly identify allowed vehicle parking locations. Sufficient parking is available within the City-controlled parking lot to the north of the Paramount Saw property. The applicant will ensure any and all trash and litter on adjoining properties are promptly removed and discarded in the proper trash, recyclable, or organic waste receptacle. Noise at the front outdoor patio will be minimized by the design – stuccoed concrete wall from ground level to 42-inch height and a metal and plexiglass enclosure from 42 to 84 inches in height – and a hedge on the perimeter.

2. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, and loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features prescribed in this chapter, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area.

Sufficient yards, walls, fences, and loading facilities (to rear of the building), landscaping, and other features are proposed.

3. That the proposed site is adequately served:
 - a. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate; and
 - b. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

Street infrastructure is sufficient. The property is at the northeast corner of Paramount Boulevard and Harrison Street. Paramount Boulevard right-of-way is 100 feet wide, and Harrison Street is 50 feet wide. A signalized traffic intersection at Paramount Boulevard and Civic Center Drive is approximately 100 feet to the north of the subject property. All other public and private service facilities, including trash/recyclable/organic waste service, electrical/gas/Internet/water utilities is sufficient. Parking infrastructure will be sufficient upon completion of the modification of the City-controlled parking lot to the north of the subject property.

4. That such use is desirable for the development of the community, is essentially in harmony with the various elements of the General Plan and is not detrimental to existing uses or to uses specifically permitted in the zone in which the proposed use is located.

The proposed restaurants will fulfill a need of the Paramount community for smaller-scale, innovative food offerings in a blended food hall format. The project is consistent with the General Plan. The project is located in the Area Plan designated Central Business District in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. *Central Business District Area Plan Policy 2* states, "Land uses shall be limited to commercial or office uses, except as otherwise indicated on the General Plan Land Use Map."

Proposed Zone Variance

Section 17.24.060(B) of the Paramount Municipal Code requires a 10-foot front setback in the C-3 zone. Although the Paramount Saw building is set 15 feet to the west of the front (east) property line, the applicant is proposing a zero-lot line for the 50-foot length of the attached proposed patio area. The total length of the west property line is 120 feet.

As in Section 17.48.010(C) of the Municipal Code, the Zoning Ordinance requires that several findings be met before the Planning Commission grants a variance. First, a property must possess exceptional circumstances. The Paramount Saw building was constructed in the 1920s, and since that time has been used for multiple commercial, wholesale, and manufacturing business uses. While not conceived as a restaurant use, the adaptive reuse of the building and property for retail-commercial activities requires creative adaptation of the property to successfully accommodate market demand for a complementary outdoor dining experience.

Second, the Zoning Ordinance requires that the granting of a variance not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other properties in the area. While reduced from the required 10 feet, the 50-foot length of the outdoor patio area represents 41.7% of the 120-foot-long property line. As the primary building is, in fact, 15 feet from the front property line, the outdoor area would not pose a detriment to sightlines, and it would match the existing frontage of the building on the property to the south (16601 Paramount Boulevard). Due to the proximity of the street from the patio area, staff recommends as conditions of approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Development Review Application No. 24:007 that the applicant integrate bollards into the patio design as a protective measure.

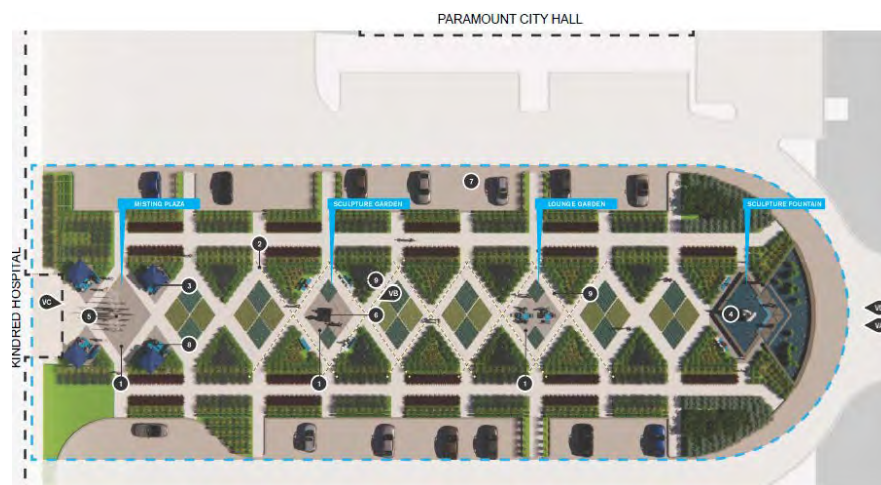
Third, the granting of a variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by other property in the same vicinity and zone but which is denied to the property in question. There are a number of properties in the vicinity, including the property across Harrison Street to the south (16601 Paramount Boulevard), that do not meet the front yard setback due to legal nonconforming conditions.

Finally, the Municipal Code states that the granting of a variance must not adversely affect the General Plan. The property is located in a C-3 (General Commercial) zone, and the General Plan designation for the site is Central Business District. The granting of the variance will not have a negative impact on the General Plan as the use of the property will be commercial.

Civic Center Gardens

After 20 years, the Civic Center Gardens are in need of revitalization. The City Council recently approved an upgrade project which includes fountain improvements, a relocated sculpture ("The Conversation"), enhanced paving areas, site furnishings and built-in seating, landscape enhancements, adjusting the irrigation system, installing overhead string lighting, and installing a water softener system. There are no material configuration changes proposed for the Civic Center Gardens.

Below is a conceptual plan of the Civic Center Gardens upgrade:



Below is a rendering of a view looking west of the proposed Civic Center Gardens upgrade.



As noted above, the City-controlled parking lot will be modified to bring the 104 existing parking spaces up to 146 parking spaces. New landscape planters with ornamental landscaping and pole lighting would be provided within the parking lot. New pedestrian walkways would connect to existing walkways in the site vicinity. As part of the improvements, a new sidewalk, curb and gutter, storm drain, and new landscape and irrigation would be installed by the City on City property/right of way adjacent to Paramount Boulevard. New storm drainage and other utilities infrastructure would connect to existing infrastructure in the site vicinity.

Environmental Analysis

City staff determined that the CUP and variance are discretionary approvals of a public agency which, along with the City projects, constitute a project subject to CEQA. The City contracted with De Novo Planning Group, an environmental planning firm, to prepare a project analysis in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines to determine whether the project would have a significant impact on the environment. The analysis determined that project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project meets the requirements for Class 1 (existing facilities), Class 5 (minor alterations in land use limitations), and Class 11 (accessory structures) Categorical Exemptions pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15305, and 15311 of CEQA Guidelines. See the CEQA Analysis attached as Attachment C.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The City's Vision, Mission, and Values set the standard for the organization; establish priorities, uniformity, and guidelines; and provide the framework for policy decisionmaking. The Strategic Outcomes were implemented to provide a pathway to achieving the Vision of a city that is safe, healthy, and attractive. This item aligns with Strategic Outcomes No. 1: Safe Community and No. 3: Economic Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Adopt Resolution No. PC 24:033, approving a categorical exemption (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Civic Center improvements at the Paramount Civic Center; and Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Zone Variance No. 412 at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.
- B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:034, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 970, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.
- C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:035, approving Zone Variance No. 412, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Master Agreement for Grant of Easement, Maintenance, and Use

Attachment B – Disposition and Development Agreement with Operating Covenants

Attachment C – CEQA Analysis

Attachment D – Paramount Saw Plan Set

ATTACHMENT A

MASTER AGREEMENT FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND USE

MASTER AGREEMENT FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE

THIS MASTER AGREEMENT FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE (the "Agreement") is made this 18 day of September, 2002, by PARAMOUNT GENERAL HOSPITAL COMPANY, a California limited partnership (hereinafter "Owner"), and THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, a California municipal corporation (hereinafter "City").

R E C I T A L S :

A. Owner is the record fee owner of property (the "Owner's Property") located within the City of Paramount, State of California and described herein verbally and graphically on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

B. The Owner's Property is currently leased to AHM, SMC a California corporation (the "Tenant"). The Owner's Property that is currently leased to the Tenant is also referred to as the "Leased Premises". Although Tenant is not a party to this Agreement, Owner and City acknowledge that one of the purposes for entering into this Agreement is to benefit both the Tenant and the Leased Premises.

C. A portion of the Owner's Property is currently vacant and undeveloped ("Jackson Street Lot"). The Jackson Street Lot is legally described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

D. City desires to develop, construct, and pay for capital improvements which include creating an entry over a portion of the Owner's Property directly from Paramount Boulevard, consolidate City Hall and Leased Premises parking lots wherein a portion of the parking lot areas will be designated for joint use and a portion of the parking lot areas will be for the exclusive use by Owner, construct a pedestrian plaza area in front of the Leased Premises, vacate portions of existing public right of ways and construct a new public street for public access from Paramount Boulevard over portions of Owner's property, which will benefit Owner, Tenant, the Leased Premises and the City ("Civic Center Project").

E. In order for City to construct the Civic Center Project which will promote and preserve the public health, welfare and safety of the residents of the City, City will require various easements over portions of Owner's Property.

F. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, Owner desires to grant to City various easements over portions of Owner's Property which easements will grant to the City the right to construct the Civic Center Project.

G. On May 7, 2002, the City Council of the City of Paramount adopted Resolution No. 02:015 ordering the vacation of the alley located west of Paramount

Boulevard, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street. Resolution No. 02:015 and the described verbal and graphic attachments on Exhibit "C" are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Said Resolution has been adopted but not yet recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder's office.

H. On May 7, 2002, the City Council of the City of Paramount adopted Resolution No. 02:016 ordering the vacation of a portion of Colorado Avenue between Jackson Street and Harrison Street. Resolution No. 02:016 and the described verbal and graphic attachments on Exhibit "D" are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Said Resolution has been adopted but not yet recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder's office.

I. City and Owner agree to the terms of this Agreement as a condition of the Parties' undertaking the promises and duties set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the undersigned hereby establish this Agreement, which shall be subject to the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement.

1. Street Easement.

(a) Owner hereby grants, and City hereby accepts, an easement for ingress, egress, enjoyment and use, street and public utility purposes ("Street Easement") over a portion of Owner's Property. That portion of the Owner's Property that is subject to the Street Easement and the Street Easement are more particularly described verbally and graphically on Exhibit "E" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

(b) City agrees that: (1) it shall, at its sole expense and responsibility, construct, maintain, repair and replace as necessary, the Street Easement and any improvements thereon; (ii) the improvements and the entire Street Easement shall be kept neat, clean, well drained, and well maintained. No future levies, taxes, general or special assessments, liens, charges, or other similar indebtedness relating in any manner to the construction, maintenance and repair of any improvements now or hereafter existing on the Street Easement shall be placed on the Street Easement or the underlying fee interest of the Owner underlying the Street Easement without the express written consent of the Owner.

2. Camphor Tree and Easement.

(a) Owner hereby conveys and transfers to the City all of Owner's right, title and interest to, and City hereby accepts, the existing camphor tree, (which is also commonly known as the "Hay Tree") located on a portion of Owner's Property.

(b) Owner hereby grants, and City accepts, an easement over a that portion of Owner's Property for maintenance and landscaping purposes

relating to the Hay Tree and incidental purposes thereto (the "Hay Tree Easement"). The Hay Tree Easement and that portion of the Owner's Property underlying the Hay Tree Easement are more particularly described verbally and graphically on Exhibit "F" attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

(c) Owner and City expressly agree that the transfer and conveyance of the Hay Tree is determined to be personal property, and, as such, Owner and City shall, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement enter into a Bill of Sale and Assumption in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "G" and made a part hereof.

(d) City agrees that it shall, at its sole expense, and responsibility, (i) maintain, repair and replace as necessary, the Hay Tree; (ii) the Hay Tree and any improvements thereon shall be kept neat, clean and well maintained, and (iii) shall insure that the Owner's properties be free from surface level roots growing out of the Hay Tree. The Owner and its successors and assigns may from time to time, all without liability of any kind or nature to the City, remove any roots that are now or may hereafter be growing out of the Hay Tree and encroaching on any portion of the Owner's Property that does not underly the Hay Tree Easement.

(e) Owner acknowledges that the Hay Tree is a valuable historical resource to the City and its residents. Located adjacent to the Hay Tree Easement is a portion of Owner's Property which fronts on Paramount Boulevard ("Restricted Patio and Courtyard Area"). The Restricted Patio and Courtyard Area is more particularly described verbally and graphically on Exhibit "F." Owner expressly agrees that any development on Owner's Property to which the Restricted Patio and Courtyard Area exists shall be limited to "patio" and "courtyard" purposes and, further, Owner agrees not to construct any structures or buildings on the Restricted Patio and Courtyard Area which would screen, block or otherwise obstruct the Hay Tree.

(f) The Owner and its successors and assigns shall not be subject to any future levies, taxes, general or special assessments, liens, charges or similar indebtedness relating to the ownership, maintenance or repair of the Hay Tree and/or the Hay Tree Easement and/or the fee property underlying the Hay Tree Easement.

3. Public Easement.

(a) Owner hereby grants, and City accepts, an easement over that portion of the Owner's Property described in Exhibit "A" (the "Public Easement") for public and non-public utilities and incidental purposes thereto, including ingress and egress, water line, storm drain, sanitary sewer, parking, landscaping purposes and enjoyment and use for the purposes of the ongoing improvement, maintenance, management, administration, operation, repair and replacement, if any, of the Civic Center Project, and the improvements, installed

and/or to be installed by City on the Public Easement area subject to the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

(b) A portion of the Public Easement on Owner's Property consists of an area where the City will construct public improvements, including hardscape and softscape elements ("Plaza Area"). The Plaza Area is more particularly described graphically on Exhibit "H", attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Exhibit "H" depicts the Plaza Area by a crosshatched section referred as the "Shared Area").

(c) Owner and City agree that: (i) all costs relating to the future maintenance, repair, replacement, lighting, security, policing, insurance, administration, taxes, assessments, liens, levies, charges, administration, public safety and all other charges and costs relating to the Plaza Area and/or the improvements now or hereafter existing on the Plaza Area (collectively, the "Plaza Area Costs") shall be the paid by the City; provided however, that the Owner shall pay to the City a sum equal to one-half of the Plaza Area Costs not to exceed the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) per year (hereafter the "Maintenance Cap"). The Maintenance Cap shall not be increased in a manner directly or indirectly without the prior written consent of the Owner. The City shall assume sole responsibility for all of the activities and actions related to the Plaza Area including but not limited to the physical maintenance, repair, replacement, as necessary, insurance, public safety, lighting, security and similar matters, it being the intent that the Owner and its successors and assigns shall have no responsibility relating to the Plaza Area other than the payment of its proportionate share of the Plaza Area Costs.

City shall invoice Owner monthly for its share of the Plaza Area Costs. Invoices shall be sent to:

Paramount General Hospital Company
21520 South Pioneer Boulevard, Suite 205
Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716

Attention: Accounts Payable

Payments by Owner to City under this subparagraph (e)
shall be made to:

City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Avenue
Paramount, California 90723-5050

Attention: Jose Gomez, Finance Director

Owner shall review the invoices submitted by City to determine whether the costs and any documentation in support thereof are consistent with this Agreement.

Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of submittal of the invoice by the City or Owner shall provide City with a written statement objecting to the charges.

(d) In the event that Owner's existing Tenant, AHM SMC, a California corporation no longer leases from Owner that portion of the Owner's Property now leased to Tenant on terms and conditions satisfactory to Owner, that period during which the premises now leased to the Tenant is no longer the subject of a then current lease with the existing Tenant or a successor tenant who occupies the same premises on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Owner, Owner shall be relieved of its obligations to pay its proportionate share of the Plaza Area Costs as provided in this Agreement. For the purposes of this paragraph, "terms and conditions satisfactory to the Owner" shall mean that any successor tenant agrees to specifically pay all of the Plaza Area Costs and other sums payable pursuant to Paragraph 3.(c) above in addition to any other rent agreed upon between the Owner and said successor tenant. In lieu of paying its share of the Plaza Area Costs, Owner agrees to pay to the City the annual sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). Upon the Owner obtaining a successor tenant who leases from the Owner that portion of the Owner's Property now leased to the Tenant on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Owner in its sole discretion, the Owner shall again be obligated to pay its proportionate share of the Plaza Area Costs, not exceeding the Maintenance Cap.

(e) Owner and City acknowledge that there currently exists two hundred ten (210) parking spaces for the use and benefit of the Owner and its existing Tenant. Upon completion of the Civic Center Project, there will exist two hundred ninety-three (293) parking spaces. The proposed parking lot areas as they now exist and will exist after completion of the Civic Center Project are graphically depicted on Exhibits "I" and "J", respectively, and incorporated herein by reference. The proposed parking lot areas graphically depicted on Exhibit "H" are shown as horizontally and vertically striped areas. All costs relating to the maintenance, repair, replacement, lighting, security, insurance, taxes, and all other charges and costs of the horizontally striped areas shall be borne solely by the City. All costs relating to the maintenance, repair, replacement, lighting, security, insurance, taxes, and all other charges and costs of the vertically striped areas shall be borne solely by Owner. Both the horizontally and vertically striped areas depicted on Exhibit "H" shall be utilized as joint parking for the City, Owner and Tenant; provided that those parking areas shown on Exhibit "H" as diagonally striped areas shall be deemed exclusive parking for the benefit of Owner.

(f) In the event the existing Tenant no longer leases from the Owner that portion of the Owner's Property now leased to said Tenant Owner may upon written notice to the City require the City at the sole cost and expense of the City to restore the original two hundred ten (210) parking spaces for the exclusive use of Owner and/or another tenant. Concurrently with the aforesaid restoration of the original two hundred ten (210) parking spaces, the Public Easement described on Exhibit "A" shall be deemed modified to encompass

solely that portion of the Public Easement defined as the Plaza Area depicted on Exhibit "H" except for public utilities and incidental provisions therein. In the foregoing event, the Jackson Street Lot shall remain for the exclusive use of the Owner and shall not be included in calculating the "original two hundred ten (210) parking spaces".

(g) No future levies, taxes, general or special assessments, liens, charges, or other similar indebtedness relating in any manner to the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, operation, public safety, insurance, security or similar costs or expenses shall be placed on the Public Easement and/or the underlying fee interest of the Owner in the property underlying the Public Easement without the express written consent of the Owner, except of course for the payment by the Owner of its share of the Plaza Area Costs as set forth in this Agreement subject to the Maintenance Cap.

4. Jackson Street Lot.

(a) In order to effectively utilize the Civic Center Project for the purposes set forth in this Agreement, City shall construct a parking lot on Jackson Street Lot described on Exhibit "B" pursuant to City's commercial rebate program. General details of the parking lot improvements on the Jackson Street Lot are graphically described on Exhibit "J."

(b) Owner, at its sole cost and expense and responsibility, will maintain, repair, replace, police, insure and be responsible for all other costs of the parking lot on the Jackson Street Lot upon completion thereof by the City. The parking lot will be for the exclusive use by the Owner.

(c) Notwithstanding the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 4.(b) hereinabove, Owner may, at its election, request City to agree to assume physical responsibility to maintain the parking lot on the Jackson Street Lot and/or the exclusive parking areas shown on Exhibit "H" attached pursuant to a written reimbursement agreement acceptable to both parties.

5. Liens, Indemnity.

City, by making this Agreement, agrees that the Street Easement, Hay Tree Easement and Public Easement (collectively, "Easements") shall remain free of any lien rights of the workers, laborers, materialmen, contractors, subcontractors and/or subcontractors that improved the Easements after the date of this Agreement, if done at City's direction and/or expense and/or by contractors or material suppliers that have entered into agreements with any contractor engaged by the City.

City agrees to indemnify and hold Owner, its agents, employees, directors, officers, and members free and harmless from all liability from whatever source for any and all injury, damage, suits, actions, claims and/or demands arising from or as a result of this Agreement and/or its existence, and/or out of the City's installation or modification of the Improvements installed by City and/or City's maintenance, repair,

replacement, operation and/or management of the Improvements and/or City's use thereof of the Easements, together with reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs and expenses in connection therewith, except those which arise out of the sole negligence or intentional misconduct of Owner with respect to its obligations arising out of this Agreement.

City expressly acknowledges: (i) that it has made its own inspection and evaluation of the Owner's Property and all portions thereof and is accepting the Easements described herein in its "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" condition, (ii) that neither the Owner nor any of its officers, agents, employees, or representatives have made any representations or warranties to the City of any kind or nature relating to the Owner's Property as to the Easements.

6. Condition Precedent.

This Agreement will only become effective and any documents recorded if AHM SMC, a California corporation the existing Tenant of the Owner and the existing guarantor of the existing Tenant leases, has executed an amendment to its current lease with Owner on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Owner in its sole discretion.

7. Recordation of Documents.

Any documents required to be recorded under this Agreement, including Orders for Vacation of Public Right of Ways, and Easement Deeds shall be recorded concurrently in the Los Angeles County Recorder's office.

8. Liability Insurance.

City agrees at its sole cost and expense to purchase and keep in effect general liability and property damage insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 or more covering any and all liability of City in connection with this Agreement and City's installation, use, maintenance, repair, replacement or management of the Easements and the improvements made thereto. City's policy shall name Owner as an additional insured. Said City's policy shall be primary as to any Owner policies. Said City's policy shall not require any contribution from any Owner owned policy. Owner shall be given thirty (30) days written notice of any cancellation, termination and/or non-renewal of such policy. Certificates of insurance and proof that the Owner has been named as an additional insured shall be furnished to the Owner concurrently with the execution of this Agreement. All renewals, modifications and extensions of said insurance shall be furnished from time to time to the Owner

9. Ownership of Improvements.

Ownership of improvements installed by City pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall remain with the City. Upon termination of this Agreement, City shall have the right to immediately remove all such improvements without further notice to Owner. Upon removal of said improvements, the Owner's Property shall be restored to

the condition it was in prior to the effective date of this Agreement. For so long as the improvements remain on the Easements, the Easements will be considered in the public domain and shall be open to use by the public in the same manner as any other public facility or open space within the City.

10. Enforcement.

Owner shall have a right of action against City, and City shall have a right of action against Owner to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity, all terms, provisions, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, including the right to prevent the violation of such restrictions, conditions and covenants and the right to recover damages.

11. No Waiver.

Failure by Owner or by City to enforce any covenant, condition or restriction herein contained in any certain instance or on any particular occasion shall not be deemed a waiver of such right or any such future breach of the same or any other covenant, condition and restriction.

12. Cumulative Remedies.

All rights, options and remedies of Owner and City under this Agreement are cumulative, and no one of them shall be exclusive of any other. Owner and City shall have the right to pursue any one or all of such rights, options and remedies or any other remedy or relief which may be provided by law, whether or not stated in this Agreement.

13. Non-Severability.

Invalidation of any one or a portion of these covenants, conditions or restrictions by judgment or court order shall terminate the entire Agreement, unless the parties agree in writing that it should remain in effect.

14. Term.

This Agreement shall be for an indefinite term and neither party may terminate this Agreement at any time without the prior written consent of the other party which consent may be withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of said party.

15. Singular Includes Plural.

Whenever the context of this Agreement requires the same, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

16. Attorney's Fees.

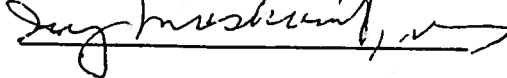
In the event action is instituted to enforce any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, the party prevailing in such action shall be entitled to recover from the other

party thereto reasonable attorney's fees and costs of such suit as determined by the court, or by mediation or arbitration, as part of the judgment.

17. Notices.

Any notice to be given to City or Owner under the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and through certified mail return receipt requested to the addresses set forth below. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing.

To Owner: Paramount General Hospital Company
21520 South Pioneer Boulevard, Suite 205
Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716

Attention: 

With Copies To: Myron Meyers, Esq.
1111 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 110
Palm Springs, California 92262

To City: City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Avenue
Paramount, California 90723-5050

Attention: Patrick H. West, City Manager

18. Amendments.

This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties herein. Any modifications must be in the form of a written amendment agreed to and signed by both City and Owner.

19. Effectiveness of Agreement.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of City and Owner warrant their authority to do so on behalf of their respective entities and that such authority has been duly and validly conferred by their respective approving authority.

20. Survival of Promises.

The promises, covenants, terms, indemnifications and conditions contained herein shall survive the execution of this Agreement and shall remain effective by the parties' heirs, assigns or successors in interest.

21. The Effect of Recitals.

The Recitals contained at the beginning of this Agreement are an important and integral part of this Agreement and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth again.

22. Counterparts.

This agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which so fully-executed counterpart shall be deemed an original.

23. Governing Law.

City and Owner understand and agree that the laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to the Agreement and also govern the interpretation of the Agreement.

24. Legal Requirements.

City represents and warrants to the Owner and its successors, assigns and tenants that the City has promulgated all appropriate notices, taken all appropriate legal steps, and has followed all required legal proceedings (i) for the effective vacation of the public street and alley described in this Agreement, (ii) for the Civic Center Project, and (iii) for the effective execution of this Agreement and compliance with the executory provisions set forth in this Agreement.

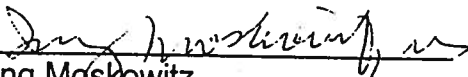
25. Change in Configuration of Improvements.

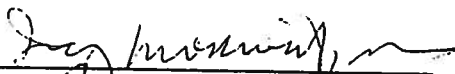
City agrees to consult with Owner in the event there are any material configuration changes from City Council approved set of construction plans for the Plaza Area. For purposes of this provision, consultation means City may at its sole and absolute discretion consider alternative configuration plans proposed by Owner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first hereinabove written.

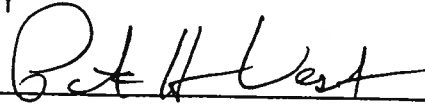
PARAMOUNT GENERAL HOSPITAL,
A California limited partnership
"OWNER"

By: PGHC, INC, a California corporation
Its General Partner

By: 
Irving Moskowitz,
Its President

By: 
Its President

THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, a
Municipal corporation
"CITY"

By: 

Name: Patrick H. West

Title: City Manager

STATE OF FLORIDA }

COUNTY OF Miami-Dade }

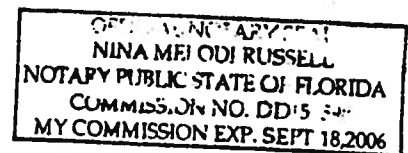
On September 26, 2002, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Irving Moskowitz, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose names is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Nina Melodi Russell

Signature of Notary

Nina Melodi Russell



CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of Los Angeles

SS.

On October 22, 2002

Date

, before me, Lana Chikami

Notary Public

Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")

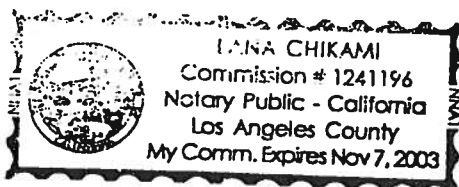
personally appeared Patrick H. West

Name(s) of Signer(s)

☒ personally known to me

☐ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Lana Chikami

Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Master Agreement for Grant of Easement, Maintenance and Use

Document Date: September 18, 2002

Number of Pages: 12 pg. Agreement,

Exhibits A-J

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: Irving Moskowitz

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Individual

☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____

☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee

☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: City of Paramount

RIGHT THUMBPRINT
OF SIGNER
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PUBLIC EASEMENT

Lots 24 through 29, inclusive, of Hynes Improvement Company's Tract, as per map recorded in Book 11 Page 113 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Together with the easterly 73 feet of Lots 40 to 47, inclusive, and the easterly 73 feet of the southerly 21 feet of Lot 39, all of said Hynes Improvement Company's Tract.

Together with those vacated portions of Colorado Avenue and Harrison Street bounded as follows:

Easterly by the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of said Lot 24;
Westerly by the southerly prolongation of the westerly line of the easterly 73 feet of said Lot 47;

Southerly by a line parallel with and 30 feet northerly of the centerline of said Harrison Street;

Northerly by the following described line: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 29; thence, along the westerly prolongation said northerly line to the centerline of said Colorado Avenue; thence, northerly along said centerline to the easterly prolongation of the northerly line of said southerly 21 feet of Lot 39; thence, westerly along said prolongation to the easterly line of said Lot 39.

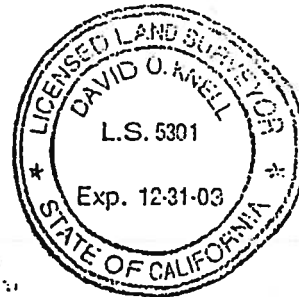
Together with that portion of the westerly one-half of the north-south alley abutting said Lots 24 through 29 bounded as follows:

Northerly by the easterly prolongation of the northerly line of said Lot 29;
Southerly by the easterly prolongation of the southerly line of said Lot 24.

Prepared under my supervision:

David O. Knell 8-27-02
David O. Knell PLS 5301 Date

August 27, 2002
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See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part

Exhibit "A"



ALLEY (VAC.)

HYNES IMPROVEMENT CO'S TRACT

39

21'

40

41

73'

3'

42

43

44

45

46

47

10'

HARRISON

30'

COLORADO AVENUE (VAC.)

15'

32

31

30

29

28

27

26

25

24

STREET

30'

10'

M.B. 11-113

ALLEY



EASEMENT AREA



WILLDAN
ENGINEERS • PLANNERS
13191 CROSSROADS PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 405
INDUSTRY, CA. 91746-3497
(562) 908-6200

SCALE 1" = 60'	DATE AUG 27, 2002
DRAWN BY D. BEYERBACH	PARK INGEASE.DGN
CHECKED BY D. KNELL	PAR-HOSP

SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

JACKSON STREET

VACANT LOT FOR PARKING

A.P.N. 7102-025-028

The East 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 77 of Clearwater, in the City of Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 19, Pages 51 to 54, inclusive, of Miscellaneous Records, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Prepared under my supervision:

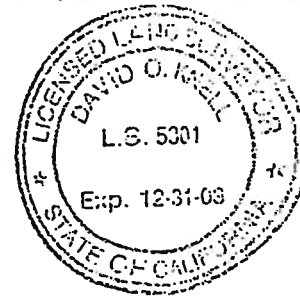
David O. Knell

David O. Knell PLS 5301

Date

August 27, 2002

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CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 02:015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PARAMOUNT, ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE
ALLEY LOCATED WEST OF PARAMOUNT
BOULEVARD, BETWEEN JACKSON STREET AND
HARRISON STREET

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intention in the matter of the vacation of the alley located west of Paramount Boulevard, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street in the City of Paramount was adopted by the City Council of the City of Paramount on April 2, 2002, which resolution established the time and place for the public hearing on said vacation; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing has been published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all protests in this matter have been duly considered.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Council finds from all evidence submitted that the vacation of the alley located west of Paramount Boulevard, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street as described in its Resolution of Intention, namely, Resolution No. 02:004, is necessary for a public purpose.

Section 2: The City Council therefore orders vacated the alley located west of Paramount Boulevard, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street in the City of Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, more particularly as indicated on the attached Exhibits "A" and "B".

Section 3: The mayor is hereby authorized to affix her signature to this resolution signifying to its adoption by the City Council of the City of Paramount, and the City Clerk is directed to attest hereto.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2002.


Peggy Lemonis, Mayor

Attest:


Lana Chikami, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE 1ST ALLEY WEST OF
PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD BETWEEN HARRISON STREET,
AND JACKSON STREET TO BE VACATED

Those portions of the first alley west of Paramount Boulevard to be vacated
bounded as follows:

Easterly 10 feet of alley

Northerly by a line parallel with and 50 feet southerly of the centerline of Jackson
Street, 100 feet wide;
Southerly by a line parallel with and 25 feet northerly of the centerline of Harrison
Street, 50 feet wide.

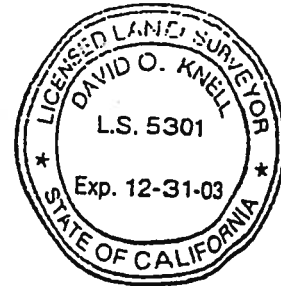
Westerly 10 feet of alley

Northerly by a line parallel with and 40 feet southerly of the centerline of Jackson
Street, 80 feet wide;
Southerly by a line parallel with and 30 feet northerly of the centerline of Harrison
Street, 55 feet wide.

Reserving therefrom easements for public and non-public utilities and incidental
purposes thereto, future easements, sanitary sewer, and parking purposes over
the above described alley sections.

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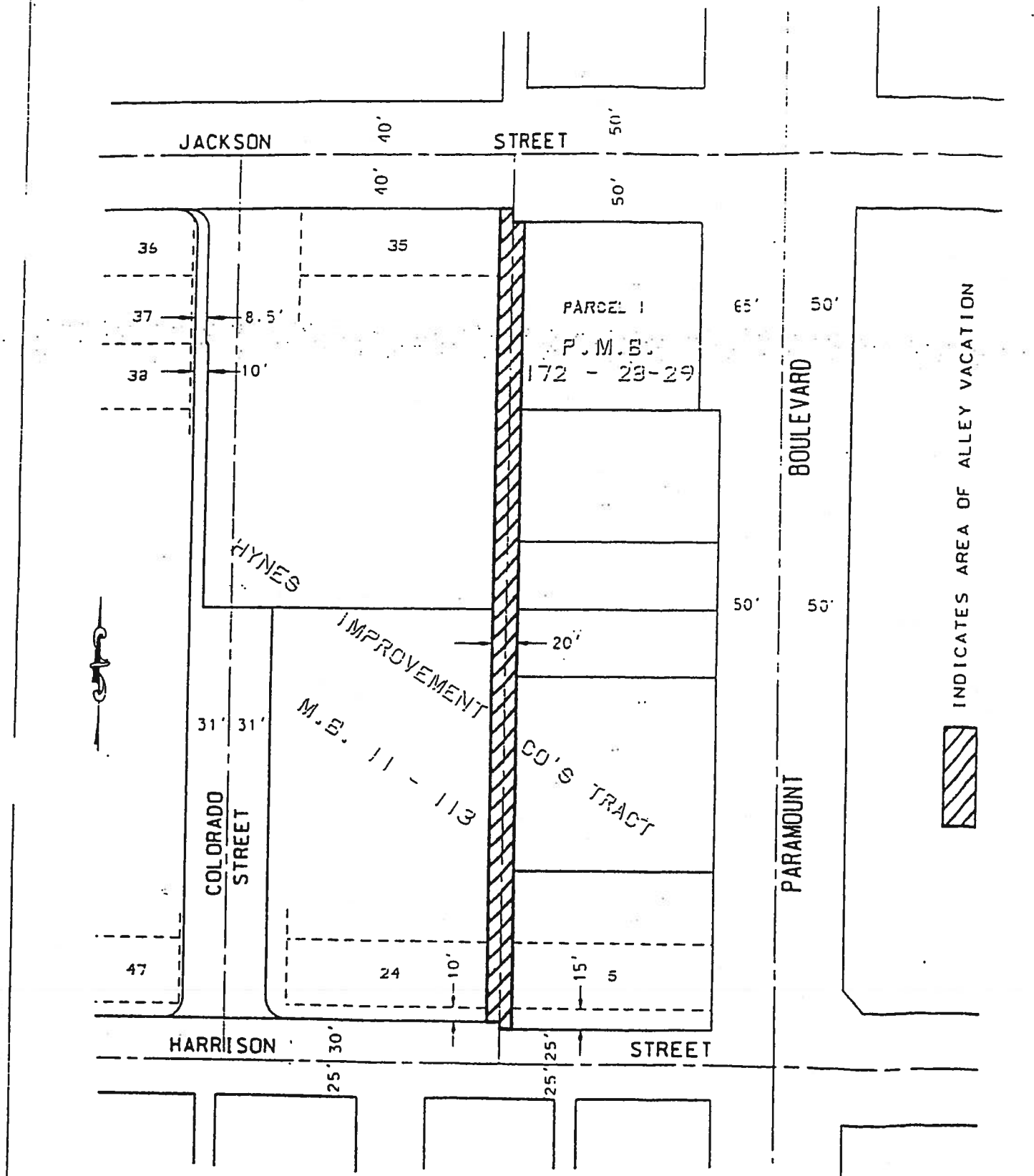
David O. Knell 5-1-02
David O. Knell PLS 5301 Date



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See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof

EXHIBIT "B"



WILLDAN
ENGINEERS & PLANNERS
13191 CROSSROADS PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 405
INDUSTRY, CA. 91746-3497
TEL: 908-6206

SCALE 1" = 100' DATE DEC 11, 2001
DRAWN BY D. BEYERBACH SK-VAC.DGN
CHECKED BY D. KNELL PAR-HOSP

SKETCH TO ACCOMPAN
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF PARAMOUNT)

I, Lana Chikami, City Clerk of the City of Paramount, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy of City of Paramount Resolution No. 02:015 adopted by the City Council of the City of Paramount at its regular meeting held on **May 7, 2002**.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of May 2002.



Lana Chikami, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 02:016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PARAMOUNT, ORDERING THE VACATION OF A
PORTION OF COLORADO AVENUE, BETWEEN
JACKSON STREET AND HARRISON STREET

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intention in the matter of the vacation of a portion of Colorado Avenue, located between Jackson Street and Harrison Street in the City of Paramount was adopted by the City Council of the City of Paramount on April 2, 2002, which resolution established the time and place for the public hearing on said vacation; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing has been published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all protests in this matter have been duly considered.

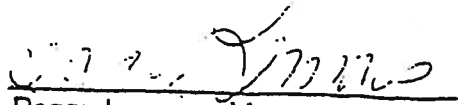
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Council finds from all evidence submitted that the vacation of a portion of Colorado Avenue, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street as described in its Resolution of Intention, namely, Resolution No. 02:005, is necessary for a public purpose.

Section 2: The City Council therefore orders vacated a portion of Colorado Avenue, between Jackson Street and Harrison Street in the City of Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, more particularly as indicated on the attached Exhibits "A," and "B".

Section 3: The mayor is hereby authorized to affix her signature to this resolution signifying to its adoption by the City Council of the City of Paramount, and the City Clerk is directed to attest hereto.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2002.


Peggy Lemons, Mayor

Attest:


Lana Chikami, City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF
COLORADO AVENUE TO BE VACATED

That portion of Colorado Avenue, variable width, lying between a line parallel with and 40.00 feet southerly of the centerline of Jackson Street, 80 feet wide, and a line parallel with and lying 30.00 feet northerly of the centerline of Harrison Street, 55 feet wide.

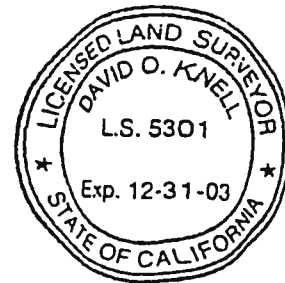
EXCEPT those portions previously vacated.

Reserving therefrom easements for public and non-public utilities and incidental purposes thereto, future easements, sanitary sewer, and parking purposes over the above described portion of Colorado Avenue.

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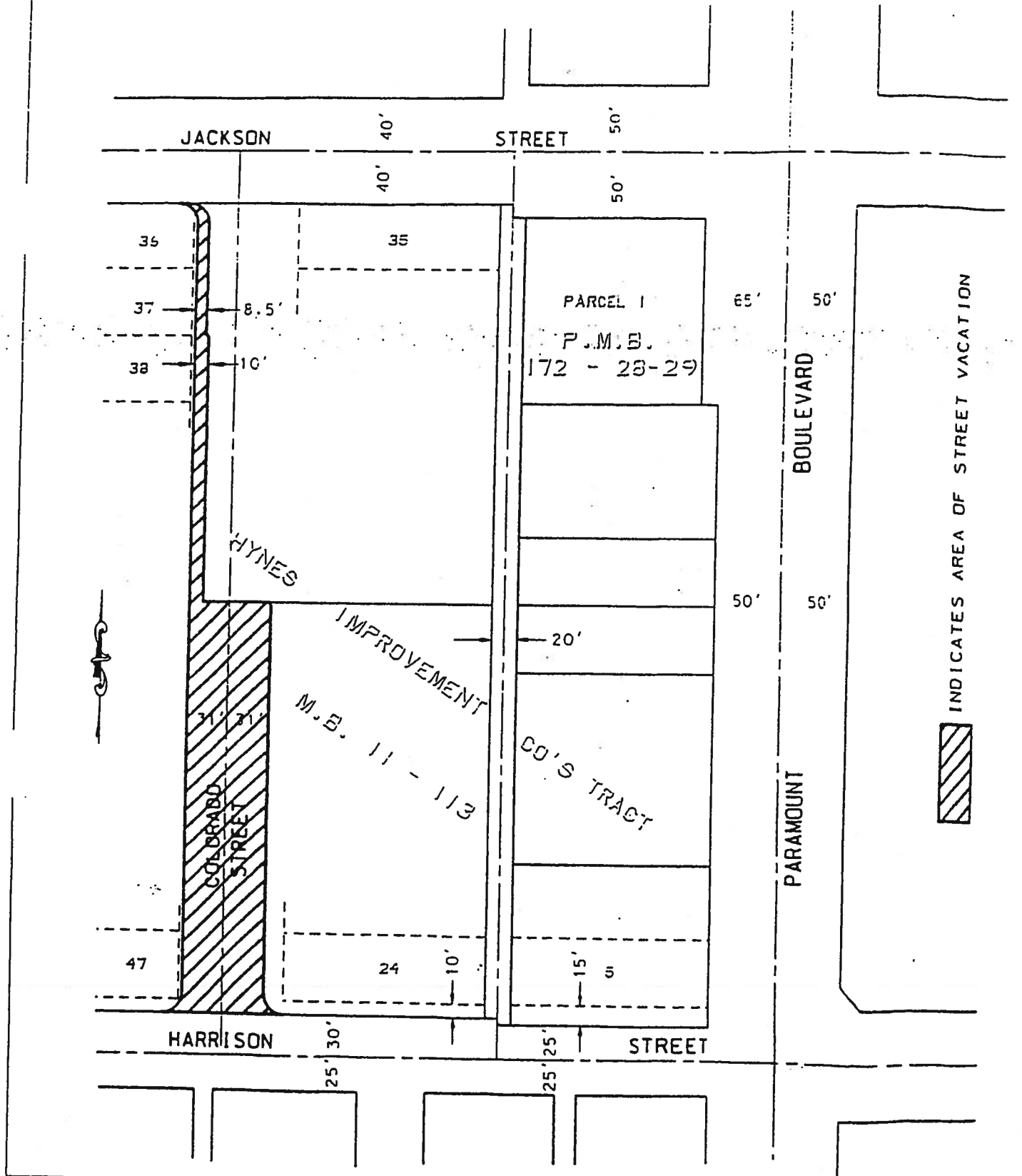
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See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof

EXHIBIT "B"




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Exhibit "D"

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF PARAMOUNT)

I, Lana Chikami, City Clerk of the City of Paramount, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **RESOLUTION NO. 02:016** was duly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Paramount at their regular meeting held on **May 7, 2002**, and said resolution has been signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that the same was approved and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Guillen, Harkema, Martinez Vice Mayor Daniels, Mayor Lemons
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

Dated: May 8, 2002



Lana Chikami, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF PARAMOUNT)

I, Lana Chikami, City Clerk of the City of Paramount, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy of City of Paramount Resolution No. 02:016 adopted by the City Council of the City of Paramount at its regular meeting held on May 7, 2002.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of May 2002.



Lana Chikami, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STREET EASEMENT

Those portions of Lots 1 and 2 of the Hynes Improvement Company's Tract, as per map recorded in Book 11 Page 113 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, and that portion of the 20 foot alley abutting said Lots 1 and 2 on the west, as vacated by City of Paramount Resolution No. _____ and recorded _____ as Instrument No. 02- _____ of Official Records, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence along the northerly line of said lot and its westerly prolongation, West, 160.00 feet to the centerline of said 20 foot wide alley; thence, along said centerline, South 95.16 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve, concave northwesterly and having a radius of 98.00 feet, a radial line of said curve to which point bears South 11°22'16" East; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 80.90 feet through a central angle of 47°17'48" to the beginning of a reverse curve, concave southeasterly and having a radius of 27.00 feet; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 27.65 feet through a central angle of 58°40'04" to a point of tangency with a line parallel with said northerly line of Lot 1; thence, along said parallel line, East, 58.82 feet; thence, South 45°00'00" East, 19.42 feet to the east line of said Lot 1; thence, along said east line, North 50.81 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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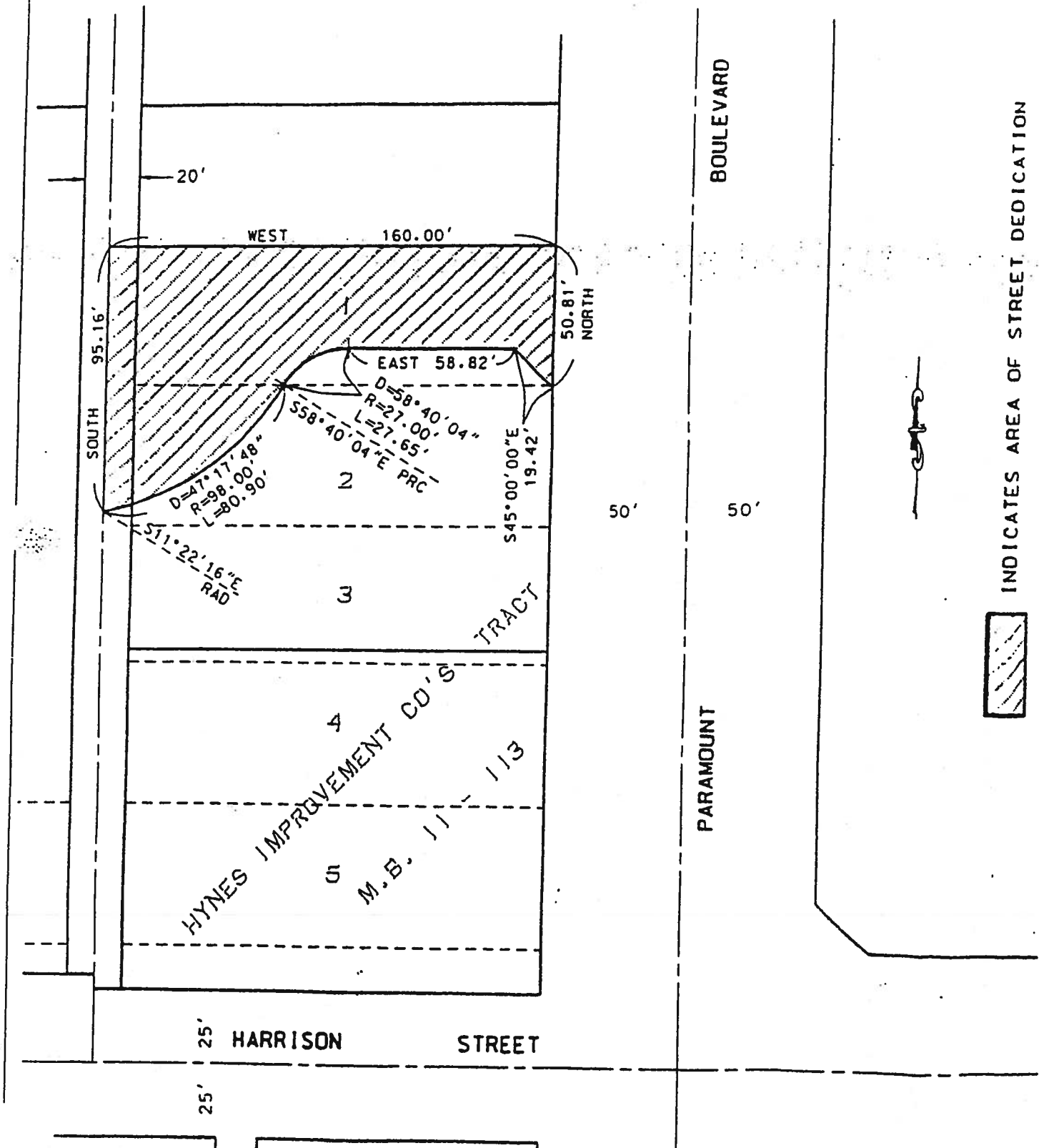
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Exhibit "E"



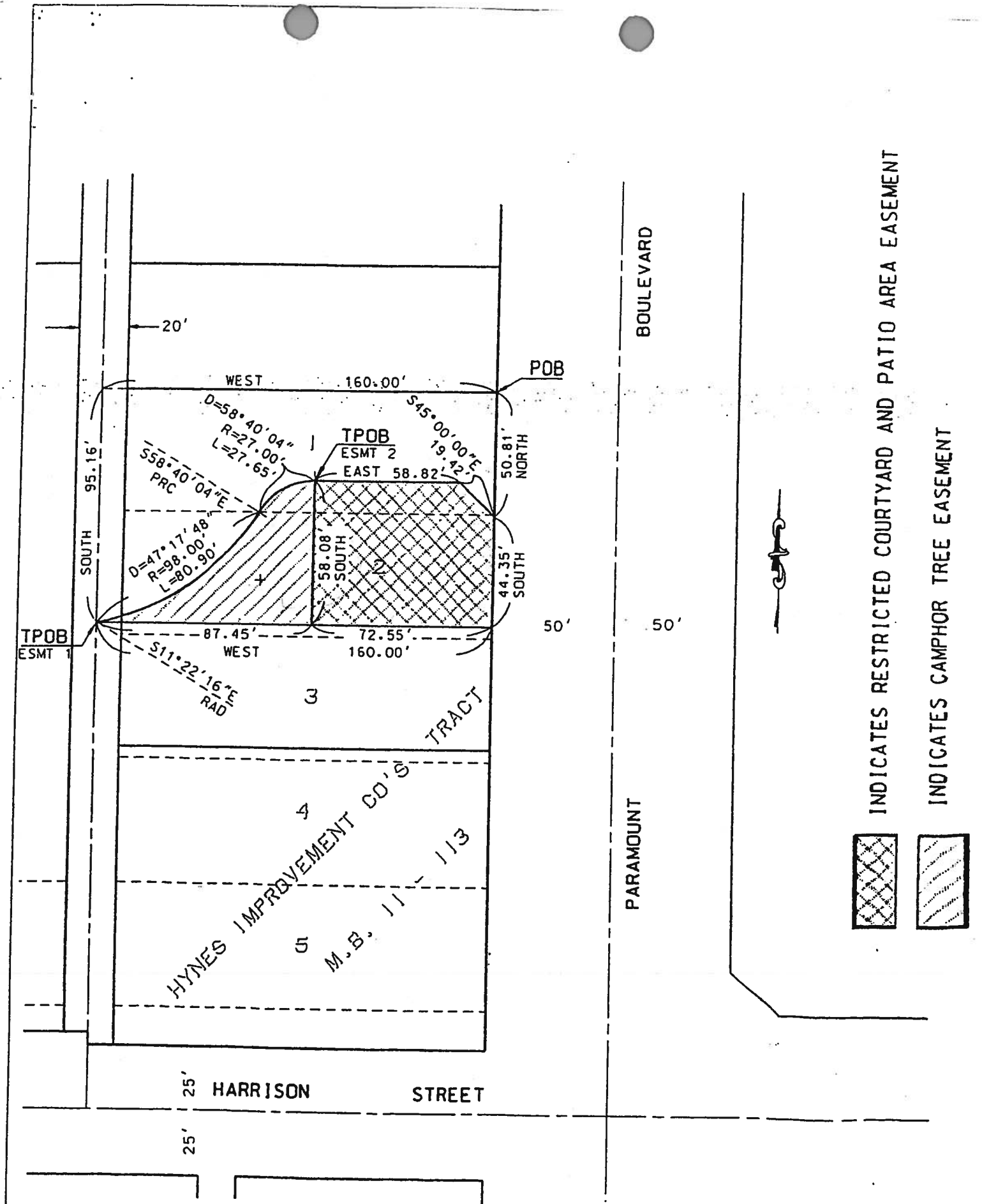
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LANDSCAPING EASEMENTS
FOR EXISTING CAMPHOR TREE AND
RESTRICTED COURTYARD AND PATIO AREA

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EASEMENT 1 - CAMPHOR TREE EASEMENT

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence along the northerly line of said lot and its westerly prolongation, West, 160.00 feet to the centerline of said 20 foot wide alley; thence, along said centerline, South 95.16 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve, concave northwesterly and having a radius of 98.00 feet, a radial line of said curve to which point bears South 11°22'16" East, said point being the **True Point of Beginning**; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 80.90 feet through a central angle of 47°17'48" to the beginning of a reverse curve, concave southeasterly and having a radius of 27.00 feet; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 27.65 feet through a central angle of 58°40'04"; thence, nontangent South, 58.08 feet to the intersection with a line which bears East from the True Point of Beginning; thence, West, 87.45 feet to the True Point of Beginning.

Contains 2269 square feet, more or less

EASEMENT 2 - RESTRICTED COURTYARD AND PATIO AREA

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence along the northerly line of said lot and its westerly prolongation, West, 160.00 feet to the centerline of said 20 foot wide alley; thence, along said centerline, South, 95.16 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve, concave northwesterly and having a radius of 98.00 feet, a radial line of said curve to which point bears South 11°22'16" East, said point being hereinafter referred to as Point "A"; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 80.90 feet through a central angle of 47°17'48" to the beginning of a reverse curve, concave southeasterly and having a radius of 27.00 feet; thence, northeasterly along said curve, 27.65 feet through a central angle of 58°40'04" to the **True Point of Beginning**; thence, nontangent South, 58.08 feet to the intersection with a line which bears East from Point "A"; thence, East, 72.55 feet to the easterly line of said Lot 2; thence, along said easterly line, North, 44.35 feet; thence, North 45°00'00" West, 19.42 feet to a line that bears East from the True Point of Beginning; thence, West, 58.82 feet to the True Point of Beginning.

Contains 4120 square feet, more or less

Prepared under my supervision:

David O. Knell 82202

David O. Knell PLS 5301

Date



August 27, 2002

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See Exhibit " *F* " attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof

Exhibit "F"

BILL OF SALE

This Bill of Sale is entered into as of this 18th day of September 2002 with reference to the following agreed upon matters:

A. On or about September 19, 2002 an agreement was entered into between The City of Paramount, a California municipal corporation (hereafter the "City") and Paramount General Hospital Company, Ltd., a California limited partnership (hereafter the "Owner") entitled "Master Agreement For Grant of Easement, Maintenance and Use" (hereafter the "Master Agreement").

B. One of the provisions of the Master Agreement acknowledges that there now is planted, growing and existing on a portion of the property owned by the Owner, which property is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereafter the "Property") a large Camphor Tree which is commonly known in the City as the "Hay Tree" (hereafter the "Hay Tree").

C. The Master Agreement further acknowledges that the Hay Tree is deemed by the parties to be "personal property" and that the Owner is to enter into a bill of sale relating to the Hay Tree.

D. Another provision of the Master Agreement grants to the City as easement over the Property for maintenance, landscaping and incidental purposes relating to the Hay Tree.

E. The purpose and intent of this Bill of Sale is (i) to impliment the provisions of the Master Agreement relating to the Hay Tree, (ii) to memorialize the mutual agreement that the Hay Tree is for all purposes hereafter "personal property", and (iii) to sell, transfer and convey to the City all of the Owner's right, title and interest in and to the Hay Tree in its "as is" and "where is" condition.

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Owner does hereby assign, sell, transfer and convey to the City all of the Owner's right, title and interest in and to the Hay Tree.

Dated: September 19, 2002 PARAMOUNT GENERAL HOSPITAL COMPANY, LTD., a
California limited partnership

By: PGHC, Inc., a California corporation, its general
partner

By: Irving Moskowitz, President
Irving Moskowitz, President

ACCEPTANCE and ASSUMPTION

The City does hereby accept the Hay Tree and does hereby assume all of the rights and obligations related thereto, all as more fully set forth in the Master Agreement.

Dated: ^{October}~~September~~ 22, 2002

THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, a California municipal corporation

By: Pat H. C. C.

Its: City Manager

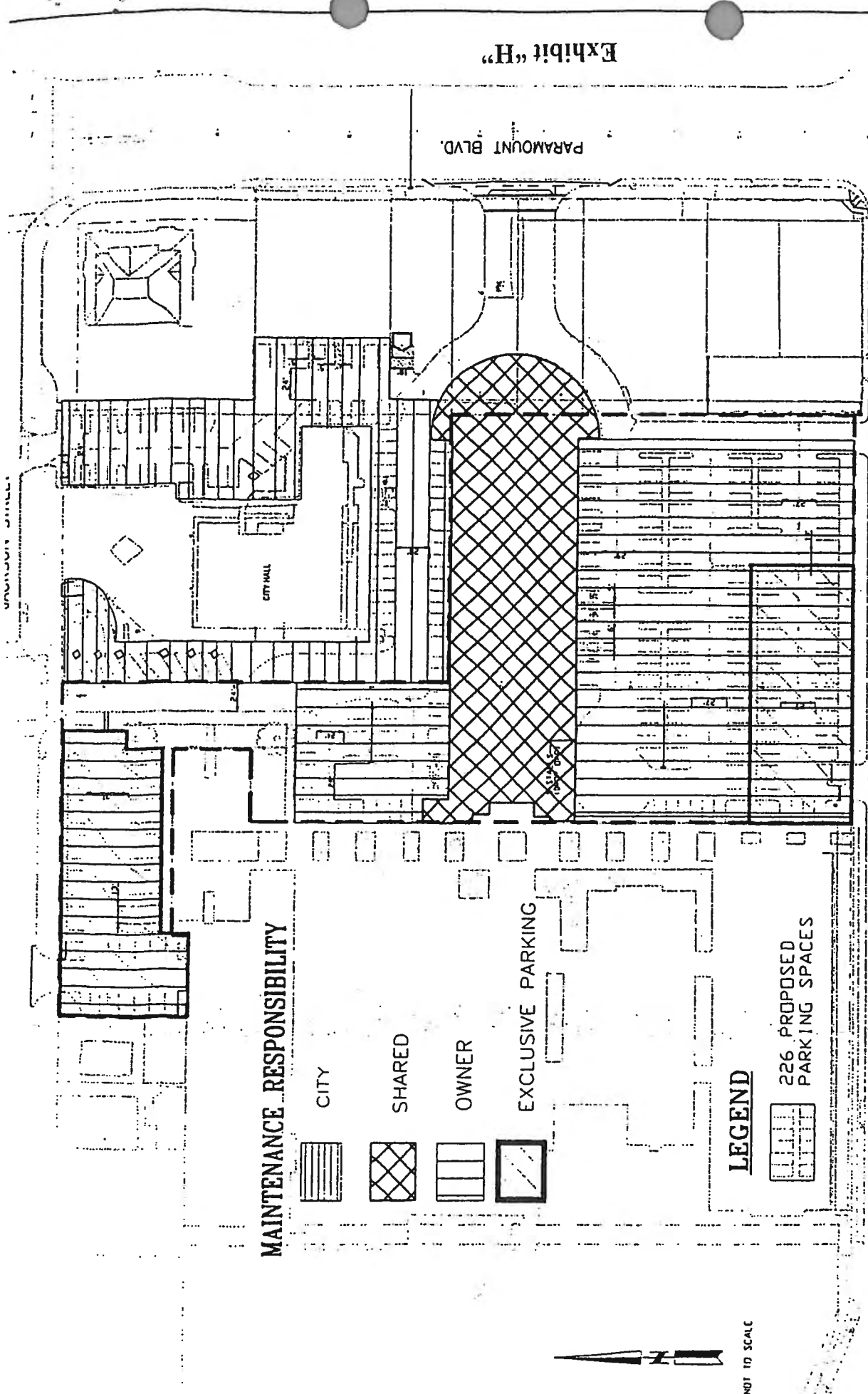


Exhibit "H"

PARAMOUNT BLVD.

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- CITY
- SHARED
- OWNER
- EXCLUSIVE PARKING

LEGEND

226 PROPOSED PARKING SPACES

HARRISON STREET

PLANS PREPARED BY:



WILLDAN

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CITY OF PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER PLAZA EXHIBIT

JACKSON STREET

PARAMOUNT BLVD

HARRISON STREET

LEGEND



210 HOSPITAL
PARKING SPACES



NOT TO SCALE

PLANS PREPARED BY:



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CITY OF PARAMOUNT

**EXISTING CONDITIONS
EXHIBIT**

Exhibit "I"

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THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE DUPLICATED

ATTACHMENT B

**DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT WITH OPERATING
COVENANTS**

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:
CITY OF PARAMOUNT

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

CITY OF PARAMOUNT – CITY CLERK
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SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE RESERVED FOR RECORDER'S USE

**DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH OPERATING COVENANTS
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AND PARAMOUNT CITY INVESTORS, LLC**

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:
CITY OF PARAMOUNT

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PARAMOUNT, CA 90723

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**DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
With Operating Covenants**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of Paramount, a California municipal corporation (“City”) and Paramount City Investors, LLC, a California limited liability company (“Developer”) as of June 19, 2023 (“Effective Date.”). City and Developer each may be referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

The following Recitals are a substantive part of this Agreement. Capitalized terms used in these Recitals and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in Section 1 below.

A. WHEREAS, Paramount’s City Hall is located at 16400 Colorado Ave. Adjacent to the City Hall is a parcel owned by a private third party which is a historical building known as the Paramount Saw (the “Saw Property” or “Property”) legally described as set out in Exhibit 1, attached and incorporated.

B. WHEREAS, Adjacent to the Saw Property is an area owned by Kindred Hospital on which stands the historic Hay Tree. Also adjacent to the Saw Property is a parking area also owned by Kindred Hospital

C. WHEREAS, Near the Saw Property are a City parking area which includes an open space area. All such areas are set out on Exhibit 2, attached and incorporated, and showing the site.

D. WHEREAS, a critical part of the vision of the City’s Downtown Revitalization Project, it is the City’s goal to attract business opportunities and enhance the City’s history and sense of community; and

E. WHEREAS, consistent with the City’s vision of the Downtown Revitalization Project, the City seeks to preserve and utilize historic structures which also are part of the City’s history and culture. Because the Saw Property is not a registered historic landmark, it is

particularly important for the City to preserve its historical value and meaning for the community.

F. WHEREAS, for some time, the City has researched ways in which to rehabilitate and preserve the Saw Property for a City historical museum and event center as well as commercial restaurant purposes, where each use will support the other and create a vibrant community gathering space along with a historical museum.

G. WHEREAS, Developer is a known developer and business operator within the City and has made a proposal to the City for Developer to acquire the Saw Property, rehabilitate and preserve it, and use it for restaurant/retail/commercial uses with space reserved for City's occupancy for a historical museum and event space.

H. WHEREAS, the City is authorized and empowered under its police powers to enter into agreements in order to improve the economic conditions and engage in business retention and development activities within the City as well as to provide for historic preservation.

I. WHEREAS, City and Developer now have determined as follows:

- a. Developer will purchase the Saw Property from the current owner and thereafter will rehabilitate and preserve it for the uses set out with the City assistance on the terms and conditions in this Agreement.
- b. City shall be entitled to occupy a portion of the Saw Property for the development of a City Historical museum and event area.
- c. Developer shall utilize the remainder of the Saw Property to construct and thereafter, as the Operator, to operate and maintain a restaurant/retail/commercial use open to the public.

J. WHEREAS, in order to assist the Developer in moving forward with the Project, City and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement in order to provide commercial assistance pursuant to the Program in exchange for certain uses and covenants provided to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and Developer hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

"Agreement" means this Disposition and Development Agreement with Operating Covenant with all attachments, executed by and between City and Operator.

"City" means the City of Paramount, a general municipal corporation, exercising governmental functions and powers and organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and any assignee of or successor to its rights, powers and responsibilities.

"Date of Agreement" means the date first written above.

“Developer” and Operator means Paramount City Investors, LLC and any successor thereto, including any purchaser of the Property other than City.

“Parties” means the City and Developer, collectively.

“City Contribution” means the City’s monetary contribution as provided in Section 6 hereof.

“City Manager” means the City Manager of the City or designee.

“Day” means calendar days unless otherwise provided.

“Restaurant/retail/commercial use” means predominantly restaurants and possibly other commercial uses in a shared indoor facility with a common theme and typically with a common seating area.

“Historic rehabilitation and preservation “ means maintenance of the current building without exterior alteration (except as may be required by governing bodies), rehabilitation of the exterior and interior using like materials to the extent possible, and other conditions provided by the City Planning Department.

“Operator” means the Developer upon completion of the rehabilitation of the Saw Property and operation of the Restaurant/retail/commercial use.

“Project” means the acquisition of the Saw Property by Developer and thereafter its rehabilitation and rehabilitation so that two-thirds of the interior shall be used as predominantly Restaurant/retail/commercial uses or possible ancillary retail and/or commercial uses; and, one-third will be available for City occupancy for use a historical museum and event space.

“Saw Property” or “Property” means that commercial property located at 16493 Paramount Blvd. in the City of Paramount, which currently is vacant and which Developer is in the process of purchasing

2. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PARTIES

2.1 Representations by the Developer

Developer hereby represents and warrants to City as follows:

2.1.1 Organization

Paramount City Investors LLC is duly organized in the State of California, is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of California and has the power and authority to own and purchase property and carry on the actions proposed in this Agreement.

2.1.2 Authority

Paramount City Investors LLC has the legal power, right and authority to execute, deliver and enter into this Agreement and any and all other agreements and documents required to be executed and delivered by it in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and to perform and observe the terms and provisions of all of the above. The parties who have executed this Agreement and all other documents executed and delivered, or to be executed and delivered, pursuant to this Agreement are authorized to execute and deliver the same on behalf of Developer.

2.1.3 Valid and Binding Agreements

This Agreement and all other documents which have been executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement constitute or, if not yet executed or delivered, will constitute when so executed and delivered, legal, valid and binding obligations of Developer enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws and court decisions or general principles of equity.

2.1.4 Litigation

No action, suit or proceedings are pending or threatened to which Developer is or may be made a party or to which any of its property is or may become subject, which have not been fully disclosed to the City and which could materially adversely affect the ability of Developer or to carry out its obligations hereunder.

2.1.5 No Conflict

Developer's execution and delivery of this Agreement and any other documents executed and delivered, or to be executed or delivered, pursuant to this Agreement, and the performance of any provision, condition, covenant or other term thereof, do not or will not conflict with or result in a breach of any statute, rule or regulation, or any judgment, decree or order of any court, board, commission or agency whatsoever binding on Developer or any provision of the organizational documents of Developer or will conflict with or constitute a breach of or a default under any agreement to which Developer is a party, or will result in the creation or imposition of any lien upon any assets or property of Developer or other than liens established pursuant hereto.

2.1.6 No Developer Bankruptcy

No attachments, execution proceedings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, receivership or other proceedings are pending or threatened against the Developer, nor are any of such proceedings contemplated by Developer. Developer is able to pay its debts when they come due.

Each of the foregoing representations shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty as of the date of execution of this Agreement and as of the date of closing.

2.2 Representations by City

City hereby represents and warrants to Developer as follows:

2.2.1 Organization

City is duly organized in the State of California, and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of California and has the power and authority to purchase, own and sell property and carry on its business as now being conducted.

2.2.2 Authority

City has the legal power, right and authority to execute, deliver and enter into this Agreement and any and all other agreements and documents required to be executed and delivered by the City in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and to perform and observe the terms and provisions of all of the above. The parties who have executed this Agreement and all other documents executed and delivered, or to be executed and delivered pursuant to this Agreement are authorized to execute and deliver the same on behalf of the City and all actions required under City's organizational documents and applicable governing law for the authorization, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and all other documents or instruments executed and delivered, or to be executed and delivered pursuant hereto, have been duly taken.

2.2.3 Valid and Binding Agreements

This Agreement and all other documents or instruments which have been executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement constitute or, if not yet executed or delivered, will constitute when so executed and delivered, legal, valid and binding obligations of City enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws and court decisions or general principles of equity.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEVELOPER

The Developer is willing to enter into this Agreement and abide by the conditions contained here in consideration of the City providing the financial and other assistance described herein.

3.1. Purchase of Saw Property: Developer has determined that the Saw Property is suitable for the purposes of the Agreement. On or before July 5, 2023, Developer shall purchase the Property on the terms and conditions set out in separate purchase and sale documents with the current property owner.

3.1.2 Developer shall utilize the City Contribution only for the Project. In the event that Developer does not or cannot close escrow to purchase the Property by July 5, 2023, the City Contribution shall be returned to the City, without interest, and this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect, unless Parties mutually agree in writing to extend the date of this provision.

3.2 Rehabilitation, Construction, and Preservation of Property: Following the closing, Developer promptly shall pursue all required approvals and permits, and subsequently begin and thereafter diligently prosecute to completion the construction of the Project. For each calendar day after 24 months in which the construction of the Property is not complete (as shown

by a final certificate of occupancy), the Developer will be assessed a cash penalty paid to the City in an amount equivalent to days beyond the 24 months based on a daily pro rata of repayment of the City Contribution. For purposes of this provision, "construction" shall mean the start of construction of the development, not including permit and entitlement applications.

3.2.1 All uses conducted on the Property, including, without limitation, all activities undertaken by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement, shall conform to all applicable laws. Developer shall comply with any and all City terms and conditions of development, including but not limited to permits, entitlements, local building codes and historic preservation.

The Developer has been advised that under the Agreement, prevailing wages may be applicable to the rehabilitation and preservation of the Property.

3.2.2 Developer shall prepare and provide to City for its approval a plan for the historic preservation of the Property.

3.2.3 The Property shall be rehabilitated to contain two distinct internal spaces: two-thirds shall be provided for Restaurant/retail/commercial uses; one-third shall be available to the City for use as a historical museum and events space. Those distinct internal spaces are more particularly described graphically on Exhibit 2. All construction shall comply with applicable City ordinances and other requirements.

3.2.4 The Property shall have a shared roof and HVAC. The City portion of the Property may have separate utility connections depending on City's needs and as determined by City. City and Developer will determine other City Improvements as part of the terms of occupancy set out in Section 6.3.2 below.

4. OPERATOR OBLIGATIONS AND OPERATING COVENANTS

Upon issuance of a final certificate of occupancy, the Developer shall become the Operator. The Operator shall comply, or cause to comply with each of the following covenants and conditions.

4.1 Business License. The Operator shall obtain and maintain, at all times, an active City of Paramount business license.

4.2 Term and Occupancy of the Property. The Operator shall provide for City occupancy of the one-third portion of the Property as set out in Section 3.2.3 above and Article 6 below and shown on Exhibit 2. The Operator shall either operate or enter into one or more leases or similar agreement for the Property to provide for the operation of the Restaurant/Retail/Commercial Use.

4.3 Maintenance and Repair. The Operator shall, at Operator's sole cost and expense, and at all times during the term of this Agreement, keep in good condition, maintenance and repair, and shall promptly replace when and as necessary, the Property and every part thereof, including without limitation, the store front doors, entrances, exterior tables, chairs and equipment owned by the Operator. The Operator shall ensure cleanliness of the areas immediately surrounding the Property, including picking up trash and debris left by the Operator's employees and customers,

and washing exterior surfaces that are stained during the course of operation.

4.4 Hiring Preferences. To the extent permitted by law, the Operator shall endeavor, and in good faith efforts, hire employees who are residents of the City.

4.5 Marketing and Advertising. The Operator shall provide space for City to market and advertise community and cultural events approved by the City and its partners.

4.6 Use Covenant. Developer, as the Operator, shall operate and maintain its designated portion of the building for Restaurant/retail/commercial use subject to the provisions of this Agreement. Developer covenants and agrees for itself, its successors, its assigns, and every successor in interest to the Property or any part thereof, that upon the acquisition of the Property and during the development of the Project and thereafter, Developer shall devote the Property solely to the uses specified in, and otherwise comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4.6.1 This Agreement shall run with the land and shall be recorded against the Property. This Agreement may be subordinated only to construction financing.

4.7 City Occupancy. Developer shall provide the City with occupancy of one-third of the building for 20 years conditioned upon City using such portion as a historical museum and event space or such other use reasonably determined by the City which is consistent with Developer's operations.

4.8 Nondiscrimination in Employment. Developer certifies and agrees that all persons employed or applying for employment by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies, and all subcontractors, bidders and vendors, are and will be treated equally by it without regard to, or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, medical condition (cancer related) or physical or mental disability, and in compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000, *et seq.*, the Federal Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29

U.S.C. § 206(d), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq.*, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. § 1324b, *et seq.*, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code § 12900, *et seq.*, the California Equal Pay Law, Labor Code § 1197.5, Government Code § 11135, the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*, and all other applicable anti-discrimination laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

5. LIMITATION UPON CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPER

The identity and qualification of Developer as an experienced and successful developer are of particular concern to the City. It is because of this identity and these qualifications that City has entered into this Agreement with the Developer. No voluntary or involuntary successor in interest of Developer shall acquire any rights or powers under this Agreement by assignment,

operation of law or otherwise, nor shall Developer make any total or partial sale, transfer, conveyance, distribution, assignment or lease of the whole or any part of the Property or any material change in the management or control of Developer (including, without limitation, a change in the identity of the Developer, or a change in the management or control of Developer) except as expressly set forth herein. Notwithstanding, the Developer may enter into an encumbrance to secure financing (including, without limitation, the grant of a deed of trust to secure funds necessary for construction or permanent financing of the Project). A conveyance of the Site to any entity which is owned or controlled by Developer, or any entity owned and controlled by any one of Developers or their respective members, partners, managers general partners or principals (each a "Developer Affiliate") shall be an approved transfer or conveyance. As used here, "Developer Affiliate" means an entity with 70% of the same ownership as the Operator.

5.1 Option to Purchase

5.1.1 If Operator determines to sell all or any portion of the Saw Property, before Operator solicits or considers any offers from any third party to purchase the Property, Operator shall notify City in writing of the availability of the Property for purchase and its proposed price and terms. Within the next 45 day period, City may notify Operator that it wishes to purchase the Property and the price and terms of such purchase. If the Parties reach agreement within the next 30-day period on such purchase price and terms for the sale, they will enter into the appropriate agreement and this agreement shall be of no force or effect as of the date of transfer of ownership to the City. If the Parties do not reach such an agreement, then the Property may be sold and the terms and conditions in this Agreement shall continue to bind the purchaser.

5.1.2 Repayment to City: In the event the City purchases the Property pursuant to this Section 5.2 Operator shall repay to City that portion of the City Contribution still outstanding, which amount may be credited to any amounts still due from City to the Operator or Developers repayment for the City's Contribution.

5.2 Approval of Buyer

5.2.1 If City does not purchase the Property pursuant to Section 5.1.1 above, Operator shall notify City of the identity of the proposed buyer and provide sufficient financial information regarding the buyer for City to determine that the buyer can continue to perform under this Agreement in the same manner and at the same level as Developer. City shall have up to 30 calendar days upon receipt of such information to approve the buyer. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6. OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE CITY

6.1 Upon execution of this Agreement, City shall contribute \$2,063,000 to Developer to assist with the Project (the "City Contribution"). Such payment shall be made as agreed between the Parties.

6.2 The provisions of Sections 3.1 through Section 3.3 shall apply.

6.3 City Occupation of Premises

City shall have the total and complete access to and the right to occupy its designated portion of the Property for up to 20 consecutive years from the date of final occupancy, as that may be extended pursuant to the terms and condition of this Agreement. City shall have full control of and responsibility for such portion of the Property, subject to the use requirements and restrictions agreed to by the parties. The parties shall agree to an amortization schedule for the City Contribution. In the event of a Developer's uncured default under this Agreement, the unamortized portion of the City Contribution shall be repaid to the City without interest as liquidated damages.

6.3.1 City at its cost shall provide all tenant improvements for its use of the property as a City Historical Museum and event center. The City Contribution will be allocated to City's tenant improvements.

6.3.2 City and Developer shall develop and abide by written terms and conditions of occupancy. City shall pay for all utility connections directly related to that area designated for use as a historical museum and events space. City will not pay for property taxes, insurance, or common area maintenance (CAM), collectively known as Triple Net (NNN).

6.3.3 City shall maintain adjacent City properties, including the City-owned parking, and hospital parking and easements (currently Kindred Hospital) and Hay Tree parcels and allow the use of the City-owned parking for the Project.

6.3.4 As provided below, City shall maintain self-insurance for commercial general liability coverage and upon request shall provide Developer with a memorandum of coverage.

6.4 **City Access to the Saw Property:** At its sole risk and expense, and without notice to the Operator, the City may enter other portions of the Property or any part thereof at reasonable times and with as little interference as possible, for the purpose of assessing the Developer's compliance with this Agreement. The representatives of City entering the Property may be identified in writing in advance by the City Manager.

6.5 **Access to City-owned Parking:** City shall provide the following shared parking to serve the Saw Property:

6.5.1 City will use its best efforts to modify the small open space adjacent to City Hall parking (as shown on Exhibit 2) to provide additional parking which may be utilized for the Saw Property during its operating hours (the "additional City Hall Parking").

6.5.2 Developer will contribute an amount not to exceed \$400,000 or 33.333%, whichever amount is less, of the total cost of construction for the additional City Hall parking (as determined by the City), which payment terms will be negotiated at a later time under a separate reimbursement agreement.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

7.1 By Developer: Developer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City (with counsel acceptable to City), its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims or demands arising from Developer's purchase of the Property, construction on the Property, operation or failure to operate the Food Court, or performance or failure to perform hereunder.

7.2 By City. City shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Developer, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims or demands arising from the City's occupancy and use of the Property as set out under this Agreement.

7.3 Developer and City each shall provide its own commercial general liability coverage (or the equivalent provided by City's Joint Powers Insurance Authority) in amounts agreed upon by the Parties. Each party shall be an additional insured as to the other.

8. DEFAULTS, REMEDIES AND TERMINATION

8.1 Failure by either party to perform or cause to perform any condition or obligation of this Agreement under constitutes a default under this Agreement. The defaulting party must immediately commence to cure, correct or remedy such failure and shall complete such cure, correction or remedy with reasonable diligence and during any period of curing shall not be in default.

8.2 Legal Actions. In the event any default by the Developer/Operator under this Agreement is not cured within sixty (60) days after written notice by the City, the Developer/Operator shall repay to City any and all amounts still due to City as repayment for the City Contribution, along with the maximum interest rate allowed by law.

8.3 Institution of Legal Actions. In addition to any other rights or remedies, the City may institute legal action to cure, correct or remedy any default, or recover damages for any default, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purpose of this Agreement.

8.4 Any legal action related to or arising out of this Agreement must be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, or, if federal jurisdiction exists, in the Federal District Court in the Central District of California.

8.5 Termination by Developer. In the event that a after reasonable diligence, the Developer fails to acquire the Property or commence or complete construction, or the Developer otherwise defaults, the remedies set out in Sections 3.1.2, 3.2 and 6.3 shall apply.

8.6 Limitation on Liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Developer nor City shall in any event be entitled to, and each hereby waives and releases, any right to seek loss of profits or any special, incidental or consequential damages of any kind or nature from the other Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the termination hereof, and in connection with such waiver each Party is familiar with and hereby waives the provision of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides as follows:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

8.8.2 Applicable Law. The laws of the State of California shall govern the enforcement of this Agreement.

8.8.3 Acceptance of Service of Process. In the event that any legal action is commenced by Developer against City service of process on the City shall be made by personal service upon the City Manager, or in such other manner as may be provided by law.

In the event that any legal action is commenced by City against Developer, service of process on Developer shall be made by personal service upon the President or Executive Director of Developer or in such other manner as may be provided by law, whether made within or without the State of California.

8.9 Rights and Remedies are Cumulative. To the extent permitted by law and except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative, and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same time or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same Event of Default or any other Event of Default by the other party.

8.10 Inaction Not a Waiver of Default. Any failure or delay by either party in asserting any of its rights and remedies as to any default shall not operate as a waiver of any default or of any such rights or remedies, or deprive either such party of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings which it may deem necessary to protect, assert or enforce any such rights or remedies.

8.11 Attorneys' Fees. In any action between the Parties to interpret, enforce, reform, modify, rescind or otherwise in connection with any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party in the action or other proceeding shall be entitled, in addition to damages, injunctive relief or any other relief to which it might be entitled, reasonable costs and expenses including, without limitation, litigation costs, expert witness fees and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

As used herein, the terms “attorneys' fees” or “attorneys' fees and costs” means the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to the parties hereto (including, without limitation, in-house or other counsel employed by City or Developer) which may include printing, duplicating and other expenses, air freight charges, and fees billed for law clerks, paralegals and others not admitted to the bar but performing services under the supervision of an attorney. The terms “attorneys' fees” or “attorneys' fees and costs” shall also include, without limitation, all such reasonable fees and expenses incurred with respect to appeals, arbitrations and bankruptcy proceedings, and whether or

not any action or proceeding is brought with respect to the matter for which said fees and expenses were incurred.

9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Notices, Demands and Communications Between the Parties. All notices, demands, requests, elections, approvals, disapprovals, consents or other communications given under this Agreement shall be in writing ("Notice") and shall be given by personal delivery, certified mail, return receipt requested, or overnight guaranteed delivery service and addressed as follows:

To City: City of Paramount
 City Manager
 16400 Colorado Avenue
 Paramount, CA 90723

To Developer: Steve Boss
 Paramount City Investors, LLC
 1201 N Magnolia Ave
 Anaheim, CA. 92801

Any Notice shall be deemed received upon receipt if delivered by hand or messenger, and shall be deemed received on the third day from the date it is postmarked if delivered by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

9.2 Conflicts of Interest. No member, official or employee of the City shall have any direct or indirect interest in this Agreement, nor participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which is prohibited by law.

9.3 Warranty Against Payment of Consideration for Agreement. Developer warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give, any third person any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement, other than normal costs of conducting business and costs of professional services such as project managers, architects, engineers, attorneys, and public relations consultants.

9.4 Nonliability of Developer and City Officials and Employees. No member, partner, director, official, employee, representative or agent of the Developer shall be personally liable to City, or any successor in interest thereof, in the event of any default or breach by Developer under the terms of this Agreement.

No member, official, employee, representative or agent of City shall be personally liable to Developer, or any successor in interest thereof, in the event of any default or breach by City under the terms of this Agreement.

9.5 Approvals by City and Developer. Approvals required of the parties shall be given within the time set forth in this Agreement, the Schedule of Performance or, if no time is given, within a reasonable time. Wherever this Agreement requires the City or Developer to approve any contract, document, plan, proposal, specification, drawing or other matter, such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, unless expressly provided to the contrary.

9.6 Force Majeure; Extension of Times of Performance. Failure by either Party to perform shall not be deemed a default hereunder and times for performance shall be extended as provided herein where delays are due to war; insurrection; strikes; lockouts; riots; floods; earthquakes; fires; casualties; acts of God; acts of the public enemy; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; freight embargoes; lack of transportation; governmental restrictions or priority; litigation; unusually severe weather; inability to secure necessary labor, materials or tools; delays of any contractor or supplier; acts of the other party; acts of failure to act of any public or governmental agency or entity or similar causes beyond the control and without the fault of the Party claiming an extension of time to perform (collectively, a "**Force Majeure**" delay); provided, however, that the Party claiming the existence of a Force Majeure delay and an extension of its obligation to perform shall notify the other Party in writing of the nature of the matter causing the delay within thirty five (35) Business Days of the occurrence thereof (including a description of the Force Majeure event causing such conditions and Developer's efforts to complete the development of the Project in spite of such conditions).

Provided that written Notice is given by the Party seeking an extension of time pursuant to this provision, the extension of time to perform shall commence to run from the time of the commencement of the cause and shall continue only for the period of the Force Majeure delay; provided, however, in no event shall performance be excused pursuant to this Section for any Force Majeure delay for a cumulative period of more than six (6) months. If said Force Majeure delay extends for more than six (6) months, either Party may terminate this Agreement upon fifteen (15) days written notice to the other Party.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, provided that written Notice of the Force Majeure event was given in a timely manner, Developer shall be entitled to an extension of its obligation to complete development of the Project on the Property for up to three (3) additional months (for a total of up to nine (9) consecutive months, but provided that any extension shall only be for the period of the Force Majeure delay if the period of such delay is less than three (3) months) if Developer demonstrates that as a result of a Force Majeure event, conditions are such that no commercially reasonable person or entity exercising timely and consistent commercially reasonable best efforts could obtain financing or complete construction of the Project. Developer shall notify City in writing of its exercise of such additional three (3) month period (including a description of the Force Majeure event causing such conditions and Developer's efforts to complete the development of the Project in spite of such conditions) not later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the six (6) month period specified above.

Times of performance under this Agreement may also be extended in writing by mutual agreement of City and Developer.

9.7 Applicable Law; Interpretation. The laws of the State of California shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed as a whole and in accordance with its fair meaning and as though both of the parties participated equally in its drafting.

9.8 Administration. This Agreement shall be administered by the City Manager. Whenever a reference is made in this Agreement to an action, finding or approval to be undertaken by the City, the City Manager is authorized to act unless specifically provided otherwise or the context should require otherwise. The City Manager shall have the authority to issue

interpretations, waive provisions and enter into amendments of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Manager may in his or her sole and absolute discretion refer any matter to the board, for action, direction or approval.

9.9 Mutual Cooperation. Each party agrees to cooperate with the other in this transaction and, in that regard, to sign any and all documents which may be reasonably necessary, helpful or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

9.10 Ground Breaking and Grand Openings. City and Developer shall cooperate in the organization of any Project-related ground breaking, grand openings or any other such inaugural events/ceremonies celebrating the development which is the subject of this Agreement.

9.11 Independent Contractor. The parties agree that the Developer, in the performance of this Agreement shall act as and be an independent contractor and shall not act in the capacity of an agent, employee or partner of the City.

9.12 Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the City, and its successors and assigns, and Developer, and its permitted successors and assigns, and no other person or persons shall have any right of action hereon, or any right to be considered a third party Beneficiary.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement with exhibits constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties. Duplicate originals of this Agreement may be executed, each of which shall be deemed to be an original. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

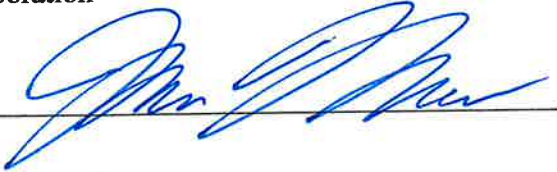
Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement integrates all of the terms and conditions mentioned herein or incidental hereto, and supersedes all negotiations or previous agreements between the parties with respect to all or any part of the subject matter hereof. All waivers of the provisions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the appropriate authorities of City or Developer, and all amendments hereto must be in writing and signed by the appropriate authorities of the City and Developer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and Developer have signed this Disposition and Development Agreement with Operating Covenants as of the date set forth above.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

“City”


CITY OF PARAMOUNT, a California municipal corporation

By: 

Its: city manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

By: 

“Developer”

Paramount City Investors, LLC

By: 

Its: manager

SEE ATTACHED
NOTARY CERTIFICATE

CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Los Angeles

On July 11, 2023 before me, Valerie Zaragoza, Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared John Anthony Moreno
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Valerie Zaragoza
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal and/or Stamp Above

OPTIONAL

Completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Disposition & Development Agreement w/ Operating Covenants

Document Date: July 11, 2023 Number of Pages: 17

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: Steve Bass (Developer), John Cavanaugh (City Attorney)

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: John Anthony Moreno

- ☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____
☐ Partner – ☐ Limited ☐ General
☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact
☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☒ Other: City Manager
Signer is Representing: City of Paramount

Signer's Name: _____

- ☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____
☐ Partner – ☐ Limited ☐ General
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☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____
Signer is Representing: _____

California All-Purpose Certificate of Acknowledgment

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State of California

County of Los Angeles

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On June 28, 2023 before me, DENNIS YEN, NOTARY PUBLIC,
personally appeared — Steve Boss

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Dennis Yen
Signature of Notary Public



Seal

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Although the information in this section is not required by law, it could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this acknowledgment to an unauthorized document and may prove useful to persons on the attached document.

Description of Attached Document

The preceding Certificate of Acknowledgment is attached to a

document titled/for the purpose of Disposition and Development

Agreement with Operating Covenants

Containing _____ pages, and dated 06/19/2023

Exhibit 1

Legal Description

**Real Property in the City of Paramount, County of LOS ANGELES, State of California,
described as follows:**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 16493 Paramount Blvd
Paramount, CA 90723

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 7102-027-021

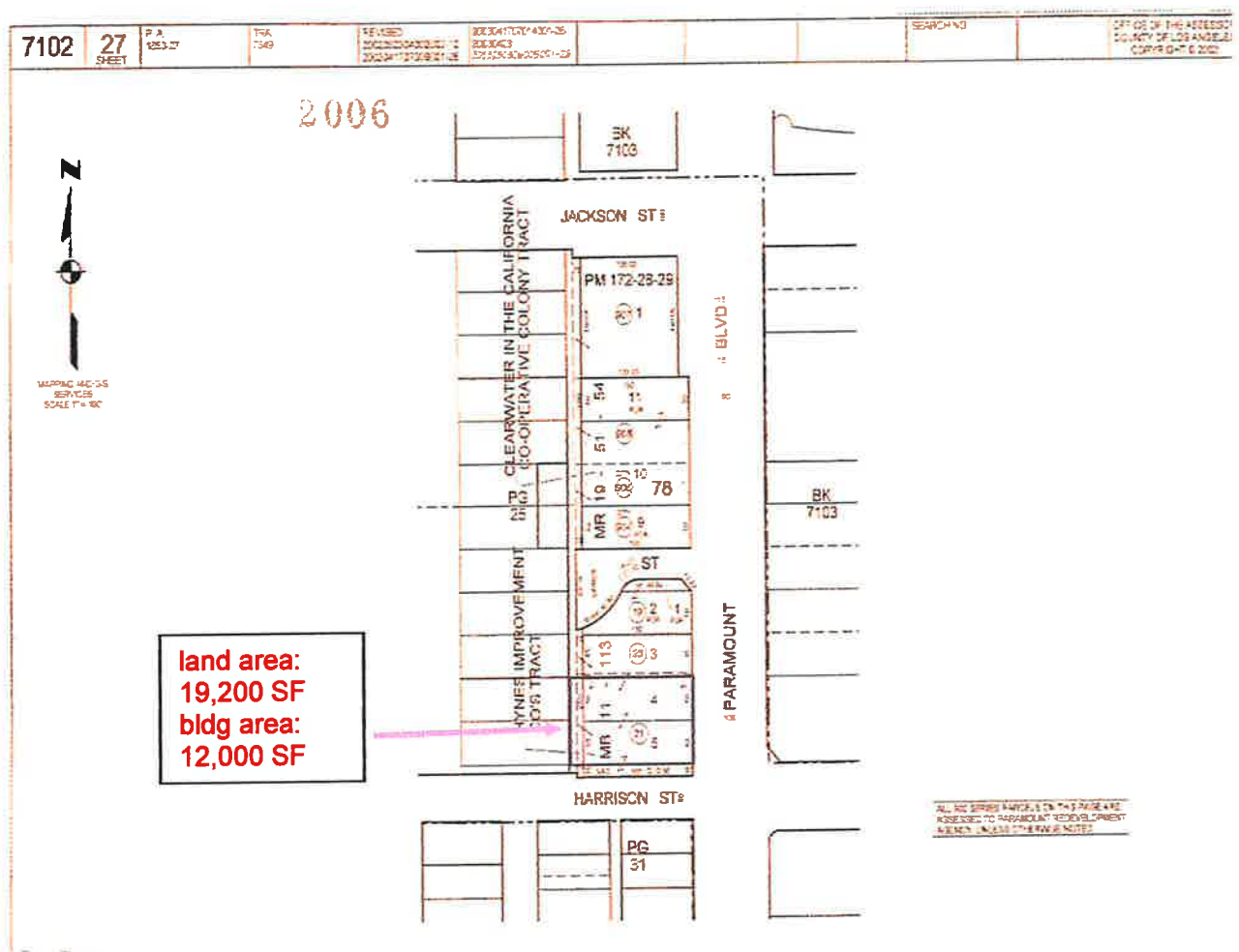


EXHIBIT 2



Approx. location of
City Museum and
Event Space



ATTACHMENT C
CEQA ANALYSIS

PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CEQA Categorical Exemption Report

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 CEQA Compliance

Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. constitutes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). California Code of Regulations Title 14. Natural Resources Division 6. Resources Agency Chapter 3: Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines) establish the regulations to be followed by all state and local agencies in California in the implementation of CEQA. The State CEQA Guidelines reflect the requirements set forth in the Public Resources Code, as well as court decisions interpreting the statute.

As Lead Agency, the City of Paramount has determined the Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project (defined below, hereafter the “Project”) is subject to CEQA.

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, Review for Exemption, states that once a lead agency has determined that an activity is a project subject to CEQA, a lead agency shall determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) states:

A project is exempt from CEQA if:

- (1) The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).
- (2) The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.
- (3) The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- (4) The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).
- (5) The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of this Chapter.

CEQA review here consisted of the following process: review of the Project relative to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 in order to determine the appropriate type of CEQA documentation for the Project. In reviewing the Project relative to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b), it was determined the Project would not meet the conditions of (1), (3), (4), and (5), above, to qualify as exempt from CEQA.

Based upon the discussion below and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2), City staff has determined that several categorical exemptions are appropriate for this Project for the reasons described below.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Location

The 4.4-acre Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project (Project) is located in the City of Paramount within the County of Los Angeles; refer to [Figure 1, *Regional Vicinity*](#) and [Figure 2, *Project Location*](#). The Project site (or “site”) consists of primary areas (APNs 7102-027-021, -020, -019, -908, -907, -906, -904, and -902; and an eastern portion of APN 7102-025-038) located along the western side of Paramount Boulevard in the southern portion of the City; north of Harrison Street; east, west, and south of the Paramount City Hall building (16400 Colorado Avenue), and south and west of the Clearwater Building (16401 Paramount Boulevard); refer to [Figure 3, *Proposed Project Parcels/Conceptual Site Plan*](#).

Regional access to the site is provided via State Route (SR) 91 to the south. Local access to the site is provided by Paramount Boulevard.

2.2 Existing Setting

On-Site Land Uses

The Project site is currently developed with (from south to north) a building previously occupied by the Paramount Saw Corporation and associated gated surface parking lot; a portion of undeveloped land owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation that includes a State-designated historic camphor tree (Hay Tree) maintained by the City pursuant to the Master Agreement between the City and Paramount General Hospital Corporation for Grant of Easement, Maintenance and Use (the “Master Agreement”) attached to the staff report as Attachment A and incorporated herein, a City-owned passive garden/open space area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and a sculpture; a Plaza Area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways and seating, landscaping, sculpture, and fountains on land owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation pursuant to the Master Agreement; and City parking.

General Plan and Zoning

According to the Paramount General Plan Land Use Element (Exhibits 2-1 and 2-2), the Project site is designated Central Business District. The Central Business District Planning Area encompasses the main commercial districts in the City and includes the southeastern section of the City along Paramount Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard. The Central Business District Area Plan’s specific pattern of uses is intended to guide major development in the town center, civic center, and lumber yard areas; guide re-use in the Paramount Boulevard/Somerset Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard (east of Downey Avenue) areas; and guide rehabilitation and smaller scale redevelopment, as appropriate, throughout the remainder of the district.

The City of Paramount Zoning Map identifies the zoning for the Project site as General Commercial (C-3). The uses allowed by right in the C-3 zoning district are on-premises retail enterprises that involve only incidental and limited treatment, fabrication or assembly of commodities, or comprise types of enterprises involving the rendering of service both professional or to the person; the uses specifically permit facilities for recreation and entertainment (See Paramount Municipal Code, Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.24 C-3, General Commercial Classification..

Surrounding Uses

Uses surrounding the Project site include:

- North: Directly north of the Project site is an office building (the Clearwater Building), followed by Jackson Street. The Clearwater Building is designated Central Business District and zoned C-3. North of Jackson Street is the Town Center West shopping center, which is also designated Central Business District and zoned PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards), allowing for retail-commercial-office uses.
- East: Directly east of the Project site is Paramount Boulevard, followed by commercial uses. The commercial uses are designated Central Business District and zoned C-3.
- South: Directly south of the Project site is Harrison Street, followed by commercial and residential uses. The commercial uses are designated Central Business District and zoned C-3. The residential uses are zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential). A residential neighborhood is generally to the southwest.
- West: West of the southern portion of the Project site is surface parking and pedestrian path and landscaping owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation, public right-of-way, and other improvements associated with the Paramount Civic Center. Kindred Hospital Paramount, owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation, is located further west of the surface parking area. The Paramount City Hall building is also located west of the northern portion of the Project site. The western area is designated Central Business District and zoned C-3.

2.3 Project Characteristics

The proposed Project consists of the following components; refer to Figure 3:

Modifications to the Existing Paramount Saw Building. The City has entered into a Development and Disposition Agreement (dated June 19, 2023 with Paramount Investors, LLC (attached to the Staff Report as Attachment B) to provide for preservation and re-use of the existing building previously occupied by the Paramount Saw Corporation (herein referred to as the “Saw Building”), located at 16493 Paramount Boulevard. Under the provisions of the agreement, upon its renovation, the City would rent and occupy approximately one-third of the building for 1) a City Historical Museum (approximately 1,093 square feet) and 2) community event areas with kitchenette (approximately 2,665 square feet) and private restroom; refer to Figure 4, Saw Building Preliminary Floor Plan; and would provide additional parking to serve the proposed use. The Saw Building is located on Parcel 7102-027-021.

Separately, on the two adjacent parcels described below, the City proposes an outdoor community space located on the Hay Tree Parcels. For CEQA purposes, the Project includes but may proceed without the acquisition of the Hay Tree Parcels.

The Developer has filed applications to construct interior improvements (attached to the Staff Report as Attachment D) to utilize the remaining approximately two-thirds of the building to operate and maintain restaurant/retail/commercial uses open to the public. All existing

improvements would be removed from the interior of the building. The proposed spaces would include approximately 3,866 square feet of tenant space and approximately 2,165 square feet of indoor seating area, with proposed seating for 169 people. Shared restroom space would also be provided; refer to [Figure 4](#).

In addition to the public and private interior improvements and to facilitate the proposed uses, the developer proposes to add 655 square feet of outdoor seating and patio areas adjacent to the front of the building along Paramount Boulevard; refer to [Figure 4](#). A four-foot-high concrete block stucco wall with a four-foot-high metal and plexiglass enclosure would surround the outdoor seating and patio area. A hedge would also be provided around the perimeter of the space. Within the Saw Building's existing gated area along the western elevation, a loading area and trash enclosure would be provided; refer to [Figure 4](#).

Based upon the proposed seating (169 seats), this portion of the Project would require 57 parking spaces, i.e. one parking space for every three seats pursuant to Paramount Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.24, C-3, General Commercial Classification, Section 17.24.080, Site Standards. In order to provide parking, the developer will rely upon public parking located within the Civic Center area to the north of the Saw Building. At present, there are 104 City-controlled public parking spaces in the public parking areas north of the Saw Building parcel; refer to [Figure 3](#). As described below and illustrated in [Figure 6](#), the City proposes to construct a new public parking lot and provide improvements to existing parking areas, resulting in a total of 146 City-controlled parking spaces. The gated area associated with the Saw Building is not available for patron parking.

Rehabilitation of the structure would involve interior modifications, with minor exterior modifications primarily limited to façade improvements, landscaping, and the provision of outdoor seating and patio areas; refer to [Figure 5](#), *Saw Building Exterior Elevations*. As shown in [Figure 5](#), exterior improvements include new windows in existing openings along all elevations and new openings with storefront window systems along west elevation. New openings with storefront window systems are contemplated for the north elevation provided the City acquires the adjacent Hay Tree parcels. The existing brick would remain, and new brick infills would be placed in existing openings along the south elevation. Existing stucco walls would be painted. A new exterior infill stucco wall and metal loading doors would be installed along the west elevation and the existing electrical closet would remain, and the doors repaired. Existing wood doors on the east and south elevations would be stained and secured in place. New reclaimed wood planters would be installed along the perimeter of the outdoor community space. A new wood and glass patio planter would be installed along the perimeter of the proposed outdoor seating area with a patio gate on the south elevation. A new mounted sign and a painted sign (mural) would be located along the east elevation. The existing metal fence and brick and the existing roof would remain; refer to [Figure 5](#).

Public Parking Lot. As part of the Project, the City is proposing that the existing passive recreation area, sculpture, and associated surface improvements on City property shown on [Figure 6](#), *Proposed Parking Lot*, would be removed, and a new City public parking lot would be constructed. New landscape planters with ornamental landscaping and pole lighting would be provided within

the parking lot. New pedestrian walkways would connect to existing walkways in the site vicinity; refer to [Figure 6](#). As part of the improvements, a new sidewalk, curb and gutter, storm drain, and new landscape and irrigation would be installed by the City on City right of way adjacent to Paramount Boulevard. New storm drainage and other utilities infrastructure would connect to existing infrastructure in the site vicinity.

Improvements to the existing parking spaces adjacent to the south of City Hall would also occur to provide for three additional accessible parking spaces and associated access improvements. An existing trash enclosure would be demolished and replaced at a new location adjacent to Jackson Street. Four existing spaces adjacent to the Clearwater Building would be converted to EV Charging Only spaces for public use. Upon completion, 146 City-controlled parking spaces will be provided; refer to [Figure 6](#). The parking spaces would continue to provide free parking for visitors and patrons of uses within the area.

Plaza Area Improvements. As part of the Project, the City proposes to provide upgrades to the existing public plaza area that extends from Paramount Boulevard westerly into the Project site. Pursuant to the Master Agreement, the City has sole responsibility for all the activities and actions related to the “Plaza Area”, including but not limited to “the physical maintenance, repair, replacement, as necessary, insurance, public safety, lighting, security, and similar matters...” (See Attachment A of the staff report). The public plaza area would remain accessible and open to the public. Proposed upgrades include repair and replacement of fountains, a relocated sculpture (from the existing passive recreation area, described above), enhanced paving areas, site furnishings and built-in seating, landscape enhancements, irrigation system adjustments, new overhead string lighting, and the installation of a water softener system; refer to [Figure 7](#), *Proposed Plaza Conceptual Rendering*.

Hay Tree Parcels. As an additional part of the Project, although separate from the more immediate Saw Building component, the City is proposing to acquire the two privately-owned parcels adjacent to the Saw Building, which include the historic Hay Tree; refer to [Figure 3](#). The purpose of the acquisition of the parcels is to confirm, continue, and enhance the Hay Tree area and provide a supportive environment for the registered historic landmark¹. The Hay Tree would remain and continue to be protected. Minor improvements, described below, would occur within the adjacent larger open space to provide outdoor community event space and serve as an extension of activities associated with the City’s occupancy of a portion of the Saw Building while continuing to ensure protection of the Hay Tree; refer to [Figure 8](#), *Hay Tree Parcels Conceptual Landscape Plan*. Proposed improvements would include a dining platform with overhead structure and integrated lighting adjacent to the Saw Building, flexible lawn space, lighting, signage, a mural, and public art, as well as walkways and seating areas with picnic tables. The outdoor community space is intended to support community and cultural programming and

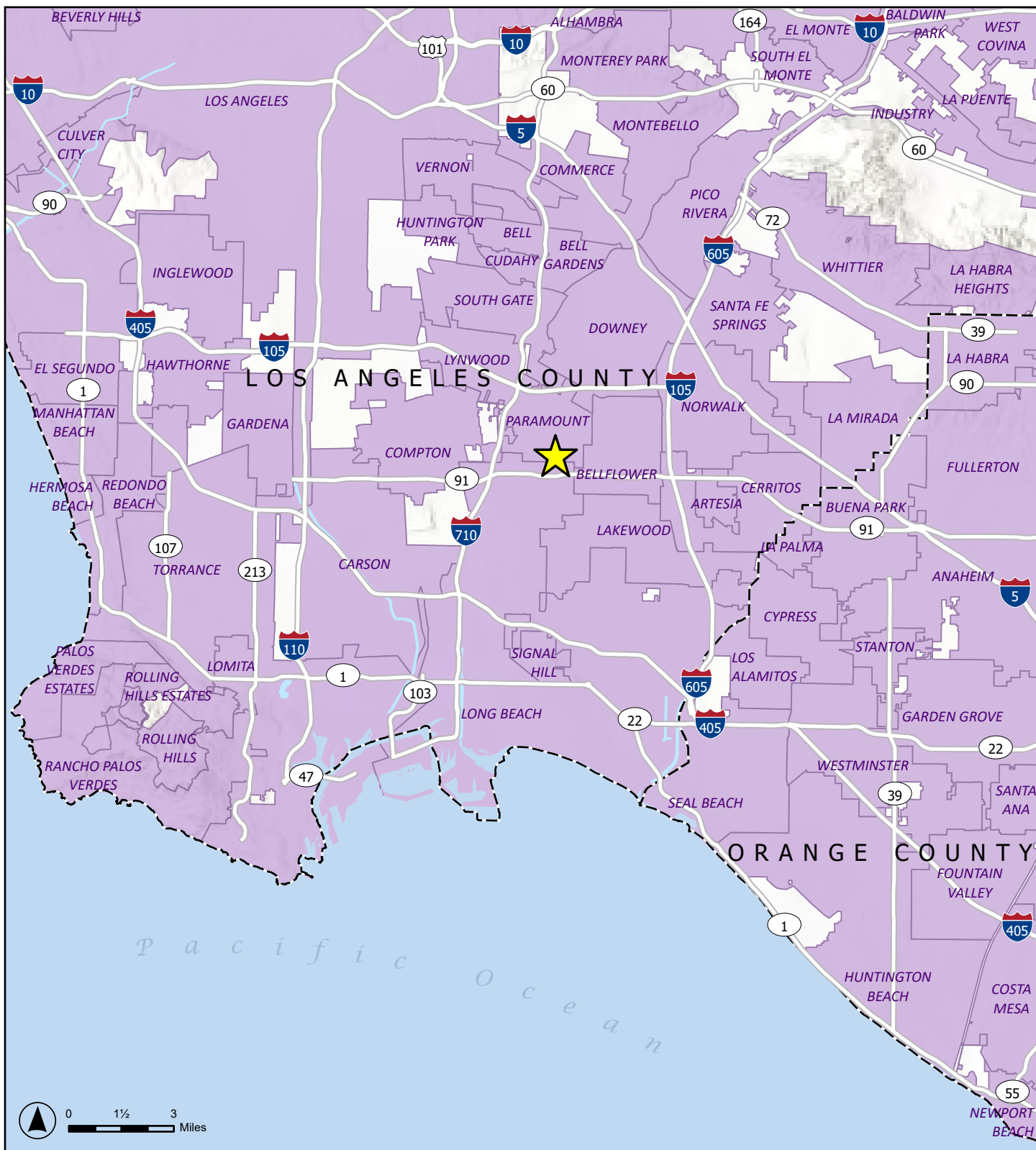
¹ California State Parks, *California Historical Landmarks*, https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21427, accessed September 27, 2024.

activities/events. These events would occur within the larger open space area; physical improvements would not occur directly adjacent to the Hay Tree.

Discretionary Approvals:

The Project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation and zoning for the site, as explained above. The Central Business District Area Plan is intended to provide for development within the civic center and guide re-use of the Paramount Boulevard area, including rehabilitation and smaller scale redevelopment, as appropriate. The C-3 zoning district allows retail enterprises and permits facilities for recreation and entertainment. As previously described, the Project proposes to reuse the Saw Building, located adjacent to Paramount Boulevard, including a City Historical Museum, community event areas, and restaurant/retail/commercial uses. These uses are consistent with the intent of the Central Business District Area Plan and permitted by the C-3 zone. The parking lot and plaza areas would continue to provide public parking, including for the Saw Building uses, and public open space areas for the community. Acquisition and use of the Hay Tree parcels would provide for additional protection of the Hay Tree and provide outdoor community event space, further supporting the intent of the Central Business District Area Plan by providing improvements within the civic center and re-use of the Paramount Boulevard areas. The Project requires the following discretionary approval(s):

- Conditional Use Permit – required for restaurant uses (indoor/outdoor customer seating) and service of alcoholic beverages (application for alcohol deferred until tenants are secured), approved by the Planning Commission subject to City Council review.
- Zone Variance – required for private seating in portion of the front setback adjacent to the Saw Building.
- Development Review – required for the exterior improvements, including façade remodel, creative signs, and exterior wall mural.



Legend

- Project Location
- Incorporated Area
- County Area

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Figure 1. Regional Vicinity

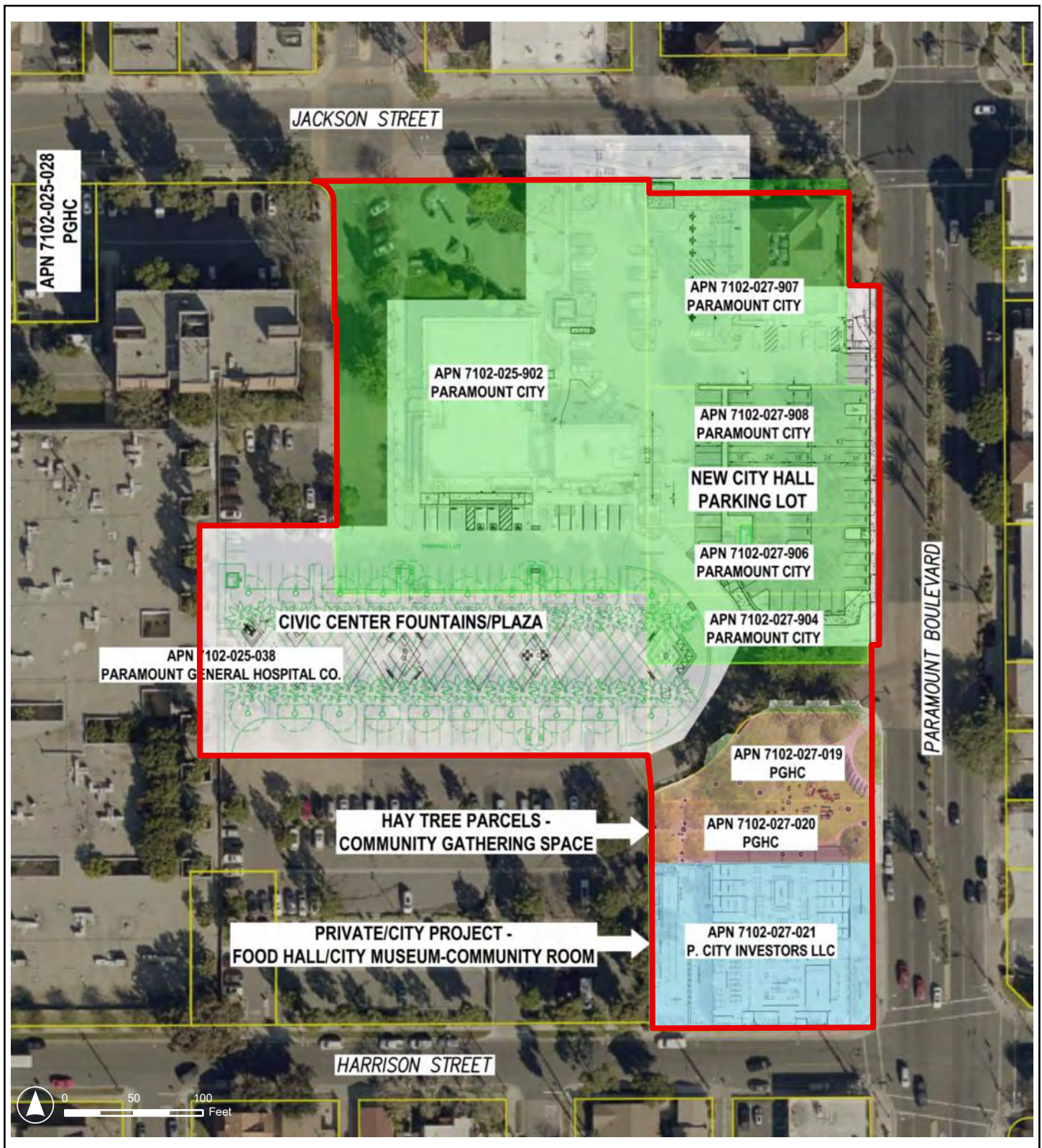


Legend

- Project Location
- Incorporated Area

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Figure 2. Project Location



Legend

Project Boundary

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Figure 3. Proposed Project Parcels/Conceptual Site Plan

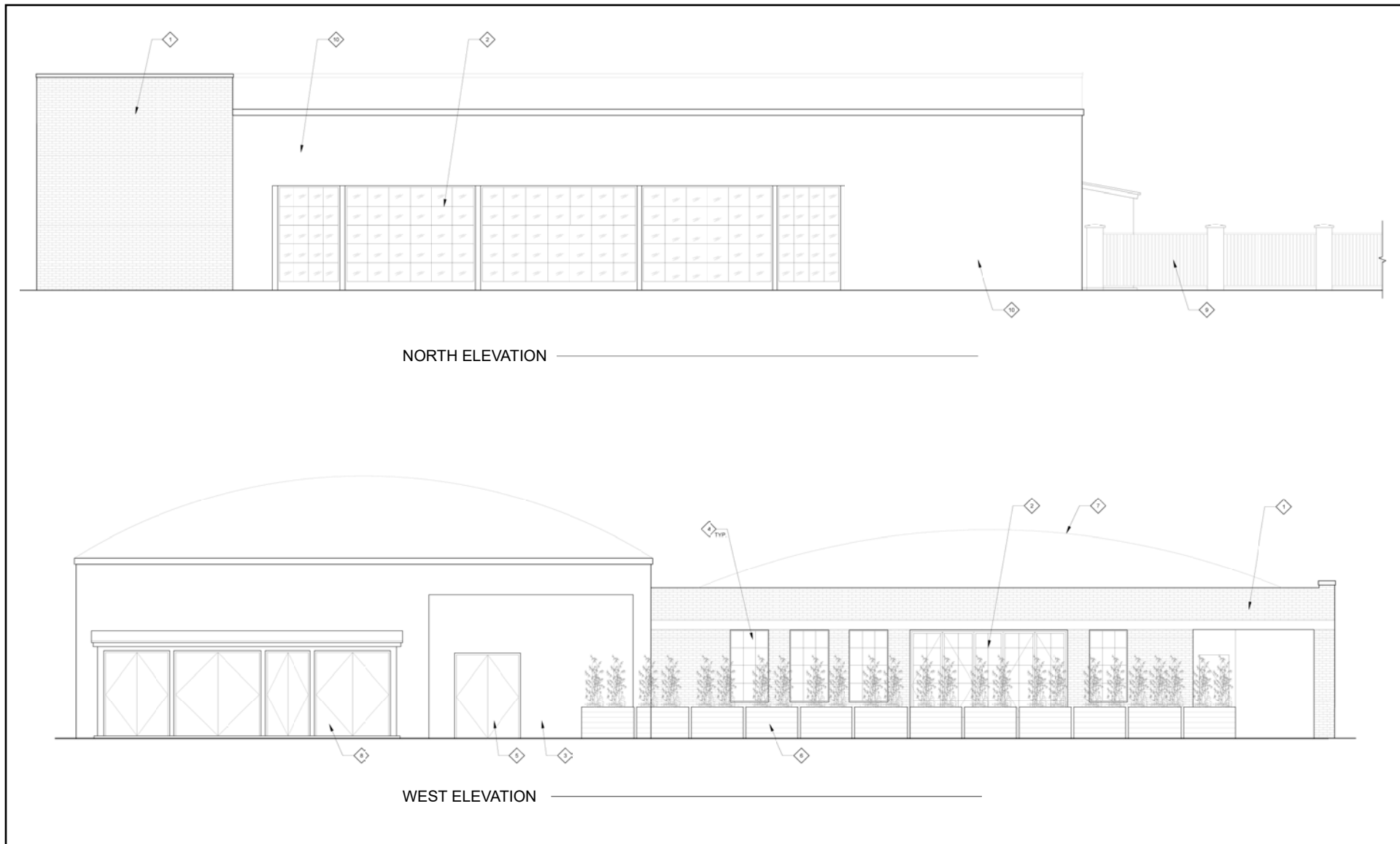


Legend

- Tenant Space
- Dining Area
- Community/Museum Area
- Landscape

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Figure 4. Saw Building Floor Plan

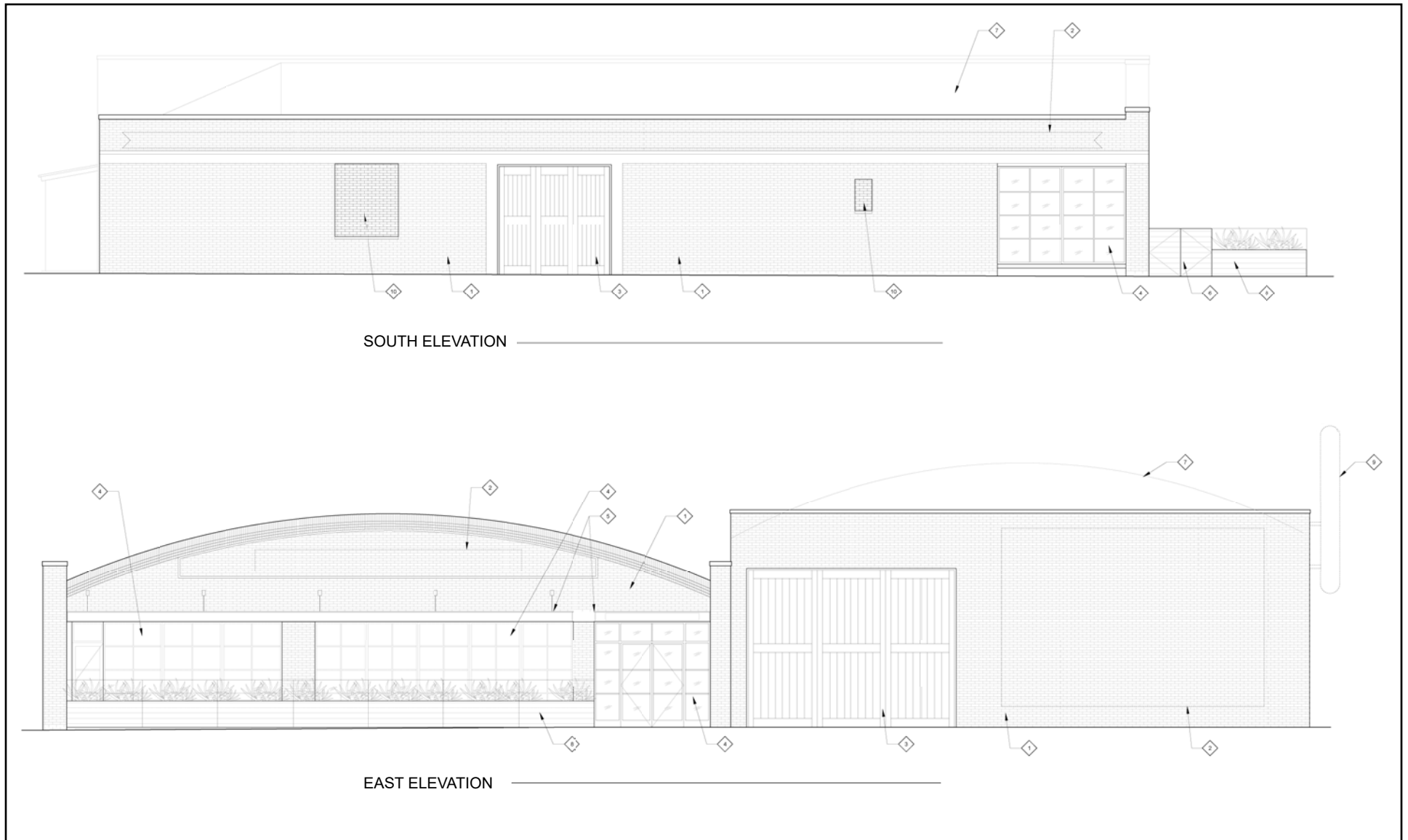


Key Notes

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| 1 - Existing Brick to Remain | 6 - New Reclaimed Wood Planters at Patio Perimeter |
| 2 - New Storefront System in New Opening | 7 - Existing Roof Beyond |
| 3 - New Exterior Wall Infill w/Stucco Finish | 8 - Existing Electrical Closet to Remain, GC to Repair Doors as Required |
| 4 - New Windows in Existing Openings | 9 - Existing Brick and Metal Fence to Remain |
| 5 - New Hollow Metal Loading Doors, Black Finish | 10 - Existing Stucco Wall to be Painted |

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Figure 5a. Saw Building Exterior Elevations
North and West

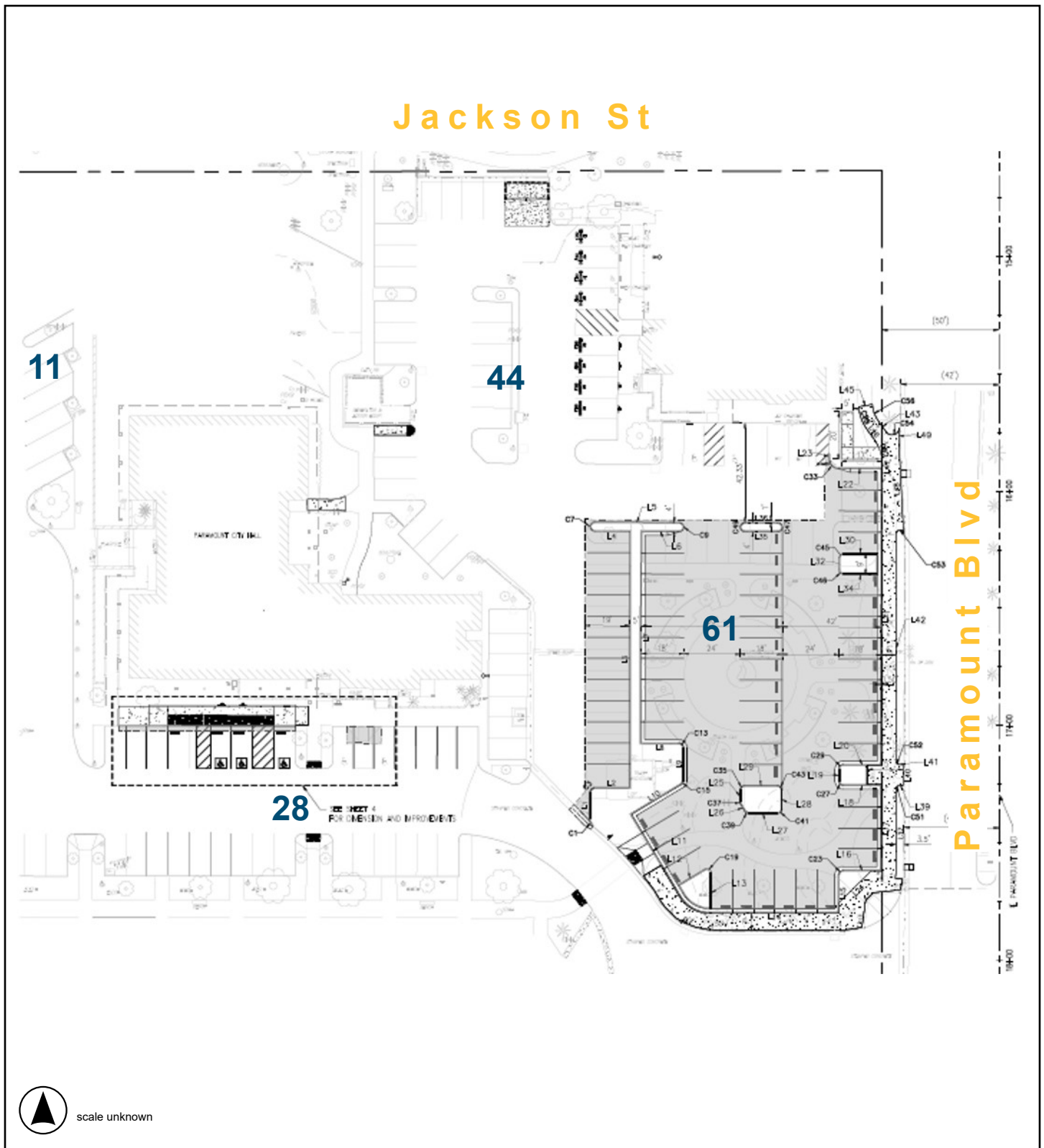


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| 1 - Existing Brick to Remain | 6 - Patio Exit Gate as Required |
| 2 - New Painted Signage Shown Dashed | 7 - Existing Roof Beyond |
| 3 - Existing Wood Door to be Stained & Nailed in Place | 8 - New Wood and Glass Patio Planter |
| 4 - New Storefront System in Existing Opening | 9 - New Mounted Building Signage Shown Dashed |
| 5 - New Metal Awning Above Existing Opening | 10 - New Brick Infill at Existing Opening |

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**Figure 5b. Saw Building Exterior Elevations
South and East**

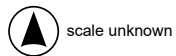


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Figure 6. Proposed Parking Lot

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PARAMOUNT CITY HALL

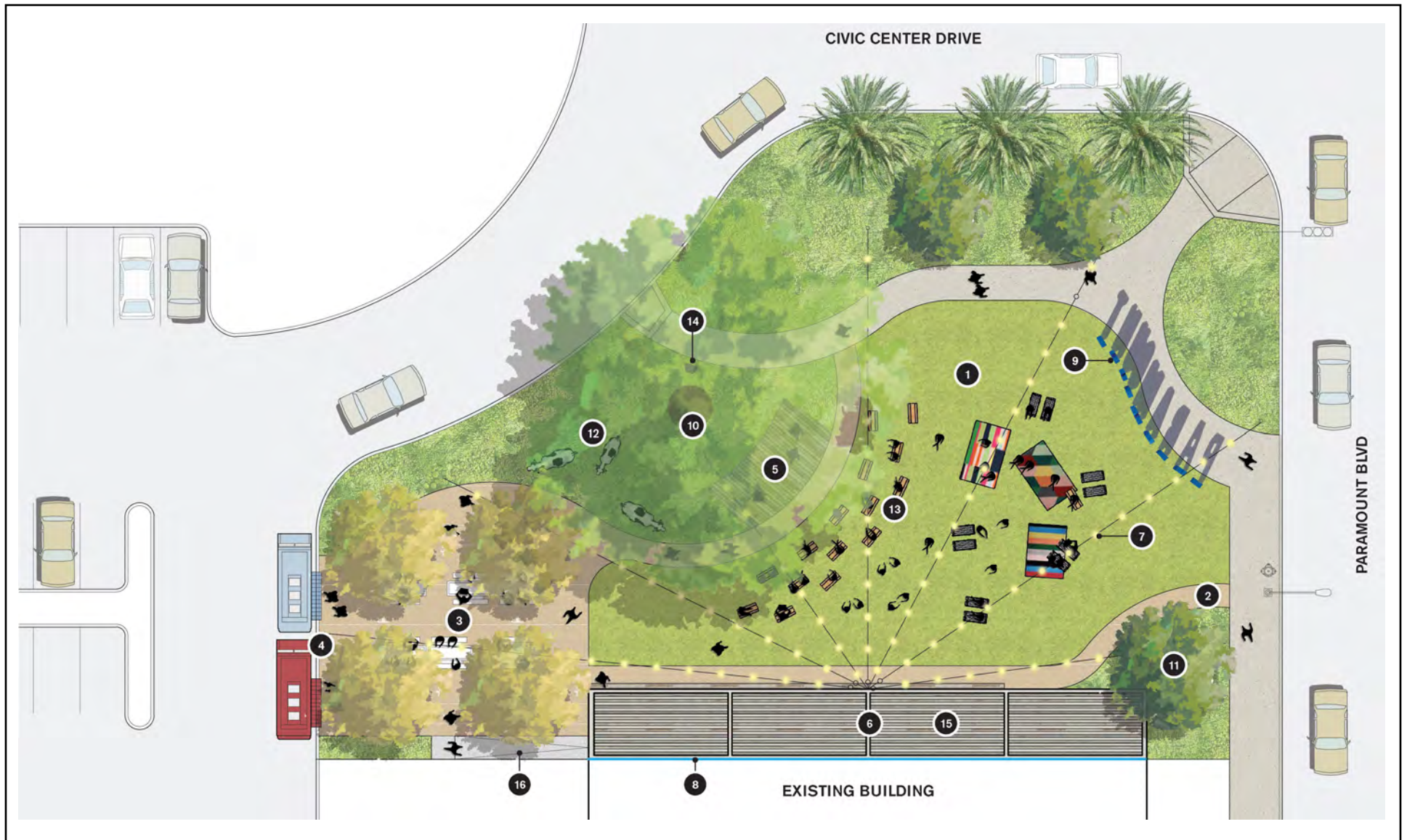


Key Notes

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| 1 - Enhanced paving | 6 - Sculptures at plaza areas |
| 2 - Overhead string lights at palm trees | 7 - Adjacent parking |
| 3 - Communal seating and tables | 8 - Cantilever umbrellas at seating |
| 4 - Relocated sculpture | 9 - Bench seating along plaza edge |
| 5 - Misting poles | |

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Figure 7. Civic Plaza Conceptual Plan



Key Notes

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| 1 - Flexible Lawn | 9 - Oversized Letters "Paramount" City Signage |
| 2 - Decomposed Granite Paving | 10 - Existing Hay Tree |
| 3 - Tree Grove with Picnic Tables | 11 - Existing Tree |
| 4 - Food Truck Curbside Parking for Special Events | 12 - 3-Dimensional Cow Sculpture Art |
| 5 - Temporary Stage | 13 - Hay Bales and Lawn Furniture |
| 6 - Overhead Structure with Integrated Lighting | 14 - Hay Tree Historic Marker Plaque |
| 7 - Overhead String Lights | 15 - Dining Platform |
| 8 - Colorful Mural on Building Facade | 16 - ADA Ramp |

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Figure 8. Hay Tree Parcels Conceptual Landscape Plan

3.0 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION CRITERIA ANALYSIS

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300, Categorical Exemptions, states Section 21804 of the Public Resources Code requires these Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. As a result, several classes of projects have been identified and declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, states Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes);
- d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood;
- e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:
 - 1) 50 percent of the floor area of the structures before the addition, or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less; or
 - 2) 10,000 square feet if:
 - A) The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and
 - B) The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

- f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices;
- g) New copy on existing on and off-premise signs;
- h) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
- i) Maintenance of fish screens, fish ladders, wildlife habitat areas, artificial wildlife waterway devices, streamflows, springs and waterholes, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources;
- j) Fish stocking by the California Department of Fish and Game;
- k) Division of existing multiple family or single-family residences into common-interest ownership and subdivision of existing commercial or industrial buildings, where no physical changes occur which are not otherwise exempt;
- l) Demolition and removal of individual small structures listed in this subdivision:
 - 1) One single-family residence. In urbanized areas, up to three single-family residences may be demolished under this exemption.
 - 2) A duplex or similar multifamily residential structure. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to duplexes and similar structures where not more than six dwelling units will be demolished.
 - 3) A store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar small commercial structure if designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to the demolition of up to three such commercial buildings on sites zoned for such use.
 - 4) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.
- m) Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.
- n) Conversion of a single family residence to office use.
- o) Installation, in an existing facility occupied by a medical waste generator, of a steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste generated by that facility provided that the unit is installed and operated in accordance with the Medical Waste Management Act (Section 117600, et seq., of the Health and Safety Code) and accepts no offsite waste.
- p) Use of a single-family residence as a small family day care home, as defined in Section 1596.78 of the Health and Safety Code.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, states Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:

- (a) Minor lot line adjustments, side yard, and set back variances not resulting in the creation of any new parcel;
- (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits;
- (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15311, Accessory Structures, states Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to:

- (a) On-premise signs;
- (b) Small parking lots;
- (c) Placement of seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar items in generally the same locations from time to time in publicly owned parks, stadiums, or other facilities designed for public use.

Applicability of Exemptions

Class 1

The Project site is currently developed with a commercial building with gated surface parking lot, most recently operated as a saw manufacturing and sales business, a portion of undeveloped currently private land that includes a State-designated historic camphor tree (Hay Tree); and a City-owned passive garden/open space area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and a sculpture, a private Plaza Area used with consent of the property owner consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways and seating, landscaping, sculpture, and fountains, and parking associated with the larger Paramount Civic Center. Consistent with the Class 1 Categorical Exemption, the Project would involve minor alteration of existing public or private structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The Project would not involve expansion of the former manufacturing use. The Project would involve modifications to the existing building to provide both private and public interior spaces. The interior improvements would provide a City Historic Museum and community event space and restaurant/retail/commercial uses, consistent with the General Plan land use designation and zoning for the site. Improvements to provide for the proposed use of the building would be contained within the interior of the structure and the structure would not be expanded. Minimal exterior improvements would occur for outdoor seating and patio areas. Although the proposed uses would involve a change in use when compared to the previous manufacturing business, the uses would not involve an expansion of the building or a change or expansion of use with the potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

The two private parcels that contain the Hay Tree are proposed for acquisition and use as a public gathering and event area for the community. The location of the parcels at the entrance of the Civic Center area with pedestrian paths, landscaping, and accessibility from Paramount Boulevard currently provide informal community access to the Hay Tree and the larger Civic Center area. The Project would involve minor modifications to the parcels to enhance the community gathering space and to enhance and provide for continued preservation of the Hay Tree. Additionally, this space would serve to replace the existing passive recreation area within the Civic Center that would be removed to provide for the reconfigured public parking lot. The proposed modifications to the Hay Tree parcels would provide for improved connection between the proposed City Historic Museum and community event space and the Civic Center area. The minor improvements would provide for a negligible expansion of the existing use and function of the parcels as a community open space area with access to the Hay Tree and would not have the potential to result in a significant effect on the environment.

Free parking to visitors and patrons of uses within the area is currently provided in the Civic Center. The Project proposes minor alterations to the existing parking and passive recreation area within the Civic Center to provide additional parking. The proposed parking lot improvements would not provide for an expansion of uses, as no new development is proposed, but would provide for additional parking supply to better serve existing uses. Additionally, the proposed improvements would provide additional accessible parking spaces and EV charging spaces to serve the needs of the community. The form and function of the existing public plaza area would remain unchanged. Proposed improvements primarily involve repair and replacement of existing facilities, including the fountains/art, landscaping, and seating for an overall improved experience.

The Project would be subject to citywide regulatory compliance measures. These include, but are not limited to, compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance, pollutant discharge, stormwater mitigations, and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. Construction activities would be limited to the Project area. Paramount Municipal Code Chapter 9.12, Noise, establishes noise performance standards within noise zones and prohibits specific types of noise. Section 9.12.060, Prohibited types of noise, exempts construction, repair, or remodeling equipment and devices and other related construction noise sources from Chapter 9.12 provided a permit for such construction, repair or remodeling has been obtained from the Building and Safety Division of the City Planning Department and the construction, repair or remodeling does not take place between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Project construction and improvement activities would be required to comply with the City's established noise requirements.

Class 5

The Project requests a minor alteration in the form of a variance from the C-3 (General Commercial) zone development standards. More specifically, the Project requests a variance to construct an outdoor patio area in a portion of the 10-foot front setback. The outdoor patio area would serve the Saw Building and would not be accessible outside of the operating hours in which the Saw Building is open. The variance would not result in the creation of any new parcel. The Project site has an average slope of less than 20% and as demonstrated above, the Project is consistent with the General Plan land use and zoning for the site and would not result in any changes in land use or density.

Class 11

As part of the Project, an existing passive recreation area, sculpture, and associated surface improvements on City property would be removed and a new City public parking lot would be constructed. The small new parking lot would combine with the existing parking lot, and proposed improvements as previously described, to serve existing commercial and office uses within the area, including Paramount City Hall. The newly constructed small parking lot would provide 42 additional surface parking spaces on City-owned property.

Thus, as demonstrated above, the Project meets the requirements of a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15300.

4.0 EXCEPTIONS TO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS ANALYSIS

The following are exceptions to Categorical Exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15300.2, Exceptions:

Exception a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state or local agencies.

This exception does not apply to a Class 1 CE. The Project site is not located within a particularly sensitive environment. The Project site is located within an urbanized area within the City of Paramount. More specifically, the site is located within the Civic Center area with civic, hospital, and commercial uses within the immediate area. Except for the Hay Tree, which is a California Historic Landmark, there are no conditions that render the Project site a sensitive environment; refer to Exception (f), below.

Exception b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

There are no projects currently proposed or known within the Project area of the same type. Although the proposed Project components are discreet projects that could be considered separately irrespective of the other, the City has decided to consider them as one Project to adequately assess the potential for cumulative impacts due to their proximity and ultimate function of the greater Project area. The Project is consistent with the General Plan designation (i.e., Central Business District) and land uses anticipated for the site. The Project will be subject to Citywide regulatory compliance measures. The Project would not result in a significant environmental impact and would not contribute to a significant cumulative impact. Exception (b) would not apply to the Project.

Exception c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

There are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project site or the Project. The Project site is located within an urbanized area of the City and does not include any site-specific environmental conditions that would preclude the proposed development; refer also to Exception (f). The Project site is generally developed with an existing commercial building, undeveloped parcels with grass and a camphor tree (Hay Tree), garden/open space and plaza areas with public/pedestrian improvements, and surface parking, as described in Section 2.0, Project Description. The Project involves minor modifications to the interior of an existing building to provide public and private spaces, including a City Historical Museum and event area and restaurant/retail/commercial uses; acquisition of two private parcels to provide public open space areas and ensure preservation of the Hay Tree, and removal of an existing passive area to provide a new public parking lot, along with other minor improvements to existing parking and public plaza areas. No changes are proposed to the height or massing of the existing structures. The proposed Project is consistent with the General Plan land use (i.e., Central Business District) designation and the General Commercial (C-3) zoning. Exception (c) would not apply to the Project.

Exception d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

There are not any officially designated or eligible State Scenic Highways within proximity to the Project site.² Thus, the proposed Project would not result in damage to scenic resources within an officially designated State Scenic Highway. Exception (d) would not apply to the Project.

Exception e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the DTSC and SWRCB to compile and update a regulatory sites listing (per the criteria of the Section). The California Department of Health Services is also required to compile and update, as appropriate, a list of all public drinking water wells that contain detectable levels of organic contaminants and that are subject to water analysis pursuant to Section 116395 of the Health and Safety Code. Section 65962.5 requires the local enforcement agency, as designated pursuant to Section 18051 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, to compile, as appropriate, a list of all solid

² California Department of Transportation, *Scenic Highways System Lists, List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways*, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>, accessed September 27, 2024.

waste disposal facilities from which there is a known migration of hazardous waste. The Project site is not listed pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.³ Thus, Exception (e) would not apply to the Project.

Exception f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The Project site does not contain any structures listed on the National or State Register or those identified as being eligible for listing on the National or State Register. With the exception of the Hay Tree (California Historic Landmark), there are presently no formally designated historic resources listed within the City of Paramount. The Saw Building is not a registered historic landmark. However, the Saw Building has been included on a preliminary historic survey list (October 2024) of individual properties that appear eligible for local historic designation. The City of Paramount does not presently have a local historic preservation ordinance.

The Hay Tree, a California Historic Landmark (No. 1038), is located within the Project site. According to California State Parks⁴, the Hay Tree is an old, 50-foot-high camphor tree standing in the middle of a grassy area in downtown Paramount. The tree is a rare remnant of the City's once thriving dairy and hay industry. There are no other properties in Paramount that are linked to the hay industry except for this tree.

Although located on a private parcel, the Hay Tree is owned and maintained by the City. The Project would include acquisition of the parcel in which the Hay Tree resides by the City for its continued preservation and maintenance. The Project proposes to retain the area surrounding the tree as an open space area for community use and gathering. The Project would not alter the tree or its location as a result of the Project.

Therefore, the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource and Exception (f) would not apply.

³ California Environmental Protection Agency, *Cortese List Data Resources*, <https://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/>, accessed September 27, 2024.

⁴ California State Parks, *California Historical Landmarks*, https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21427, accessed September 27, 2024.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis provided herein, the proposed Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project meets the criteria for Class 1, Class 5 and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

6.0 REFERENCES

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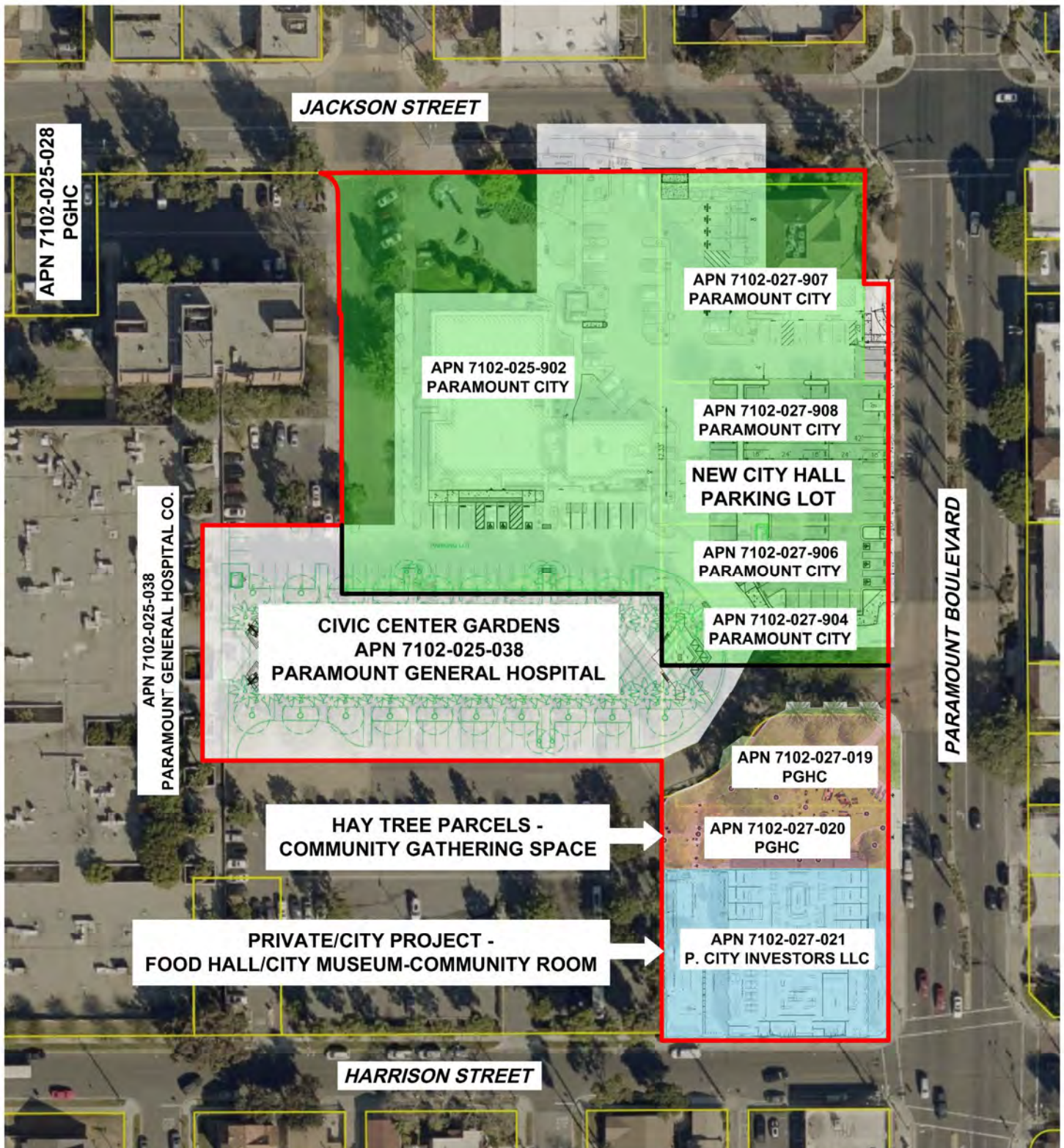
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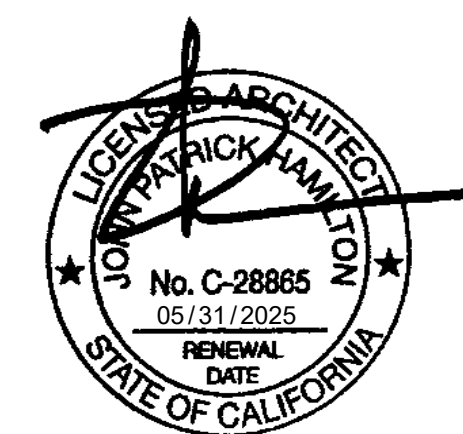
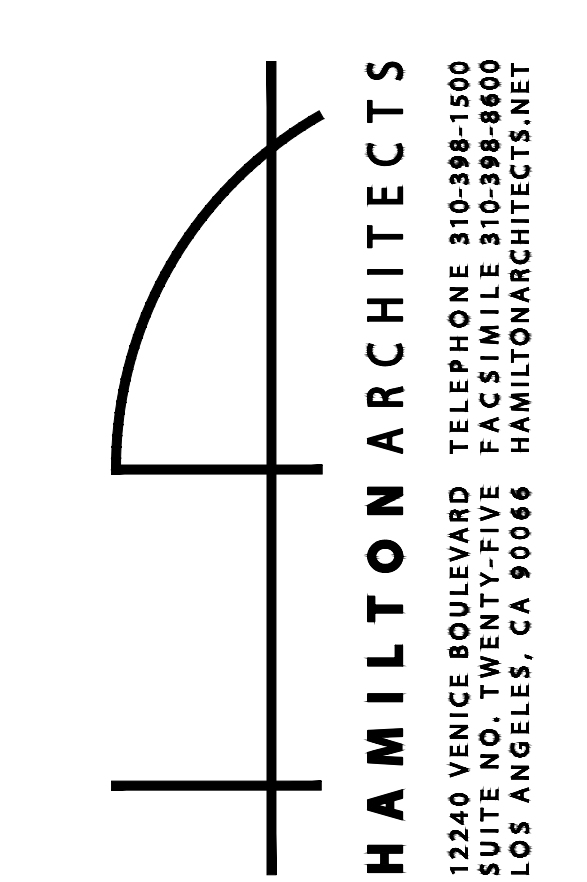
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ATTACHMENT D

PARAMOUNT SAW PLAN SET

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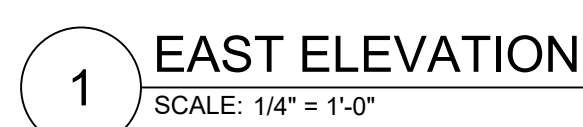
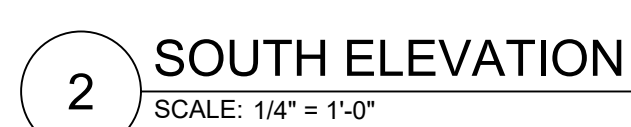
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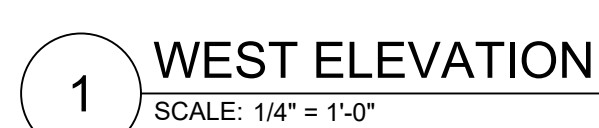
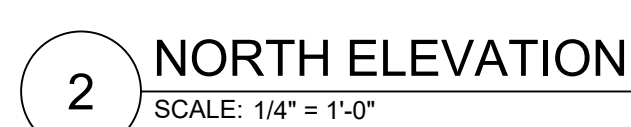
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| 5 | NEW HOLLOW METAL LOADING DOORS, BLACK FINISH |
| 6 | NEW RECLAIMED WOOD PLANTERS AT PATIO PERIMETER |
| 7 | EXISTING ROOF BEYOND |
| 8 | EXISTING ELECTRICAL CLOSET TO REMAIN, GC TO REPAIR DOORS AS REQUIRED |
| 9 | EXISTING BRICK AND METAL FENCE TO REMAIN |
| 10 | EXISTING STUCCO WALL TO BE PAINTED |



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DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:033

A. MOTION IN ORDER:

READ BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVE FURTHER READING, AND ADOPT PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:033, A REQUEST TO APPROVE A CATEGORICAL EXMEPTION (CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES; LIMITATIONS; AND CLASS 11, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES FOR CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER; AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970 AND ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412 AT 16493 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

<u>MOTION:</u>	<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>
MOVED BY: _____	AYES: _____
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CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 23:033**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING AND ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER AND FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970 AND ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412 AT 16493 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE; AND MAKING RELATED FINDINGS

WHEREAS, on or about September 4, 2024, the property owner/developer of the Paramount Saw Building filed an application for a conditional use permit to operate restaurants including a zone variance for an outdoor patio area within a portion of the required 10-foot front setback at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Center Improvements at the Paramount Civic Center consist of construction of additional parking, upgrades to the Civic Center Gardens area, and acquisition (including by eminent domain, if necessary) and thereafter upgrade of the parcel on which the Hay Tree is located (APN 7102-027-019) and the parcel adjacent to that (APN 7102-027-020); and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with De Novo Planning Group to provide an appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the Project, which analysis is attached and incorporated as Exhibit "A" (the "CEQA Analysis"); and

WHEREAS, the City has duly noticed and conducted public hearings on the conditional use permit and zone variance requested by the developer as well as the City's proposed actions and has heard all testimony for and against the actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE CEQA ANALYSIS AND THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the CEQA Analysis.

SECTION 3. Based upon that review, staff recommends and the Planning Commission has determined that the Project falls within a Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures categorical exemption as specifically set out in the CEQA Analysis; and

SECTION 4. Although not required for a categorical exemption, the City has given notice of the proposed exemption as part of the notice for the hearings on the conditional use permit and zone variance; and

SECTION 5. Appeal. Within 10 calendar days after approval of this Resolution by the Planning Commission, any aggrieved or interested person may, if dissatisfied with or aggrieved by the action of the Planning Commission, file with the City Clerk an appeal in writing to the City Council from such action of the Planning Commission upon depositing a filing fee in the amount of one-half of that required on filing the original application. The filing of such appeal within the stated time shall stay the effective date of the decision of the Planning Commission until such time as the City Council has acted on the appeal as set forth in Title 17 of the Paramount Municipal Code. The hearing on the appeal by the City Council shall be a hearing de novo. In the absence of such appeal, the action of the Planning Commission shall be final.

SECTION 6. If not appealed, this Resolution shall take effect at the expiration of the appeal period set out in Section 5, above.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount this 3rd day of December 2024.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

EXHIBIT A
CEQA ANALYSIS

PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CEQA Categorical Exemption Report

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 CEQA Compliance

Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. constitutes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). California Code of Regulations Title 14. Natural Resources Division 6. Resources Agency Chapter 3: Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines) establish the regulations to be followed by all state and local agencies in California in the implementation of CEQA. The State CEQA Guidelines reflect the requirements set forth in the Public Resources Code, as well as court decisions interpreting the statute.

As Lead Agency, the City of Paramount has determined the Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project (defined below, hereafter the “Project”) is subject to CEQA.

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, Review for Exemption, states that once a lead agency has determined that an activity is a project subject to CEQA, a lead agency shall determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) states:

A project is exempt from CEQA if:

- (1) The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).
- (2) The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.
- (3) The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- (4) The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).
- (5) The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of this Chapter.

CEQA review here consisted of the following process: review of the Project relative to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 in order to determine the appropriate type of CEQA documentation for the Project. In reviewing the Project relative to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b), it was determined the Project would not meet the conditions of (1), (3), (4), and (5), above, to qualify as exempt from CEQA.

Based upon the discussion below and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2), City staff has determined that several categorical exemptions are appropriate for this Project for the reasons described below.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Location

The 4.4-acre Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project (Project) is located in the City of Paramount within the County of Los Angeles; refer to [Figure 1, *Regional Vicinity*](#) and [Figure 2, *Project Location*](#). The Project site (or “site”) consists of primary areas (APNs 7102-027-021, -020, -019, -908, -907, -906, -904, and -902; and an eastern portion of APN 7102-025-038) located along the western side of Paramount Boulevard in the southern portion of the City; north of Harrison Street; east, west, and south of the Paramount City Hall building (16400 Colorado Avenue), and south and west of the Clearwater Building (16401 Paramount Boulevard); refer to [Figure 3, *Proposed Project Parcels/Conceptual Site Plan*](#).

Regional access to the site is provided via State Route (SR) 91 to the south. Local access to the site is provided by Paramount Boulevard.

2.2 Existing Setting

On-Site Land Uses

The Project site is currently developed with (from south to north) a building previously occupied by the Paramount Saw Corporation and associated gated surface parking lot; a portion of undeveloped land owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation that includes a State-designated historic camphor tree (Hay Tree) maintained by the City pursuant to the Master Agreement between the City and Paramount General Hospital Corporation for Grant of Easement, Maintenance and Use (the “Master Agreement”) attached to the staff report as Attachment A and incorporated herein, a City-owned passive garden/open space area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and a sculpture; a Plaza Area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways and seating, landscaping, sculpture, and fountains on land owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation pursuant to the Master Agreement; and City parking.

General Plan and Zoning

According to the Paramount General Plan Land Use Element (Exhibits 2-1 and 2-2), the Project site is designated Central Business District. The Central Business District Planning Area encompasses the main commercial districts in the City and includes the southeastern section of the City along Paramount Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard. The Central Business District Area Plan’s specific pattern of uses is intended to guide major development in the town center, civic center, and lumber yard areas; guide re-use in the Paramount Boulevard/Somerset Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard (east of Downey Avenue) areas; and guide rehabilitation and smaller scale redevelopment, as appropriate, throughout the remainder of the district.

The City of Paramount Zoning Map identifies the zoning for the Project site as General Commercial (C-3). The uses allowed by right in the C-3 zoning district are on-premises retail enterprises that involve only incidental and limited treatment, fabrication or assembly of commodities, or comprise types of enterprises involving the rendering of service both professional or to the person; the uses specifically permit facilities for recreation and entertainment (See Paramount Municipal Code, Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.24 C-3, General Commercial Classification..

Surrounding Uses

Uses surrounding the Project site include:

- North: Directly north of the Project site is an office building (the Clearwater Building), followed by Jackson Street. The Clearwater Building is designated Central Business District and zoned C-3. North of Jackson Street is the Town Center West shopping center, which is also designated Central Business District and zoned PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards), allowing for retail-commercial-office uses.
- East: Directly east of the Project site is Paramount Boulevard, followed by commercial uses. The commercial uses are designated Central Business District and zoned C-3.
- South: Directly south of the Project site is Harrison Street, followed by commercial and residential uses. The commercial uses are designated Central Business District and zoned C-3. The residential uses are zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential). A residential neighborhood is generally to the southwest.
- West: West of the southern portion of the Project site is surface parking and pedestrian path and landscaping owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation, public right-of-way, and other improvements associated with the Paramount Civic Center. Kindred Hospital Paramount, owned by Paramount General Hospital Corporation, is located further west of the surface parking area. The Paramount City Hall building is also located west of the northern portion of the Project site. The western area is designated Central Business District and zoned C-3.

2.3 Project Characteristics

The proposed Project consists of the following components; refer to Figure 3:

Modifications to the Existing Paramount Saw Building. The City has entered into a Development and Disposition Agreement (dated June 19, 2023 with Paramount Investors, LLC (attached to the Staff Report as Attachment B) to provide for preservation and re-use of the existing building previously occupied by the Paramount Saw Corporation (herein referred to as the “Saw Building”), located at 16493 Paramount Boulevard. Under the provisions of the agreement, upon its renovation, the City would rent and occupy approximately one-third of the building for 1) a City Historical Museum (approximately 1,093 square feet) and 2) community event areas with kitchenette (approximately 2,665 square feet) and private restroom; refer to Figure 4, Saw Building Preliminary Floor Plan; and would provide additional parking to serve the proposed use. The Saw Building is located on Parcel 7102-027-021.

Separately, on the two adjacent parcels described below, the City proposes an outdoor community space located on the Hay Tree Parcels. For CEQA purposes, the Project includes but may proceed without the acquisition of the Hay Tree Parcels.

The Developer has filed applications to construct interior improvements (attached to the Staff Report as Attachment D) to utilize the remaining approximately two-thirds of the building to operate and maintain restaurant/retail/commercial uses open to the public. All existing

improvements would be removed from the interior of the building. The proposed spaces would include approximately 3,866 square feet of tenant space and approximately 2,165 square feet of indoor seating area, with proposed seating for 169 people. Shared restroom space would also be provided; refer to [Figure 4](#).

In addition to the public and private interior improvements and to facilitate the proposed uses, the developer proposes to add 655 square feet of outdoor seating and patio areas adjacent to the front of the building along Paramount Boulevard; refer to [Figure 4](#). A four-foot-high concrete block stucco wall with a four-foot-high metal and plexiglass enclosure would surround the outdoor seating and patio area. A hedge would also be provided around the perimeter of the space. Within the Saw Building's existing gated area along the western elevation, a loading area and trash enclosure would be provided; refer to [Figure 4](#).

Based upon the proposed seating (169 seats), this portion of the Project would require 57 parking spaces, i.e. one parking space for every three seats pursuant to Paramount Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.24, C-3, General Commercial Classification, Section 17.24.080, Site Standards. In order to provide parking, the developer will rely upon public parking located within the Civic Center area to the north of the Saw Building. At present, there are 104 City-controlled public parking spaces in the public parking areas north of the Saw Building parcel; refer to [Figure 3](#). As described below and illustrated in [Figure 6](#), the City proposes to construct a new public parking lot and provide improvements to existing parking areas, resulting in a total of 146 City-controlled parking spaces. The gated area associated with the Saw Building is not available for patron parking.

Rehabilitation of the structure would involve interior modifications, with minor exterior modifications primarily limited to façade improvements, landscaping, and the provision of outdoor seating and patio areas; refer to [Figure 5](#), *Saw Building Exterior Elevations*. As shown in [Figure 5](#), exterior improvements include new windows in existing openings along all elevations and new openings with storefront window systems along west elevation. New openings with storefront window systems are contemplated for the north elevation provided the City acquires the adjacent Hay Tree parcels. The existing brick would remain, and new brick infills would be placed in existing openings along the south elevation. Existing stucco walls would be painted. A new exterior infill stucco wall and metal loading doors would be installed along the west elevation and the existing electrical closet would remain, and the doors repaired. Existing wood doors on the east and south elevations would be stained and secured in place. New reclaimed wood planters would be installed along the perimeter of the outdoor community space. A new wood and glass patio planter would be installed along the perimeter of the proposed outdoor seating area with a patio gate on the south elevation. A new mounted sign and a painted sign (mural) would be located along the east elevation. The existing metal fence and brick and the existing roof would remain; refer to [Figure 5](#).

Public Parking Lot. As part of the Project, the City is proposing that the existing passive recreation area, sculpture, and associated surface improvements on City property shown on [Figure 6](#), *Proposed Parking Lot*, would be removed, and a new City public parking lot would be constructed. New landscape planters with ornamental landscaping and pole lighting would be provided within

the parking lot. New pedestrian walkways would connect to existing walkways in the site vicinity; refer to [Figure 6](#). As part of the improvements, a new sidewalk, curb and gutter, storm drain, and new landscape and irrigation would be installed by the City on City right of way adjacent to Paramount Boulevard. New storm drainage and other utilities infrastructure would connect to existing infrastructure in the site vicinity.

Improvements to the existing parking spaces adjacent to the south of City Hall would also occur to provide for three additional accessible parking spaces and associated access improvements. An existing trash enclosure would be demolished and replaced at a new location adjacent to Jackson Street. Four existing spaces adjacent to the Clearwater Building would be converted to EV Charging Only spaces for public use. Upon completion, 146 City-controlled parking spaces will be provided; refer to [Figure 6](#). The parking spaces would continue to provide free parking for visitors and patrons of uses within the area.

Plaza Area Improvements. As part of the Project, the City proposes to provide upgrades to the existing public plaza area that extends from Paramount Boulevard westerly into the Project site. Pursuant to the Master Agreement, the City has sole responsibility for all the activities and actions related to the “Plaza Area”, including but not limited to “the physical maintenance, repair, replacement, as necessary, insurance, public safety, lighting, security, and similar matters...” (See Attachment A of the staff report). The public plaza area would remain accessible and open to the public. Proposed upgrades include repair and replacement of fountains, a relocated sculpture (from the existing passive recreation area, described above), enhanced paving areas, site furnishings and built-in seating, landscape enhancements, irrigation system adjustments, new overhead string lighting, and the installation of a water softener system; refer to [Figure 7](#), *Proposed Plaza Conceptual Rendering*.

Hay Tree Parcels. As an additional part of the Project, although separate from the more immediate Saw Building component, the City is proposing to acquire the two privately-owned parcels adjacent to the Saw Building, which include the historic Hay Tree; refer to [Figure 3](#). The purpose of the acquisition of the parcels is to confirm, continue, and enhance the Hay Tree area and provide a supportive environment for the registered historic landmark¹. The Hay Tree would remain and continue to be protected. Minor improvements, described below, would occur within the adjacent larger open space to provide outdoor community event space and serve as an extension of activities associated with the City’s occupancy of a portion of the Saw Building while continuing to ensure protection of the Hay Tree; refer to [Figure 8](#), *Hay Tree Parcels Conceptual Landscape Plan*. Proposed improvements would include a dining platform with overhead structure and integrated lighting adjacent to the Saw Building, flexible lawn space, lighting, signage, a mural, and public art, as well as walkways and seating areas with picnic tables. The outdoor community space is intended to support community and cultural programming and

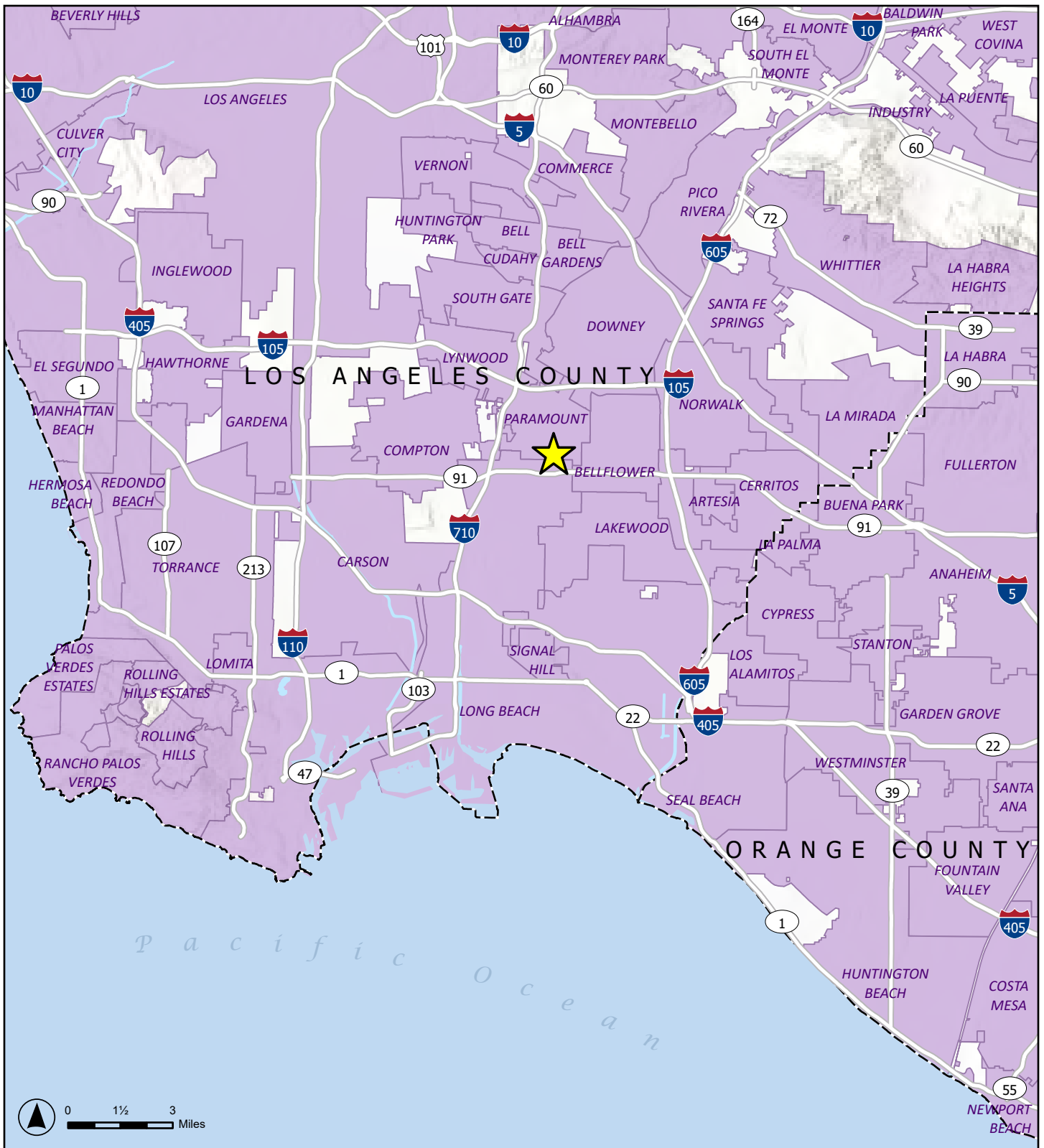
¹ California State Parks, *California Historical Landmarks*, https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21427, accessed September 27, 2024.

activities/events. These events would occur within the larger open space area; physical improvements would not occur directly adjacent to the Hay Tree.




Discretionary Approvals:

The Project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation and zoning for the site, as explained above. The Central Business District Area Plan is intended to provide for development within the civic center and guide re-use of the Paramount Boulevard area, including rehabilitation and smaller scale redevelopment, as appropriate. The C-3 zoning district allows retail enterprises and permits facilities for recreation and entertainment. As previously described, the Project proposes to reuse the Saw Building, located adjacent to Paramount Boulevard, including a City Historical Museum, community event areas, and restaurant/retail/commercial uses. These uses are consistent with the intent of the Central Business District Area Plan and permitted by the C-3 zone. The parking lot and plaza areas would continue to provide public parking, including for the Saw Building uses, and public open space areas for the community. Acquisition and use of the Hay Tree parcels would provide for additional protection of the Hay Tree and provide outdoor community event space, further supporting the intent of the Central Business District Area Plan by providing improvements within the civic center and re-use of the Paramount Boulevard areas. The Project requires the following discretionary approval(s):

- Conditional Use Permit – required for restaurant uses (indoor/outdoor customer seating) and service of alcoholic beverages (application for alcohol deferred until tenants are secured), approved by the Planning Commission subject to City Council review.
- Zone Variance – required for private seating in portion of the front setback adjacent to the Saw Building.
- Development Review – required for the exterior improvements, including façade remodel, creative signs, and exterior wall mural.



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-  Incorporated Area
-  County Area

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Figure 1. Regional Vicinity

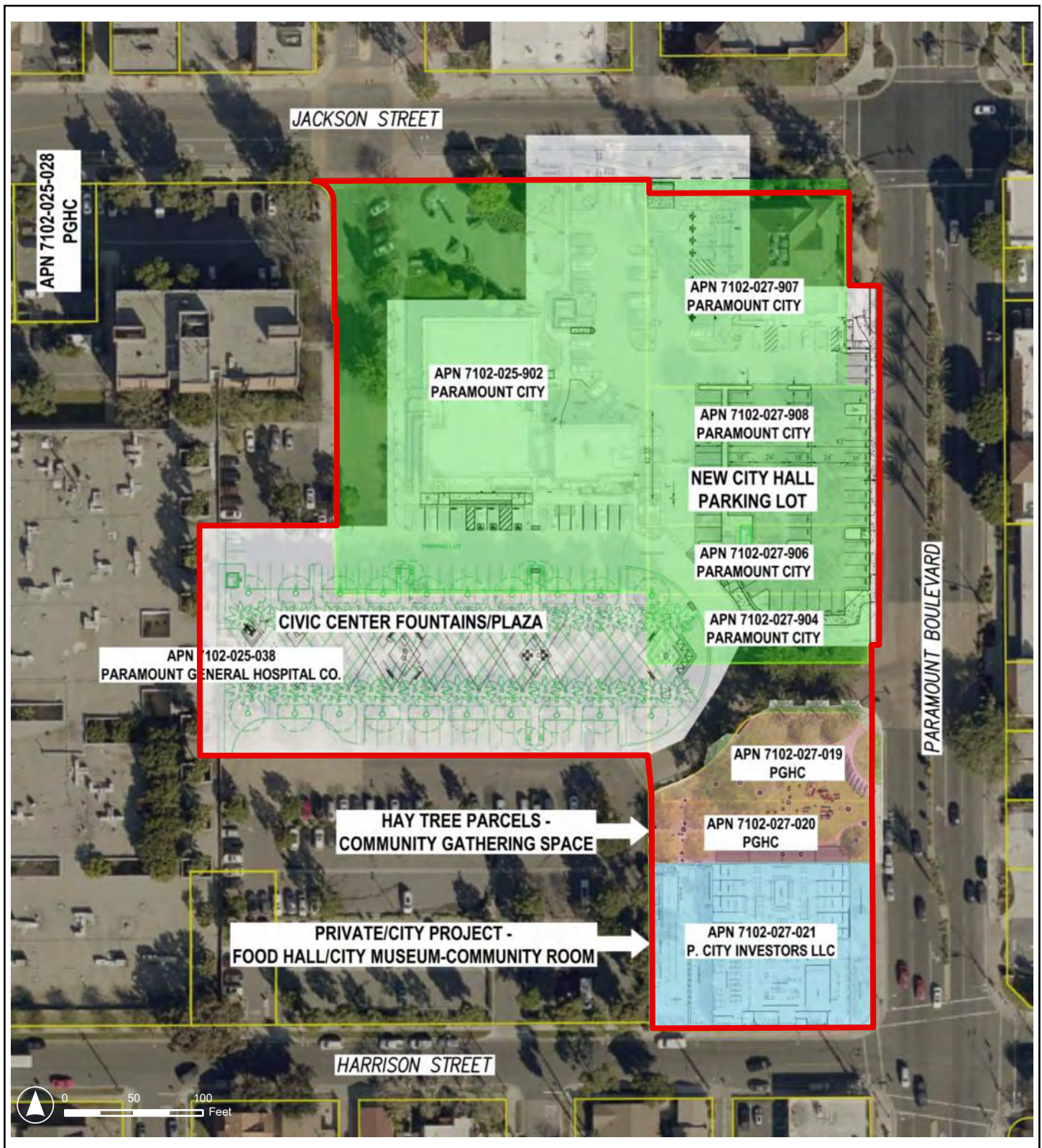


Legend

- Project Location
- Incorporated Area

PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA

Figure 2. Project Location



Legend

Project Boundary

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Figure 3. Proposed Project Parcels/Conceptual Site Plan

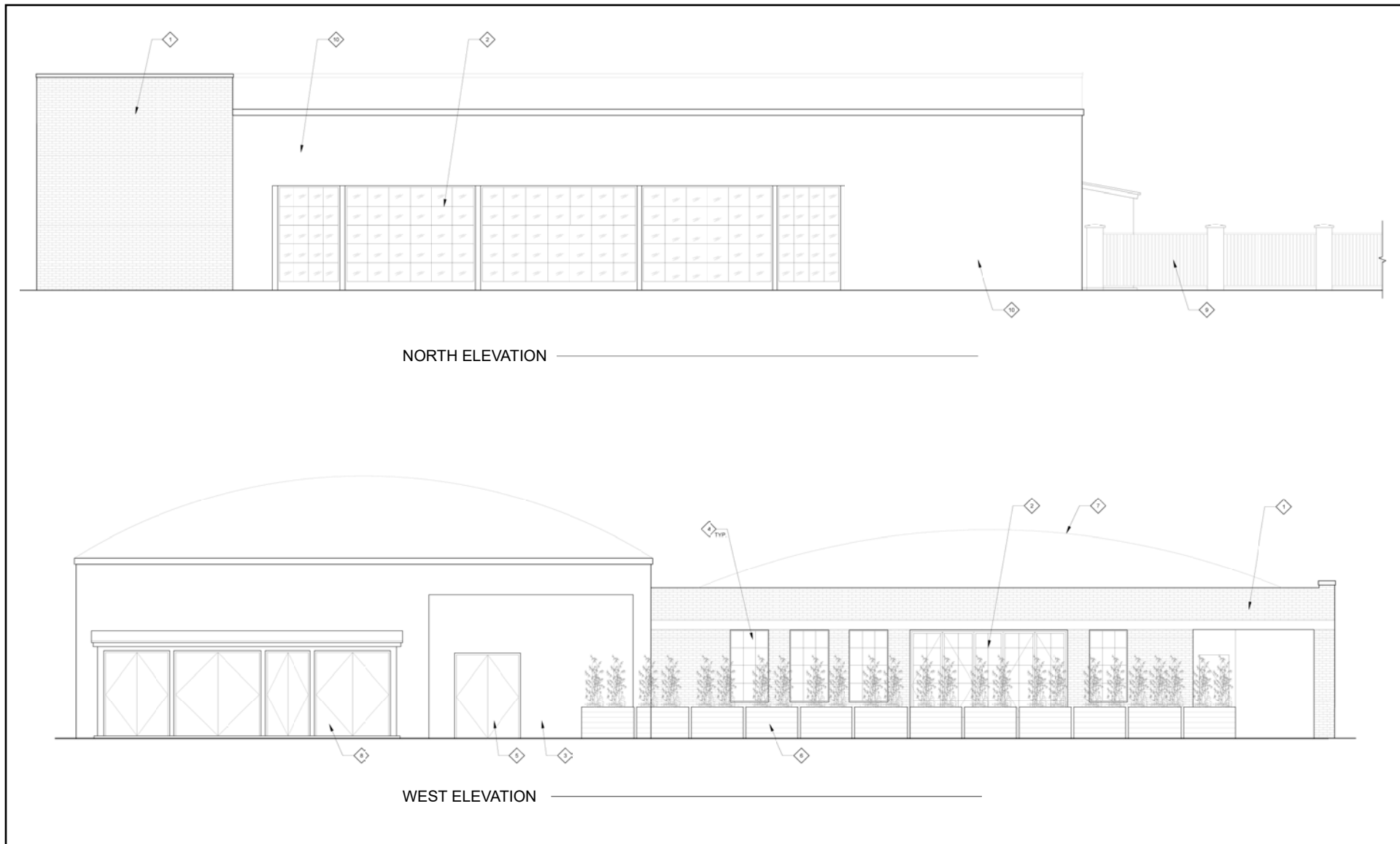


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- Tenant Space
- Dining Area
- Community/Museum Area
- Landscape

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Figure 4. Saw Building Floor Plan

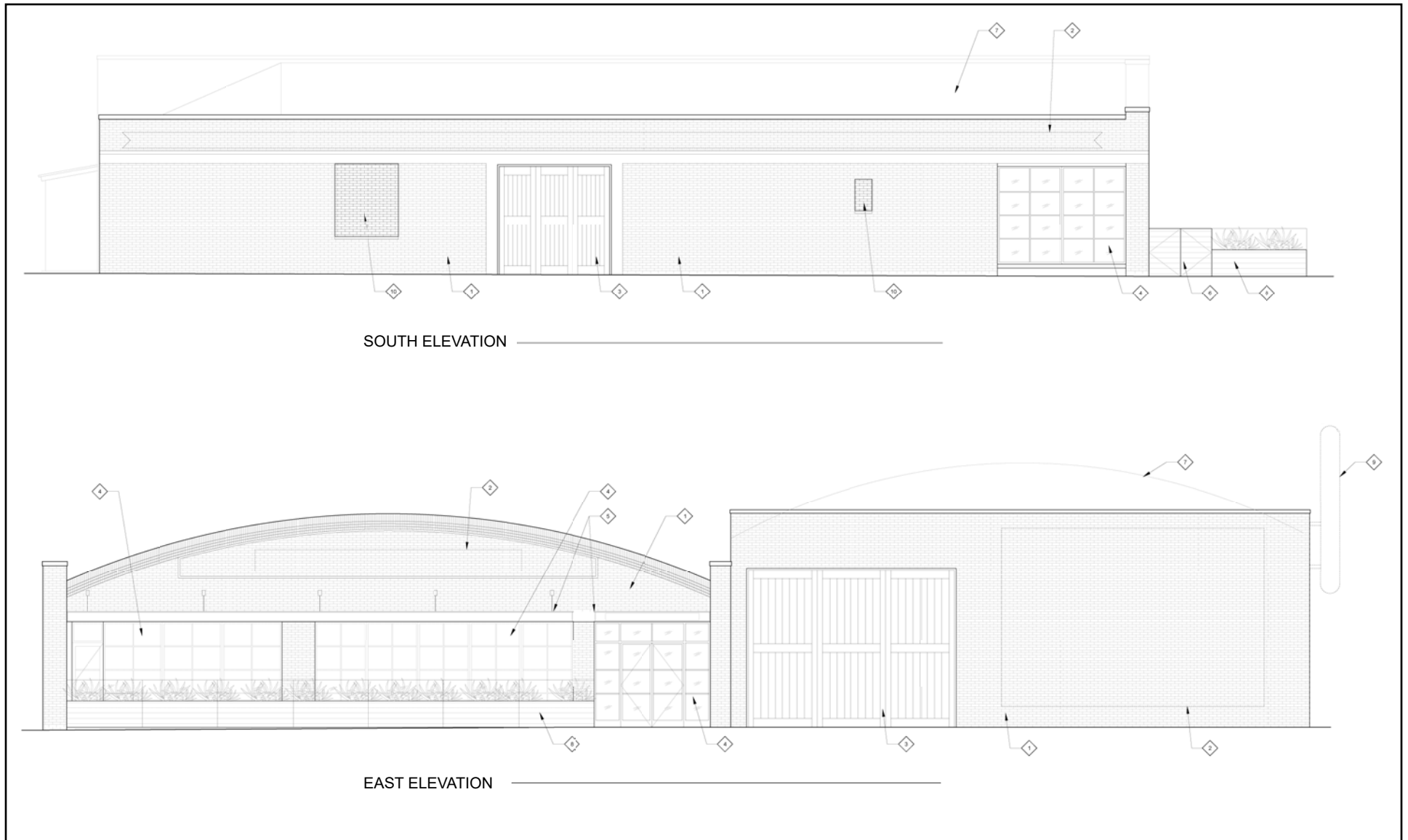


Key Notes

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| 1 - Existing Brick to Remain | 6 - New Reclaimed Wood Planters at Patio Perimeter |
| 2 - New Storefront System in New Opening | 7 - Existing Roof Beyond |
| 3 - New Exterior Wall Infill w/Stucco Finish | 8 - Existing Electrical Closet to Remain, GC to Repair Doors as Required |
| 4 - New Windows in Existing Openings | 9 - Existing Brick and Metal Fence to Remain |
| 5 - New Hollow Metal Loading Doors, Black Finish | 10 - Existing Stucco Wall to be Painted |

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Figure 5a. Saw Building Exterior Elevations
North and West

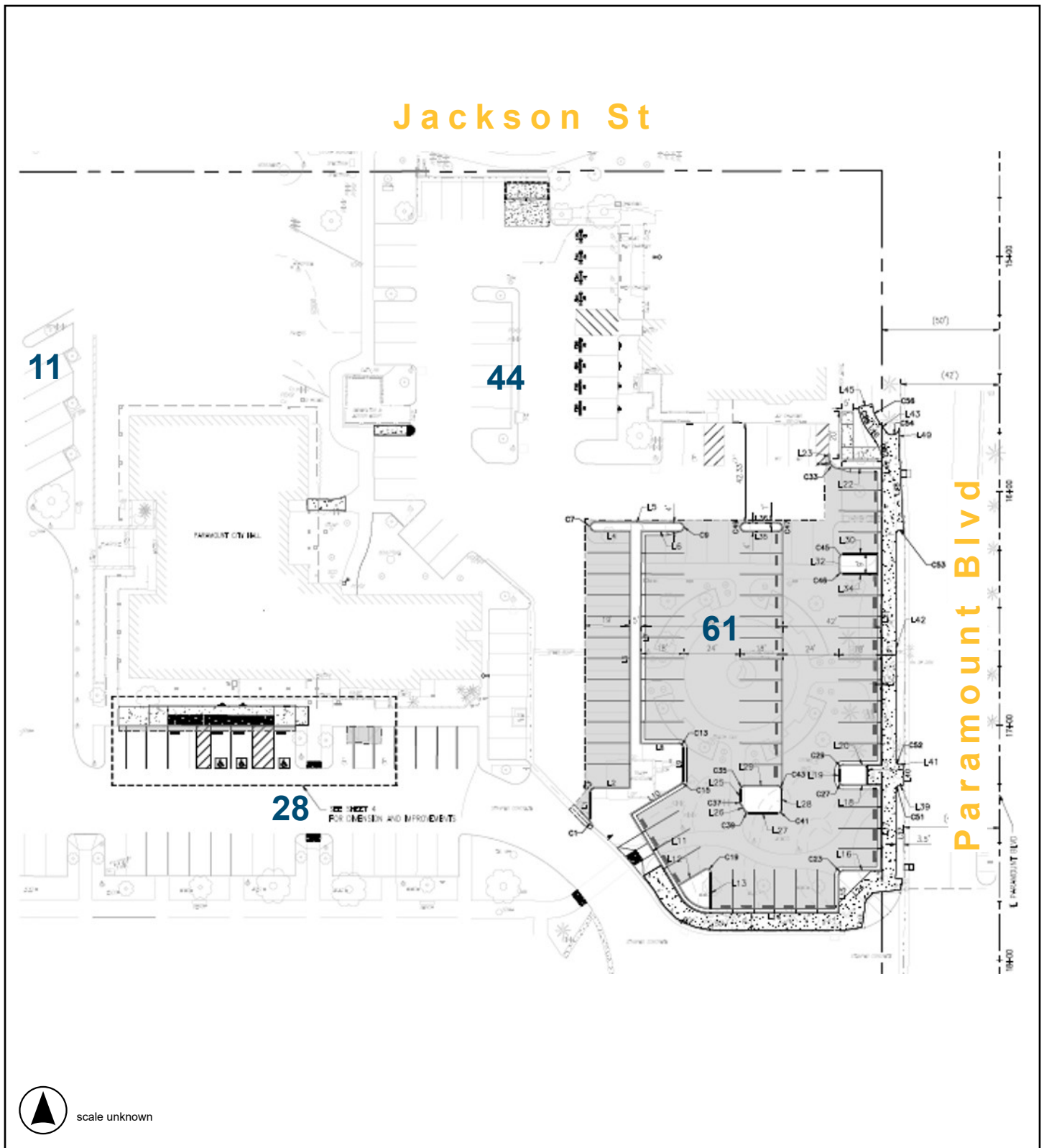


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| 1 - Existing Brick to Remain | 6 - Patio Exit Gate as Required |
| 2 - New Painted Signage Shown Dashed | 7 - Existing Roof Beyond |
| 3 - Existing Wood Door to be Stained & Nailed in Place | 8 - New Wood and Glass Patio Planter |
| 4 - New Storefront System in Existing Opening | 9 - New Mounted Building Signage Shown Dashed |
| 5 - New Metal Awning Above Existing Opening | 10 - New Brick Infill at Existing Opening |

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Figure 5b. Saw Building Exterior Elevations
South and East

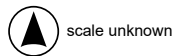


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Figure 6. Proposed Parking Lot

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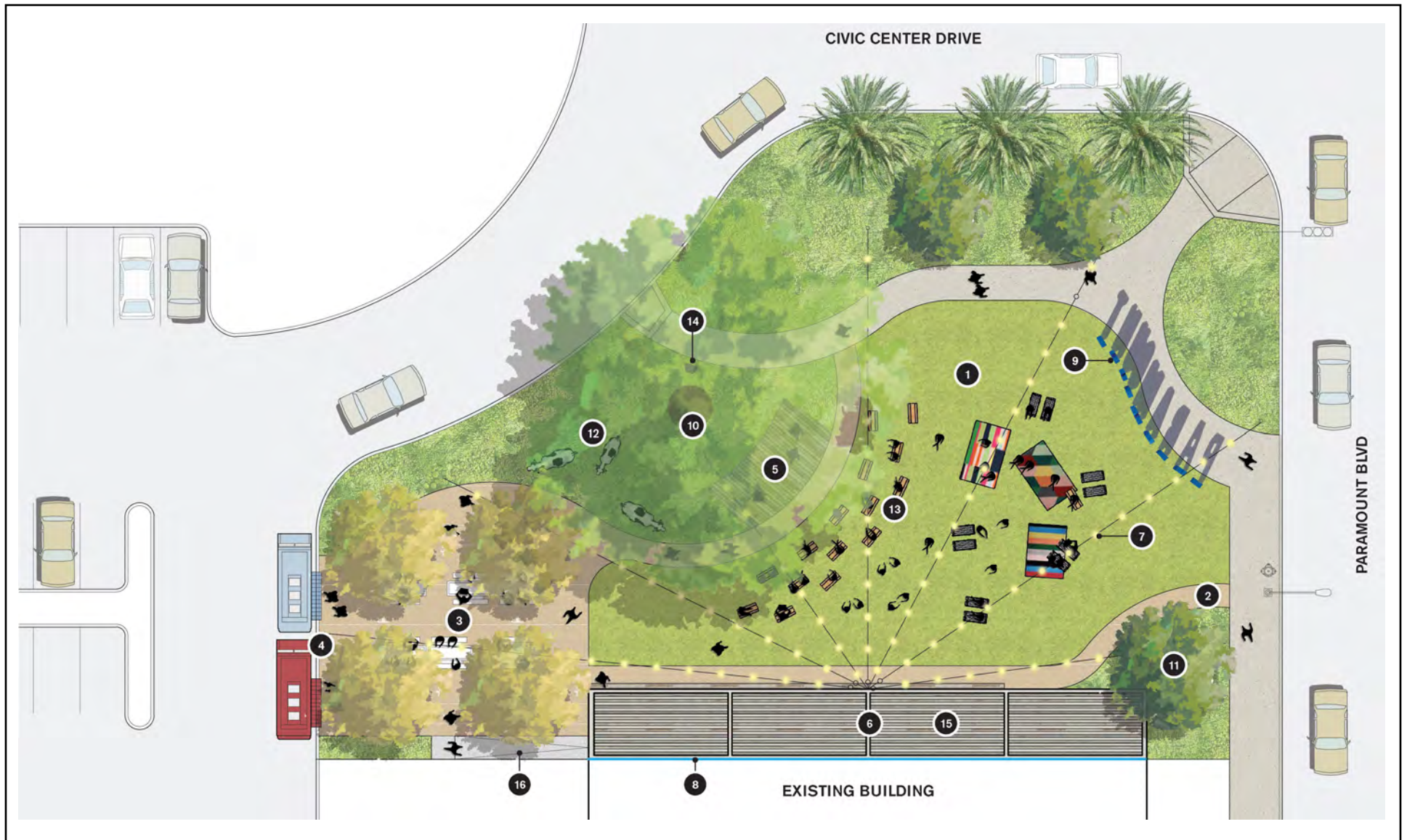


Key Notes

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| 1 - Enhanced paving | 6 - Sculptures at plaza areas |
| 2 - Overhead string lights at palm trees | 7 - Adjacent parking |
| 3 - Communal seating and tables | 8 - Cantilever umbrellas at seating |
| 4 - Relocated sculpture | 9 - Bench seating along plaza edge |
| 5 - Misting poles | |

PARAMOUNT CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA

Figure 7. Civic Plaza Conceptual Plan



Key Notes

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| 1 - Flexible Lawn | 9 - Oversized Letters "Paramount" City Signage |
| 2 - Decomposed Granite Paving | 10 - Existing Hay Tree |
| 3 - Tree Grove with Picnic Tables | 11 - Existing Tree |
| 4 - Food Truck Curbside Parking for Special Events | 12 - 3-Dimensional Cow Sculpture Art |
| 5 - Temporary Stage | 13 - Hay Bales and Lawn Furniture |
| 6 - Overhead Structure with Integrated Lighting | 14 - Hay Tree Historic Marker Plaque |
| 7 - Overhead String Lights | 15 - Dining Platform |
| 8 - Colorful Mural on Building Facade | 16 - ADA Ramp |

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Figure 8. Hay Tree Parcels Conceptual Landscape Plan

3.0 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION CRITERIA ANALYSIS

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300, Categorical Exemptions, states Section 21804 of the Public Resources Code requires these Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. As a result, several classes of projects have been identified and declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, states Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes);
- d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood;
- e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:
 - 1) 50 percent of the floor area of the structures before the addition, or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less; or
 - 2) 10,000 square feet if:
 - A) The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and
 - B) The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

- f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices;
- g) New copy on existing on and off-premise signs;
- h) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
- i) Maintenance of fish screens, fish ladders, wildlife habitat areas, artificial wildlife waterway devices, streamflows, springs and waterholes, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources;
- j) Fish stocking by the California Department of Fish and Game;
- k) Division of existing multiple family or single-family residences into common-interest ownership and subdivision of existing commercial or industrial buildings, where no physical changes occur which are not otherwise exempt;
- l) Demolition and removal of individual small structures listed in this subdivision:
 - 1) One single-family residence. In urbanized areas, up to three single-family residences may be demolished under this exemption.
 - 2) A duplex or similar multifamily residential structure. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to duplexes and similar structures where not more than six dwelling units will be demolished.
 - 3) A store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar small commercial structure if designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to the demolition of up to three such commercial buildings on sites zoned for such use.
 - 4) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.
- m) Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.
- n) Conversion of a single family residence to office use.
- o) Installation, in an existing facility occupied by a medical waste generator, of a steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste generated by that facility provided that the unit is installed and operated in accordance with the Medical Waste Management Act (Section 117600, et seq., of the Health and Safety Code) and accepts no offsite waste.
- p) Use of a single-family residence as a small family day care home, as defined in Section 1596.78 of the Health and Safety Code.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, states Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:

- (a) Minor lot line adjustments, side yard, and set back variances not resulting in the creation of any new parcel;
- (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits;
- (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15311, Accessory Structures, states Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to:

- (a) On-premise signs;
- (b) Small parking lots;
- (c) Placement of seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar items in generally the same locations from time to time in publicly owned parks, stadiums, or other facilities designed for public use.

Applicability of Exemptions

Class 1

The Project site is currently developed with a commercial building with gated surface parking lot, most recently operated as a saw manufacturing and sales business, a portion of undeveloped currently private land that includes a State-designated historic camphor tree (Hay Tree); and a City-owned passive garden/open space area consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and a sculpture, a private Plaza Area used with consent of the property owner consisting primarily of pedestrian walkways and seating, landscaping, sculpture, and fountains, and parking associated with the larger Paramount Civic Center. Consistent with the Class 1 Categorical Exemption, the Project would involve minor alteration of existing public or private structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The Project would not involve expansion of the former manufacturing use. The Project would involve modifications to the existing building to provide both private and public interior spaces. The interior improvements would provide a City Historic Museum and community event space and restaurant/retail/commercial uses, consistent with the General Plan land use designation and zoning for the site. Improvements to provide for the proposed use of the building would be contained within the interior of the structure and the structure would not be expanded. Minimal exterior improvements would occur for outdoor seating and patio areas. Although the proposed uses would involve a change in use when compared to the previous manufacturing business, the uses would not involve an expansion of the building or a change or expansion of use with the potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

The two private parcels that contain the Hay Tree are proposed for acquisition and use as a public gathering and event area for the community. The location of the parcels at the entrance of the Civic Center area with pedestrian paths, landscaping, and accessibility from Paramount Boulevard currently provide informal community access to the Hay Tree and the larger Civic Center area. The Project would involve minor modifications to the parcels to enhance the community gathering space and to enhance and provide for continued preservation of the Hay Tree. Additionally, this space would serve to replace the existing passive recreation area within the Civic Center that would be removed to provide for the reconfigured public parking lot. The proposed modifications to the Hay Tree parcels would provide for improved connection between the proposed City Historic Museum and community event space and the Civic Center area. The minor improvements would provide for a negligible expansion of the existing use and function of the parcels as a community open space area with access to the Hay Tree and would not have the potential to result in a significant effect on the environment.

Free parking to visitors and patrons of uses within the area is currently provided in the Civic Center. The Project proposes minor alterations to the existing parking and passive recreation area within the Civic Center to provide additional parking. The proposed parking lot improvements would not provide for an expansion of uses, as no new development is proposed, but would provide for additional parking supply to better serve existing uses. Additionally, the proposed improvements would provide additional accessible parking spaces and EV charging spaces to serve the needs of the community. The form and function of the existing public plaza area would remain unchanged. Proposed improvements primarily involve repair and replacement of existing facilities, including the fountains/art, landscaping, and seating for an overall improved experience.

The Project would be subject to citywide regulatory compliance measures. These include, but are not limited to, compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance, pollutant discharge, stormwater mitigations, and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. Construction activities would be limited to the Project area. Paramount Municipal Code Chapter 9.12, Noise, establishes noise performance standards within noise zones and prohibits specific types of noise. Section 9.12.060, Prohibited types of noise, exempts construction, repair, or remodeling equipment and devices and other related construction noise sources from Chapter 9.12 provided a permit for such construction, repair or remodeling has been obtained from the Building and Safety Division of the City Planning Department and the construction, repair or remodeling does not take place between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Project construction and improvement activities would be required to comply with the City's established noise requirements.

Class 5

The Project requests a minor alteration in the form of a variance from the C-3 (General Commercial) zone development standards. More specifically, the Project requests a variance to construct an outdoor patio area in a portion of the 10-foot front setback. The outdoor patio area would serve the Saw Building and would not be accessible outside of the operating hours in which the Saw Building is open. The variance would not result in the creation of any new parcel. The Project site has an average slope of less than 20% and as demonstrated above, the Project is consistent with the General Plan land use and zoning for the site and would not result in any changes in land use or density.

Class 11

As part of the Project, an existing passive recreation area, sculpture, and associated surface improvements on City property would be removed and a new City public parking lot would be constructed. The small new parking lot would combine with the existing parking lot, and proposed improvements as previously described, to serve existing commercial and office uses within the area, including Paramount City Hall. The newly constructed small parking lot would provide 42 additional surface parking spaces on City-owned property.

Thus, as demonstrated above, the Project meets the requirements of a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15300.

4.0 EXCEPTIONS TO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS ANALYSIS

The following are exceptions to Categorical Exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15300.2, Exceptions:

Exception a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state or local agencies.

This exception does not apply to a Class 1 CE. The Project site is not located within a particularly sensitive environment. The Project site is located within an urbanized area within the City of Paramount. More specifically, the site is located within the Civic Center area with civic, hospital, and commercial uses within the immediate area. Except for the Hay Tree, which is a California Historic Landmark, there are no conditions that render the Project site a sensitive environment; refer to Exception (f), below.

Exception b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

There are no projects currently proposed or known within the Project area of the same type. Although the proposed Project components are discreet projects that could be considered separately irrespective of the other, the City has decided to consider them as one Project to adequately assess the potential for cumulative impacts due to their proximity and ultimate function of the greater Project area. The Project is consistent with the General Plan designation (i.e., Central Business District) and land uses anticipated for the site. The Project will be subject to Citywide regulatory compliance measures. The Project would not result in a significant environmental impact and would not contribute to a significant cumulative impact. Exception (b) would not apply to the Project.

Exception c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

There are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project site or the Project. The Project site is located within an urbanized area of the City and does not include any site-specific environmental conditions that would preclude the proposed development; refer also to Exception (f). The Project site is generally developed with an existing commercial building, undeveloped parcels with grass and a camphor tree (Hay Tree), garden/open space and plaza areas with public/pedestrian improvements, and surface parking, as described in Section 2.0, Project Description. The Project involves minor modifications to the interior of an existing building to provide public and private spaces, including a City Historical Museum and event area and restaurant/retail/commercial uses; acquisition of two private parcels to provide public open space areas and ensure preservation of the Hay Tree, and removal of an existing passive area to provide a new public parking lot, along with other minor improvements to existing parking and public plaza areas. No changes are proposed to the height or massing of the existing structures. The proposed Project is consistent with the General Plan land use (i.e., Central Business District) designation and the General Commercial (C-3) zoning. Exception (c) would not apply to the Project.

Exception d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

There are not any officially designated or eligible State Scenic Highways within proximity to the Project site.² Thus, the proposed Project would not result in damage to scenic resources within an officially designated State Scenic Highway. Exception (d) would not apply to the Project.

Exception e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the DTSC and SWRCB to compile and update a regulatory sites listing (per the criteria of the Section). The California Department of Health Services is also required to compile and update, as appropriate, a list of all public drinking water wells that contain detectable levels of organic contaminants and that are subject to water analysis pursuant to Section 116395 of the Health and Safety Code. Section 65962.5 requires the local enforcement agency, as designated pursuant to Section 18051 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, to compile, as appropriate, a list of all solid

² California Department of Transportation, *Scenic Highways System Lists, List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways*, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>, accessed September 27, 2024.

waste disposal facilities from which there is a known migration of hazardous waste. The Project site is not listed pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.³ Thus, Exception (e) would not apply to the Project.

Exception f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The Project site does not contain any structures listed on the National or State Register or those identified as being eligible for listing on the National or State Register. With the exception of the Hay Tree (California Historic Landmark), there are presently no formally designated historic resources listed within the City of Paramount. The Saw Building is not a registered historic landmark. However, the Saw Building has been included on a preliminary historic survey list (October 2024) of individual properties that appear eligible for local historic designation. The City of Paramount does not presently have a local historic preservation ordinance.

The Hay Tree, a California Historic Landmark (No. 1038), is located within the Project site. According to California State Parks⁴, the Hay Tree is an old, 50-foot-high camphor tree standing in the middle of a grassy area in downtown Paramount. The tree is a rare remnant of the City's once thriving dairy and hay industry. There are no other properties in Paramount that are linked to the hay industry except for this tree.

Although located on a private parcel, the Hay Tree is owned and maintained by the City. The Project would include acquisition of the parcel in which the Hay Tree resides by the City for its continued preservation and maintenance. The Project proposes to retain the area surrounding the tree as an open space area for community use and gathering. The Project would not alter the tree or its location as a result of the Project.

Therefore, the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource and Exception (f) would not apply.

³ California Environmental Protection Agency, *Cortese List Data Resources*, <https://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/>, accessed September 27, 2024.

⁴ California State Parks, *California Historical Landmarks*, https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21427, accessed September 27, 2024.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis provided herein, the proposed Paramount Civic Center Improvement Project meets the criteria for Class 1, Class 5 and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

6.0 REFERENCES

California Department of Transportation, *Scenic Highways System Lists, List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways*, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>.

California Environmental Protection Agency, Cortese List Data Resources, <https://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist>.

California State Parks, California Historical Landmarks, https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21427.

City of Paramount, *Paramount General Plan*, August 2007 (revised February 2022).

City of Paramount, *Paramount Municipal Code* through Ordinance No. 1186, adopted May 28, 2024.

DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970

B. MOTION IN ORDER:

READ BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVE FURTHER READING, AND ADOPT
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:034, A
REQUEST BY PARAMOUNT CITY INVESTORS, LLC TO OPERATE
RESTAURANTS AT 16493 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3
(GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

☐ APPROVED

☐ DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:034**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970, A REQUEST BY PARAMOUNT CITY INVESTORS, LLC TO OPERATE RESTAURANTS AT 16493 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount has received an application from Paramount City Investors, LLC to operate restaurants at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone (for purposes of this resolution, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, such application requires Planning Commission approval of a conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, Paramount Municipal Code Section 17.48.030 et seq., a portion of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Paramount, requires the Planning Commission to duly notice a public hearing, receive a report from staff, conduct the hearing and consider all evidence before it, and thereafter announce its findings and decisions in zoning matters and specifically for conditional use permits; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2024, the City mailed notice of the December 3, 2024 Planning Commission hearing to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed Project site, a true and correct copy of which notice (in English and Spanish) is included in the record of this hearing along with proof of mailing; and

WHEREAS, the staff report and other materials regarding the Project were posted on the Planning Commission Agendas webpage of the City website as of November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff caused to be prepared a CEQA analysis for the Project which determined that categorical exemptions (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) are appropriate for the Project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and as set out in Resolution No. 24:033; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the application, at which time it heard a presentation by the Interim Planning Director as well as testimony regarding the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DOES RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ADJUDGE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct.

SECTION 2. On December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 24:033, approving categorical exemptions (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) for the Project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission finds that all requirements for notice have been complied with pursuant to State Law and the Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission finds that it has conducted all the public hearings necessary and in compliance with State Law and the Municipal Code of the City of Paramount.

SECTION 5. The Planning Commission finds that the evidence presented does justify the granting of this application for a conditional use permit for the following reasons:

1. The Project is consistent with the General Plan.

The project is located in the Area Plan designated Central Business District in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. *Central Business District Area Plan Policy 2* states, “Land uses shall be limited to commercial or office uses, except as otherwise indicated on the General Plan Land Use Map.”

The proposed change of use of the Paramount Saw building to restaurant uses further supports the General Plan and zoning intent for commercial uses in this area. Section 17.24.030 of the Municipal Code lists uses that may be permitted in the C-3 zone provided that in each instance a CUP is first obtained. “Restaurants, cafés, dinner houses, or establishments offering food for in-house consumption” is a category listed in this section.

2. The Project is consistent with the Zoning Code (Title 17 of the Paramount Municipal Code).

The project area is within the C-3 (General Commercial) zone. As described in Section 17.24.010 (Purposes) of Chapter 17.24 (C-3, General Commercial Classification) of the Paramount Municipal Code, “The uses designated in this chapter as permissible in the classification C-3 are considered compatible uses having common or similar performance standards in that they represent on-premises retail enterprises and involve only incidental and limited treatment, fabrication or assembly of commodities, or comprise types of enterprises involving the rendering of service both professional or to the person and permit facilities for recreation and entertainment.”

3. As conditioned, the requested use at the location proposed will not:
 - a. Adversely affect the health, peace, safety, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;
 - b. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; nor
 - c. Jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

The proposed restaurants, which meet the intent of the Central Business District and C-3 (General Commercial) zone, will integrate well with the surrounding residential and business area. Construction is limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays. Contractor staging will be limited to the onsite rear yard of the Paramount Saw building. Professionally fabricated, weather-durable signs are required to be installed following separate Planning Department review and approval of the sign content, design, and precise locations to clearly identify allowed vehicle parking locations. Sufficient parking is available within the City-controlled parking lot to the north of the Paramount Saw property. The applicant will ensure any and all trash and litter on adjoining properties are promptly removed and discarded in the proper trash, recyclable, or organic waste receptacle. Noise at the front outdoor patio will be minimized by the design – stuccoed concrete wall from ground level to 42-inch height and a metal and plexiglass enclosure from 42 to 84 inches in height – and a hedge on the perimeter.

2. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, and loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features prescribed in this chapter, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area.

Sufficient yards, walls, fences, and loading facilities (to rear of the building), landscaping, and other features are proposed.

3. That the proposed site is adequately served:
 - a. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate; and
 - b. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

Street infrastructure is sufficient. The property is at the northeast corner of Paramount Boulevard and Harrison Street. Paramount Boulevard right-of-way is 100 feet wide, and Harrison Street is 50 feet wide. A signalized traffic intersection at Paramount Boulevard and Civic Center Drive is

approximately 100 feet to the north of the subject property. All other public and private service facilities, including trash/recyclable/organic waste service, electrical/gas/Internet/water utilities is sufficient. Parking infrastructure will be sufficient upon completion of the modification of the City-controlled parking lot to the north of the subject property.

4. That such use is desirable for the development of the community, is essentially in harmony with the various elements of the General Plan and is not detrimental to existing uses or to uses specifically permitted in the zone in which the proposed use is located.

The proposed restaurants will fulfill a need of the Paramount community for smaller-scale, innovative food offerings in a blended food hall format. The project is consistent with the General Plan. The project is located in the Area Plan designated Central Business District in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. *Central Business District Area Plan Policy 2* states, "Land uses shall be limited to commercial or office uses, except as otherwise indicated on the General Plan Land Use Map."

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission hereby approves the applied for Conditional Use Permit as to use in the above-entitled matter, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Approval of the conditional use permit is contingent upon Development Review Board approval of Development Review Application No. 24:007.
2. The application is subject to all regulations and conditions of Zone Variance No. 412.
3. Except as set forth in conditions, development shall take place as shown on the approved site plan. Any material deviation must be approved by the Planning Department before construction.
4. The approved floor plan shall not be changed without prior written approval by the Planning Department.
5. This Conditional Use Permit shall not be effective for any purposes until the applicant has first filed at the office of the Planning Commission a sworn affidavit both acknowledging and accepting all conditions of approval of this Conditional Use Permit application. The affidavit shall be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2024. Failure to provide the City with the requisite affidavit within the time stated hereinabove shall render the Conditional Use Permit void.
6. All Conditional Use Permit No. 970 conditions of approval shall be included as general notes on all submitted sets of building plans.

7. This approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of final determination. If the use approved by this action is not established within such a period of time, this approval shall terminate and shall be null and void. Time extension may be granted at the discretion of the Planning Commission.
8. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Planning Commission that if any provision of this Conditional Use Permit is held or declared to be invalid, the exception shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
9. It is further declared and made a condition of this Conditional Use Permit that if any condition hereof is violated or if any law, statute or ordinance is violated, the exception shall be suspended and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse, provided that the applicant has been given written notice to cease such violation and has failed to do so within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of said notification.
10. The applicant understands that an Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance granted under the Zoning Ordinance, or any section thereof, is granted and accepted by all parties with the express understanding that the Planning Commission may hold a public hearing, notice of time and place of which shall be given to the applicant, if one or more of the following conditions exists:
 - a. That the approval was obtained by fraud;
 - b. That the need for which such approval was granted has ceased to exist or has been suspended for one year or more;
 - c. That the Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance is being, or recently has been, exercised contrary to the terms or conditions of such approval or in violation of any statute, provision of the Code, ordinance, law, or regulation;
 - d. That the need for which the approval was granted was so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to constitute a public nuisance (Section 17.48.070 of the Paramount Municipal Code).

If after such hearing, the Planning Commission finds that any grounds of modification, suspension, or revocation exist, the Planning Commission may modify, suspend, or revoke such Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance.

Permitting

11. Permits. The applicant is required to obtain all necessary City of Paramount permits, including electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits for any interior and/or exterior modifications made to the structures on the subject site.
12. Business License – Contractors. Prior to the release of utilities or service connections, final building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical approval, the owner or general contractor shall submit a list of all contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project or development to the Planning Department. All contractors shall obtain a business license unless otherwise exempted.
13. Business License – Ongoing Operations. The business and all future tenants shall maintain a current City of Paramount business license and meet all requirements for the zone.
14. Lighting Plans. A precise lighting plan shall be submitted showing the location and types of all exterior lighting. The plan shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Department. Approval criteria will emphasize both the functional as well as the decorative nature of the proposed lighting. The parking lot and other common areas shall be illuminated to a demonstrated degree equal to or exceeding one point five (1.5) candles per foot. The plan and fixture design shall be approved by the Planning Director or designee separately from the design approval and from the working drawings.
15. Fees. All applicable development fees are due prior to the issuance of building permits.
16. Utility Plan. A utility plan shall be approved by the Planning Division before a permit is issued. All mechanical equipment and appurtenances of any type, whether located on rooftop, ground level, or anywhere on the building structure or site shall be completely enclosed or screened so as not to be visible from any public street and/or adjacent property. Such enclosure of facilities or screening shall be of compatible design related to the building structure for which such facilities are intended to serve.
17. Agency Approvals. Construction plans are subject to approval by the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Industrial Waste Unit of the Environmental Programs Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

18. Electrical Connections. The location of all electrical panels and meters shall be approved by the City prior to installation. Electrical panels and meters are prohibited in the front setback. Electrical panels and meters shall be screened with landscaping as approved by the Planning Department. Electrical cabinets shall be painted to match the predominant color of the adjacent building.
19. Exterior. No exterior structural alteration or building color change, other than the colors or building treatments originally approved, shall be permitted without the prior approval of the Planning Department.
20. Security. A security camera plan shall be submitted for Planning Department and Public Safety Department review and approval consideration prior to purchase or installation of the security camera system. Security camera recordings shall be maintained for at least 30 days and provided for law enforcement review upon request.
21. Tenant Improvements. Any future tenant improvements require permits from the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department.
22. Alcoholic Beverages. Sales and onsite consumption of alcohol require a separate conditional use permit application by the property owner or tenant for separate Planning Commission review and approval.
23. Digital Plan Version. An electronic copy (PDF format) of the final approved construction plan set shall be submitted to the Planning Department prior to permit issuance.

Public Works Department

24. Offsite Improvements. The applicant shall consult the Public Works Department regarding such required offsite public improvements as streetlights, sidewalks, street trees, parkway improvements, and curb and gutters. Plans shall illustrate all required public improvements.
25. Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk. All damaged curb, gutter, or sidewalk sections in front of the subject site shall be removed and replaced to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer. Prior to commencing such repair work, the approval of the Public Works Director and City Engineer must be obtained to include obtaining proper permits or written approval. All unused driveway aprons shall be closed and replaced with curb, gutter and sidewalk, per specifications from the Public Works Department.
26. Urban Stormwater Management. The applicant shall comply with Chapter 8.20 (Urban Storm Water Management) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The outside premises shall be maintained in a clean manner at all times, and trash and debris shall be promptly removed from the yard areas, landscaped areas, the rear yard, and the surrounding property perimeter.

The rear yard shall be completely swept and maintained free of debris and litter daily. Areas adjacent to a parking lot, including, but not limited to, planters, loading and unloading areas, and surrounding public rights-of-way shall be maintained free of debris and litter by sweeping and other equally effective measures. Such debris and litter shall be collected and properly disposed of in compliance with all applicable local, State, and Federal regulations.

Construction

27. SCAQMD Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust). The applicant shall comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 403 regarding reduction of fugitive dust with best available fugitive dust control measures.
28. Construction Hours. Construction shall take place 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays. The applicant and its contractor shall comply with the provisions of the City's Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.12 of the Paramount Municipal Code).
29. Staging and Parking Location. The contractor shall establish a staging area within the rear yard of the subject property. The contractor shall ensure that employees of the contractor and all subcontractors do not park construction or personal vehicles and do not store any equipment within property controlled by Paramount General Hospital unless written permission is obtained from the Paramount General Hospital property ownership and provided to the Planning Department.

Landscaping and Irrigation

30. The property shall be landscaped within any yard areas indicated on the approved site plan, and the existing landscaping shall be refurbished or replaced as needed with associated irrigation. A two-inch layer of brown mulch shall be applied in the planters. Red mulch and/or stone/gravel are not acceptable. A precise landscaping and irrigation plan shall be submitted showing the size, type, and location of all plant material and irrigation, including at least one 36-inch-box shade/canopy tree. Any new trees shall be selected and approved for demonstrated qualities to mitigate particulate matter. The plan shall comply with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) of the State of California and Chapter 17.96 (Water-Efficient Landscape Provisions) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The plan shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Department and shall be approved separately from the design approval and from the working drawings. Landscaping shall be planted and irrigation shall be installed and maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the approved plan and State and City regulations. No mature trees shall be removed without the authorization of the Planning Department. Tree trimming shall comply with professionally accepted pruning, trimming, or thinning standards. severe

trimming, topping, heading back, stubbing, or pollarding of any tree on the property is prohibited.

Business Operations

31. Tarps. Tarps are prohibited from use as carports, patio covers, shade covers, and covers for outdoor storage in all front and side setback areas, rear yard areas, over driveways, and in parking and circulation areas.
32. Exterior Security Coverings. The installation of exterior security doors, gates and window coverings, including but not limited to bars, grills, gates, and overhead roll-down doors, or any exterior mounted covering of any type, is prohibited.
33. Parking. If applicable, all parking areas shall comply with size, location, design, and maintenance requirements as specified in Article 3 (Loading Areas and Off-Street Parking) of Chapter 17.44 (General Provisions, Conditions and Exceptions) of the Paramount Municipal Code. Parking spaces shall be striped to a clear condition in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The parking spaces and drive aisles shall meet all Municipal Code and ADA requirements. ADA parking located in the public parking area adjoining City Hall shall be clearly identified and wayfinding signs installed to direct customers and other visitors to the subject property. Operator shall comply with the provisions of the DDA regarding Parking. Operator shall keep City parking areas utilized under that agreement free of trash and debris.
34. Parking Location Signs. Professionally fabricated, weather-durable signs shall be installed and maintained following separate Planning Department review and approval of the sign content, design, and precise locations to clearly identify allowed vehicle parking locations as well as areas not open for public parking
35. Outdoor Patio Noise Monitoring. Outdoor patio noise shall be monitored on a daily basis and all appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure noise does not extend to the residential neighborhood to the south or to Kindred Hospital.
36. Outdoor Patio. Protective bollards shall be integrated into the outdoor patio designed and maintained in perpetuity at the direction of the Planning Department.
37. Bicycle Racks. A minimum of two bicycle racks shall be provided and maintained in good condition in perpetuity. The racks shall be inverted "U" racks or another rack type that allow for a bicycle frame and one wheel to be attached. The type, color, and precise location of the racks shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to purchase or

installation of the racks and storage lockers. The precise locations shall be within the clear range of a security camera.

38. **Trash Enclosure.** Trash and recyclables shall be stored in a clean manner within the designated disposal bins within trash enclosures. Trash on the ground shall be promptly picked up and disposed in the appropriate trash facilities at all times. The trash enclosure gates shall remain closed at all times. The trash enclosure shall be maintained in good, unblemished condition at all times.
39. **Trash Receptacles.** The applicant shall provide a minimum of two decorative trash receptacles to be fixed to the ground surface on the exterior of the building following separate Planning Department review and approval of the specific trash receptacle types and locations. The contents of all of the trash receptacles shall be regularly and properly disposed of without any incident of overflow from the trash receptacles.
40. **Trash and Litter – Adjoining Properties.** In addition to Urban Stormwater Management provisions of Chapter 8.20 (Urban Storm Water Management) of the Paramount Municipal Code, the applicant shall ensure any and all trash and litter on adjoining properties are promptly removed and discarded in the proper trash, recyclable, or organic waste receptacle.
41. **Organic Waste.** The businesses shall comply with organic waste disposal requirements of Chapter 13.09 of the Paramount Municipal Code.
42. **Refuse, Garbage, and Weeds.** The businesses shall comply with refuse, garbage, and weeds requirements of Chapter 13.20 of the Paramount Municipal Code.
43. **Vandalism and Blemish Removal.** Perimeter and building walls shall be cleaned, repainted, and maintained as needed from any oil stains, graffiti, and markings. The applicant shall maintain sufficient quantities of matching exterior paint to remove graffiti, blemishes, and peeling paint. Graffiti shall be promptly removed painted over with paint to match the predominant surface paint or stucco color. Live plants that have been vandalized with graffiti shall be trimmed to remove the graffiti. Graffiti in the form of window etching shall be promptly removed.
44. **The operator shall post and enforce rules for the use of the property which provide timeframes for use and prohibit loitering and littering.**
45. **Live Entertainment.** Regular live entertainment, including but not limited to karaoke, musicians, and disc jockeys, requires separate prior review and approval by the City Council.

46. Authorized Customer Seating. Restaurant customer seating for the building is limited to 127 seats in the interior of the building and 42 seats within the outdoor patio on the east side of the building.
47. Outdoor Storage. Outdoor storage is prohibited.
48. Deliveries. Delivery vehicles to the site shall unload within the property interior. Truck parking, stopping, loading, and unloading are prohibited on public streets and alleys.
49. Hours of Operation. The hours of operation for the restaurants shall be limited to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays to Thursdays and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
50. Activities at the business location shall not impact or cause safety hazards on local traffic or public rights-of-way, including streets, alleys, or sidewalks.
51. Signs – General. Signs, banners, and feather flags require separate review and approval by the Planning Department in accordance with Central Business District Sign Design Standards (Chapter 17.76 of the Paramount Municipal Code) prior to fabrication and installation.
52. Signs – Windows. Window sign area shall be limited to 40 percent of the square footage of each grouping of adjacent windows, including a glass door, within an outer framed pane of glass.
53. Special Events. Special events and grand opening events shall be reviewed in accordance with Special Event Permit regulations for Planning Department approval consideration.
54. Agency Regulations. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations of all relevant government agencies, including but not limited to (1) the Los Angeles County Fire Department (including the Fire Prevention Land Development Unit), (2) the Industrial Waste Unit of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, (3) the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and (4) the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).
55. Labor Laws. The applicant shall comply with all relevant labor laws and regulations of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the California Department of Industrial Relations and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA).
56. Noise. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.12 of the Paramount Municipal Code).

Final Approval

57. At the completion of the project, final approval from the Planning Division shall be obtained prior to Building and Safety Division final approval. All conditions of approval shall be met prior to final approval by the Planning Division.

SECTION 7. Appeal. Within 10 calendar days after approval of this Resolution by the Planning Commission, any aggrieved or interested person may, if dissatisfied with or aggrieved by the action of the Planning Commission, file with the City Clerk an appeal in writing to the City Council from such action of the Planning Commission upon depositing a filing fee in the amount of \$531.25, which is one-half of the \$1,062.50 required on filing the original application. The filing of such appeal within the stated time shall stay the effective date of the decision of the Planning Commission until such time as the City Council has acted on the appeal as set forth in this chapter. The hearing on the appeal by the City Council shall be a hearing de novo. In the absence of such appeal, the action of the Planning Commission shall be final.

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount this 3rd day of December 2024.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412

C. MOTION IN ORDER:

READ BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVER FURTHER READING, AND ADOPT
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:035, A
REQUEST BY PARAMOUNT GATEWAY, LLC FOR A ZONE
VARIANCE FOR AN OUTDOOR PATIO AREA WITHIN A PORTION
OF THE REQUIRED 10-FOOT FRONT SETBACK AT 16493
PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)
ZONE.

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CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 23:035**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412, A REQUEST BY PARAMOUNT CITY INVESTORS, LLC FOR A ZONE VARIANCE FOR AN OUTDOOR PATIO AREA WITHIN A PORTION OF THE REQUIRED 10-FOOT FRONT SETBACK AT 16493 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount has received an application from Paramount City Investors, LLC for a zone variance for an outdoor patio area within a portion of the required 10-foot front setback at 16493 Paramount Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone (a part of the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Paramount Municipal Code Section 17.48.030 et seq., a portion of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Paramount, requires the Planning Commission to conduct a duly noticed public hearing and thereafter announce its findings and decisions in zoning matters and specifically for zone variances; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2024, the City mailed notice of the December 3, 2024 Planning Commission hearing to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed Project site, a true and correct copy of which notice (in English and Spanish) is included in the record of this hearing along with proof of mailing; and

WHEREAS, the staff report and other materials regarding the Project were posted on the Planning Commission Agendas webpage of the City website as of November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff caused to be prepared a CEQA analysis for the Project which determined that categorical exemptions (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) are appropriate for the Project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and as set out in Resolution No. 24:033; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the application, at which time it heard a presentation by the Interim Planning Director as well as testimony regarding the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct.

SECTION 2. On December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 24:033 approving categorical exemptions (Class 1, existing facilities; Class 5, minor alterations in land use limitations; and Class 11, accessory structures) for the Project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission finds that all requirements for notice have been complied with pursuant to State Law and the Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission finds that it has conducted all the public hearings necessary and in compliance with State Law and the Municipal Code of the City of Paramount.

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2. That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by other property in the same vicinity and zone but which is denied to the property in question.
3. That the granting of such zone variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such vicinity and zone in which the property is located.
4. That the granting of such zone variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive General Plan.

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission hereby approves the applied for Zone Variance as to use in the above entitled matter, subject to the following conditions:

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3. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Planning Commission that if any provision of this Zone Variance is held or declared to be invalid, the exception shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
4. It is further declared and made a condition of this Zone Variance that if any condition hereof is violated or if any law, statute or ordinance is violated, the exception shall be suspended and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse, provided that the applicant has been given written notice to cease such violation and has failed to do so within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notification.
5. The applicant understands that an Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance granted under the Zoning Ordinance, or any section thereof, is granted and accepted by all parties with the express understanding that the Planning Commission may hold a public hearing, notice of time and place of which shall be given to the applicant, if one or more of the following conditions exists:
 - a. That the approval was obtained by fraud;
 - b. That the need for which such approval was granted has ceased to exist or has been suspended for one year or more;
 - c. That the Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance is being, or recently has been, exercised contrary to the terms or conditions of such approval or in violation of any statute, provision of the Code, ordinance, law, or regulation;
 - d. That the need for which the approval was granted was so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to constitute a nuisance (Section 17.48.070, Paramount Municipal Code).

If after such hearing, the Planning Commission finds that any grounds of modification, suspension, or revocation exist, the Planning Commission may modify, suspend, or revoke such Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance.

6. Term. The term of this variance shall be for the life of the subject structure and lot area. Any new construction shall comply with all required development standards for the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.
7. Associated Applications. The application is subject to all conditions of Conditional Use Permit No. 970 and Development Review Application No. 24:007.

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Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 969

- A. HEAR STAFF REPORT.
- B. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- C. HEAR TESTIMONY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
 - (1) THOSE IN FAVOR
 - (2) THOSE OPPOSED
 - (3) REBUTTAL BY THE APPLICANT
- D. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

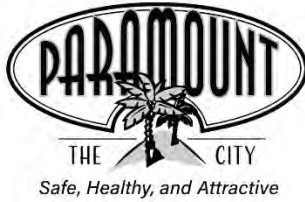
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- E. MOTION IN ORDER:
READ BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVE FURTHER READING, AND ADOPT
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:030, A REQUEST
BY MATTHEW OLDENKAMP/MATT CO FORGE, INC TO APPROVE
THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HAND-
GRINDERS WITH SEVEN HAND-GRINDERS IN AN EXISTING 800
SQUARE FOOT ENCLOSED BUILDING AND INSTALL AN ADDITIONAL
FIVE HAND-GRINDERS IN AN ADJACENT 336 SQUARE FOOT
ENCLOSURE FOR A TOTAL OF 12 HAND-GRINDERS WITH HEPA

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EXHAUST FILTRATION TO COMPLY WITH SCAQMD RULE 1430 AT
16443 MINNESOTA AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING)
ZONE.

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CITY OF PARAMOUNT PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER: Conditional Use Permit No. 969

REQUEST: Approve the replacement of four previously approved hand-grinders with seven hand-grinders in an existing 800 square foot enclosed building and install an additional five hand-grinders in an adjacent 336 square foot enclosure for a total of 12 hand-grinders with HEPA exhaust filtration to comply with SCAQMD Rule 1430

APPLICANT: Matthew Oldenkamp/Mattco Forge, Inc.

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

LOCATION: 16443 Minnesota Avenue

ZONE: M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing)

GENERAL PLAN: Central Industrial District

PLANNER: John King

RECOMMENDATION: Approval



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John King, AICP, Interim Planning Director
By:
Date: December 3, 2024

**Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 969
MATTHEW OLDENKAMP/MATTCO FORGE, INC.**

BACKGROUND

This item is a request by Matthew Oldenkamp/Mattco Forge, Inc. to approve the replacement of four previously approved hand-grinders with seven hand-grinders in an existing 800 square foot enclosed building and install an additional five hand-grinders in an adjacent 336 square foot enclosure for a total of 12 hand-grinders with HEPA exhaust filtration to comply with SCAQMD Rule 1430 at 16443 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

The applicant produces engineered forged metal products for the aerospace, defense, oil and gas, transportation, and power generation industries. Among the products forged by Mattco Forge are seamless, rolled forged rings. Mattco Forge has been manufacturing since its establishment in 1977 and currently employs approximately 145 people. The hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on all seven days of the week.

Past conditional use permits are summarized in the chart below:

CUP No.	Description	Approval Date
470	Installation and operation of a 250-ton metal forging press	2/9/00
764	Legalize installation and operation of a 1,650-ton hydraulic press and associated cooling tower system	3/11/14
841	Installation of a dust collection system and total building enclosure for grinding activities	12/13/17

CUP No. 841

The applicant undertook CUP No. 841 to meet the requirements of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1430 (Control of Emissions from Metal Grinding Operations at Metal Forging Facilities) as adopted March 3, 2017. The AQMD adopted Rule 1430 to reduce emissions from metal grinding and cutting operations at forging facilities. Depending on the metal alloy, some metal particulates can be toxic, posing a potential health risk to the surrounding community. Rule 1430 mandates that metal grinding and cutting be conducted within a building enclosure, and the regulations apply to forging facilities that are within 1,000 feet of a school and within 500 feet of other sensitive receptors such as a residence or hospital.

CUP No. 841 authorized the applicant to construct an 800 square foot building enclosure to house metal hand-grinding operations. The grinding operations previously took place in a two-sided structure, and CUP No. 841 as approved in 2017 added an additional two building sides for a total enclosure to house four grinding stations and four corresponding hand grinders. Rule 1430 requires a total building enclosure for metal grinding and cutting stations, and it requires these stations to be vented to an emission control device. The building enclosure was provided with a dust collection system, negative air flow to ensure that fugitive emissions do not escape the building, and a “wet scrubber.” The wet scrubber uses a curtain of water to collect particulates, which are then stored in secure containers for later removal by an authorized company.

Site Description

The subject property, located in the Central Industrial District, is to the southwest of the intersection of Minnesota Avenue and Jackson Street.

Photos

The following is a photo of the proposed location of the expanded enclosure.



DISCUSSION

Project Description

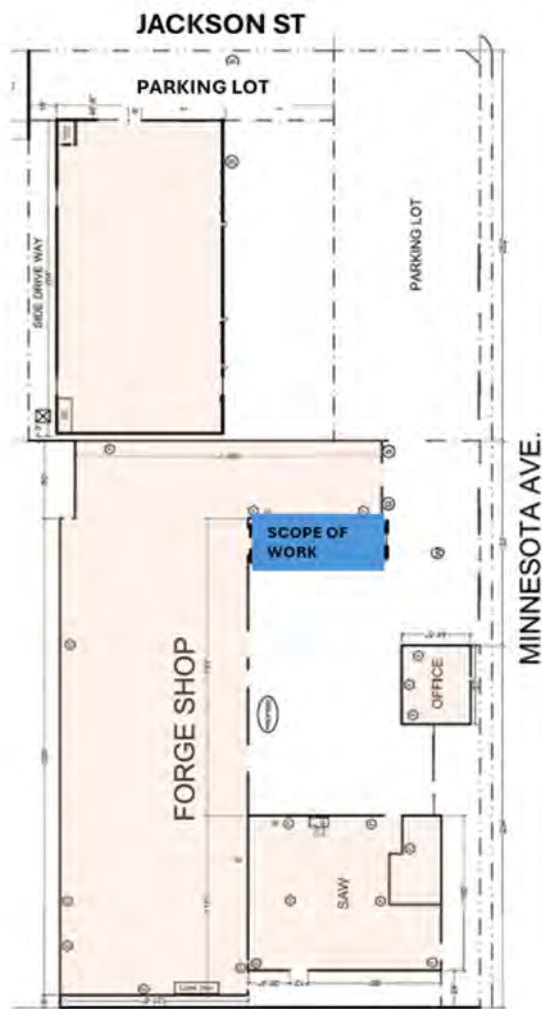
Mattco Forge is applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand the existing grinding booth at the Mattco Forge facility. As described above, the existing collection system and 800 square foot enclosed booth with four grinding stations and four corresponding hand grinders were approved in December 2017 under CUP No. 841. All conditions of approval are still applicable.

In March 2020, the SCAQMD approved a Permit to Operate allowing up to seven grinding stations with corresponding hand grinders in the 800 square foot enclosed booth. The seven stations and grinders replaced the four stations and grinders approved in 2017. These previously approved four stations and grinders were removed. The applicant did not obtain City approval at that time for the change from four to seven grinding stations and hand grinders.

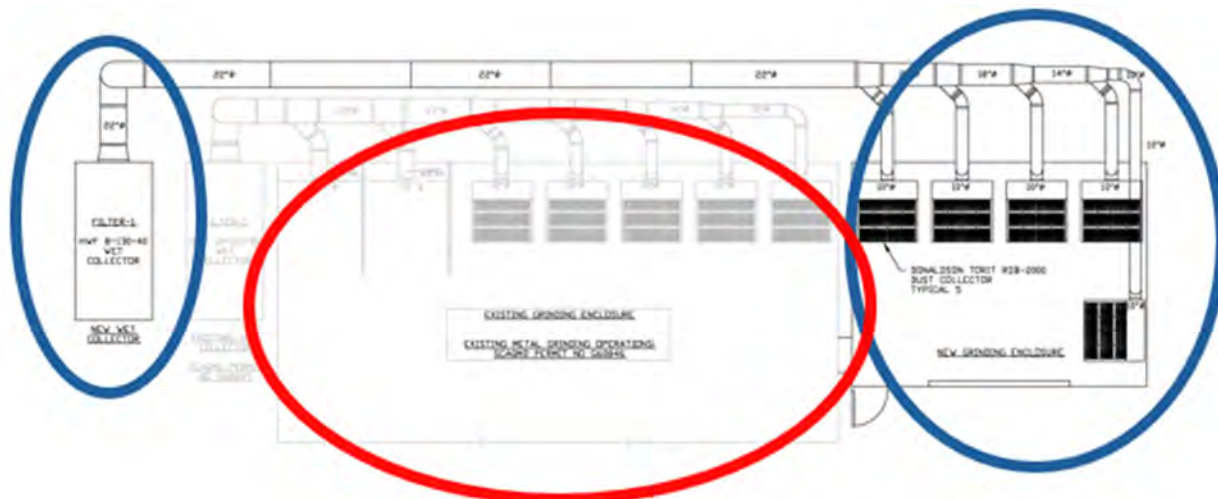
The installation of new equipment would include one Hydrotron Model NG HWF 8-130-40 H wet collector with HEPA safety filters, five Donaldson Torit Model RDB 2,000 grinding stations with dust extraction, and one prefabricated 336 square foot outdoor enclosure to be located adjacent to the existing 800 square foot enclosure with seven grinding stations and hand grinders. The five proposed grinding stations would be located inside the proposed 336 square foot enclosure. The wet collector would be located adjacent to the existing wet collector. On July 18, 2024, the SCAQMD issued permits to construct the new enclosure and install the new equipment. The current proposal includes the City legalization of the seven grinding stations with seven corresponding hand grinders to complement the previously granted SCAQMD approval.

Plans

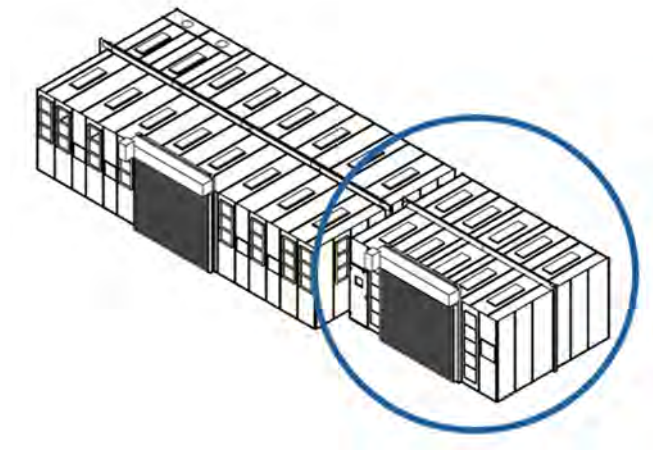
The following is the site plan:



The following is the proposed equipment layout. The proposed new equipment is circled in blue. The existing equipment proposed for legalization is circled in red.



The following is the booth layout. The proposed enclosure is circled in blue.



SCAQMD Review

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has reviewed the proposal and has determined that the project meets all SCAQMD requirements. On July 18, 2024, SCAQMD issued Permits to Construct in relation to the proposed project. One permit allows the construction of an air pollution control system consisting of a dust collector, six HEPA filters, and an exhaust system venting five downdraft benches in a permanent total enclosure for a metal grinding operation. The other permit allows the construction and installation of a permanent total enclosure, five remote downdraft benches, and up to five hand-grinders.

The two permits followed SCAQMD study of the proposal and public notice of an intent to issue a Permit to Construct. SCAQMD evaluated the short-term and long-term health impacts associated with the maximum potential air emissions. Using worst-case conditions, the SCAQMD evaluation determined possible health risks would be “well below” toxic thresholds.

Environmental Assessment

Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning, an environmental planning firm, prepared an analysis in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines. The project is categorically exempt and qualifies for both a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The City's Vision, Mission, and Values set the standard for the organization; establish priorities, uniformity, and guidelines; and provide the framework for policy decisionmaking. The Strategic Outcomes were implemented to provide a pathway to achieving the Vision of a city that is safe, healthy, and attractive. This item aligns with Strategic Outcome No. 1: Safe Community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:030, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 969, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:030**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 969, A REQUEST BY MATTHEW OLDENKAMP/MATTCO FORGE, INC. FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HAND-GRINDERS WITH SEVEN HAND-GRINDERS IN AN EXISTING 800 SQUARE FOOT ENCLOSED BUILDING AND INSTALL AN ADDITIONAL FIVE HAND-GRINDERS IN AN ADJACENT 336 SQUARE FOOT ENCLOSURE FOR A TOTAL OF 12 HAND-GRINDERS WITH HEPA EXHAUST FILTRATION TO COMPLY WITH SCAQMD RULE 1430 AT 16443 MINNESOTA AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount has received an application from Matthew Oldenkamp/Mattco Forge, Inc. to approve the replacement of four previously approved hand-grinders with seven hand-grinders in an existing 800 square foot enclosed building and install an additional five hand-grinders in an adjacent 336 square foot enclosure for a total of 12 hand-grinders with HEPA exhaust filtration to comply with SCAQMD Rule 1430 at 16443 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone (for purposes of this resolution, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Paramount Municipal Code Section 17.48.030 et seq., a portion of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Paramount, requires the Planning Commission to duly notice a public hearing, receive a report from staff, conduct the hearing and consider all evidence before it, and thereafter announce its findings and decisions in zoning matters and specifically for conditional use permits; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Section 15301, Class 1 (minor alteration to an existing private structure) Categorical Exemption and a Section 15303, Class 3 (new construction or conversion of small structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the application, at which time it heard a presentation by the Interim Planning Director as well as testimony regarding the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission finds that it has conducted all the public hearings necessary and in compliance with State Law and the Municipal Code of the City of Paramount.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission finds that all requirements of notice have been complied with pursuant to State Law and the Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission finds that the evidence presented does justify the granting of this application for the following reasons:

1. The requested use at the location proposed will not:
 - a. Adversely affect the health, peace, safety, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;
 - b. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; nor
 - c. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare; and
2. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this chapter, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area; and
3. That the proposed site is adequately served:
 - a. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
 - b. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

SECTION 5. That pursuant to Resolution No. 82:043 of the City Council the time limit to seek judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure is ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission hereby approves the applied for Conditional Use Permit as to use in the above-entitled matter, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. **Material Deviation.** Except as set forth in conditions, the project shall take place substantially as shown on the approved site plan. Any material deviation must be approved by the Planning Department before construction.

2. Affidavit. This Conditional Use Permit shall not be effective for any purposes until the applicant has first filed at the office of the Planning Commission a sworn affidavit acknowledging and accepting all conditions of this Conditional Use Permit. The affidavit shall be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2024. Failure to provide the City of Paramount with the requisite affidavit within the stated here in above shall render the Conditional Use Permit void.
3. Conditions. All Conditional Use Permit No. 969 conditions of approval shall be included as general notes on all submitted sets of building plans.
4. One-year Approval. This approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of final determination. If the use approved by this action is not established within such a period of time, this approval shall terminate and shall be null and void. Time extension may be granted at the discretion of the Planning Commission.
5. Revocation. It is hereby declared to be the intent, that if any provision of this permit is violated or held to be invalid, or if any law, statute, or ordinance is violated, this Permit shall be subject to the revocation process at which time, the Permit may become terminated, and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
6. Violations. It is further declared and made a condition of this Conditional Use Permit that if any condition hereof is violated or if any law, statute or ordinance is violated, the exception shall be suspended and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse, provided that the applicant has been given written notice to cease such violation and has failed to do so within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notification.
7. Grounds for Modification, Suspension, Revocation. The applicant understands that an Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance granted under the Zoning Ordinance, or any section thereof, is granted and accepted by all parties with the express understanding that the Planning Commission may hold a public hearing, notice of time and place of which shall be given to the applicant, if one or more of the following conditions exists:
 - a) That the approval was obtained by fraud;
 - b) That the need for which such approval was granted has ceased to exist or has been suspended for one year or more;
 - c) That the Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance is being, or recently has been, exercised contrary to the terms or conditions of such approval or in violation of any statute, provision of the Code, ordinance, law, or regulation;

- d) That the need for which the approval was granted was so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to constitute a nuisance (Section 17.48.070, Paramount Municipal Code).

If after such hearing, the Planning Commission finds that any grounds for modification, suspension, or revocation exist, the Planning Commission may modify, suspend, or revoke such Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance.

Permitting

- 8. Fees. All applicable development fees are due prior to the issuance of building permits.
- 9. Exterior. No exterior structural alteration or building color change, other than the colors or building treatments originally approved, shall be permitted without the prior approval of the Planning Department.
- 10. Plans. The plans are subject to approval by the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
- 11. Tenant Improvements. Proposed and any future tenant improvements shall meet all requirements of the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department.
- 12. Business License. The applicant and all successor tenants shall obtain and maintain a current City of Paramount business license.
- 13. Digital Plan Version. An electronic copy (PDF format) of the final approved construction plan set shall be submitted to the Planning Department prior to permit issuance.
- 14. Floor Plan. The approved floor plan shall not be changed without prior approval by the Planning Department.
- 15. Future SCAQMD Permits and City Permits. The applicant shall notify and consult with Planning Department staff in advance of any future South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) permit applications (permits to operate and permits to construct) to determine any required City permits.

Construction

- 16. Hours of Construction. Construction shall only take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays.

17. Fugitive Dust. The applicant shall comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 403 regarding reduction of fugitive dust with best available fugitive dust control measures.
18. Public Notice Board. A public notice board shall be provided onsite during the period following the approval of the project and the completion of all project construction activities, including site improvements. The notice board shall maintain minimum dimensions of four feet in height and six feet in length, shall be installed in a location visible to the general public from the public right-of-way, and shall detail the nature of the project, including relevant site plan and elevations or renderings. Before installation, the Planning Department shall review the proposed public notice board to confirm the board meets all requirements.

Business Operations

19. Cleanliness. The outside premises shall be maintained in a clean manner at all times, and trash and debris shall be promptly removed from the yard areas, landscaped areas, and the surrounding property perimeter.
20. Security Cameras. Security cameras shall be installed following City review and approval of a security camera plan. The approved cameras or more technologically advanced versions of the approved cameras shall be maintained in perpetuity. Security camera recordings shall be maintained for at least 30 days and provided for law enforcement review upon request.
21. Lighting. A sufficient amount of lighting, as determined by the Planning Department and the Public Safety Department, shall illuminate the premises. New light fixtures as needed shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department for their decorative quality and location, and permits shall be obtained.
22. Agencies. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations of all relevant government agencies, including but not limited to (1) the Los Angeles County Fire Department, (2) the South Coast Air Quality Management District, (3) the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency, (4) Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, (5) California Water Board, (6) California Department of Industrial Relations, and (7) the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).
23. South Coast Air Quality Management District. The applicant shall comply with all relevant requirements of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, including but not limited to Rule 402, Rule 403, Rule 1155, Rule 1430, and all conditions of approval of any Permit to Construct and Permit to Operate.

24. Labor Regulations. The applicant shall comply with all relevant labor laws and regulations of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the California Department of Industrial Relations and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA).
25. Objectionable Operations. All operations conducted on the premises shall not be objectionable by reason of noise, steam, vibration, odor, or hazard.
26. Noise. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.12 of the Paramount Municipal Code).
27. Signs – Existing. Any proposed sign or proposed changes to an existing sign shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department.
28. Signs – New. Signs, banners, and feather flags require separate review and approval by the Planning Department prior to fabrication and installation. Damage to the building exterior from wall signs that have been removed shall be repainted and repaired as needed.
29. Signs – Windows. Window sign area shall be limited to forty percent of each grouping of adjacent panes of glass.
30. Special Events. Special events shall be reviewed in accordance with Special Event Permit regulations for possible approval by the Planning Department.
31. Loading. All loading and unloading shall be conducted onsite. Truck parking, idling, standing, loading, unloading, or any combination thereof within City of Paramount public streets is prohibited.
32. Urban Stormwater Management. The applicant shall comply with Chapter 8.20 (Urban Stormwater Management) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The outside premises shall be maintained in a clean manner at all times, and trash and debris shall be promptly removed from the yard areas, landscaped areas, the parking lot, and the surrounding property perimeter. The parking lot shall be completely swept and maintained free of debris and litter on a weekly basis. Areas adjacent to a parking lot, including, but not limited to, planters, loading and unloading areas, and surrounding public rights-of-way shall be maintained free of debris and litter by sweeping and other equally effective measures. Such debris and litter shall be collected and properly disposed of in compliance with all applicable local, State, and Federal regulations.
33. Accessibility. Curbs, walkways, and parking stalls, including standard, compact, and American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant stalls, shall be painted/striped as provided on the associated site plan. Solid striping shall be maintained in good condition.

34. Vandalism. The applicant shall maintain sufficient quantities of matching exterior paint to remove graffiti, blemishes, and peeling paint. Graffiti, blemishes, and peeling paint shall be promptly removed. Graffiti and stickers unrelated to the business on all site features including signs, walls, window panes, mechanical equipment, and curbs shall be removed.
35. Bicycle Rack. At least one bicycle rack shall be provided and maintained in good condition in perpetuity. The rack shall be an inverted "U" rack or another rack type that allows for a bicycle frame and one wheel to be attached. The type, color, and precise location of the rack shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to purchase or installation of the rack. The precise location shall be within the clear range of a security camera.
36. Window security bars. The installation of exterior window security bars is prohibited.
37. Tarps. Tarps are prohibited from use as carports, patio covers, shade covers, and covers for outdoor storage in all front and side setback areas, rear yard areas, over driveways, and in parking and circulation areas.
38. Organic Waste. The business shall comply with organic waste disposal requirements of Chapter 13.09 of the Paramount Municipal Code.
39. Landscaping and Irrigation. Existing planters shall be refurbished as needed. A two-inch layer of brown mulch shall be applied in the planters. Red mulch is not an acceptable material. A precise landscaping and irrigation plan shall be submitted showing the size, type, and location of all plant material (including trees, shrubs, groundcover and mulch) and irrigation. The plan shall comply with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) of the State of California and Chapter 17.96 (Water-Efficient Landscape Provisions) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The plan shall be subject to the approval consideration of the Planning Department and shall be approved separately from the design approval and from the working drawings. Landscaping shall be planted and irrigation shall be installed and maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the approved plan and State and City regulations. No mature trees shall be removed without the authorization of the Planning Department.
40. Perimeter. The block walls, fencing gates, and building exterior along the property perimeter shall be maintained in good condition, free of blemishes and in repair.
41. Outside Storage. Outside storage shall not be expanded without an approved conditional use permit.

42. Digital Media Presentation. The business shall comply with Section 17.36.050(F) of the Paramount Municipal Code (Ordinance No. 1188 as adopted by the City Council on September 10, 2024) regarding the production of a video summarizing business operations by September 10, 2026.
43. Administrative Action. The applicant shall comply with all requirements of Administrative Action No. 1968 as required by Paramount Municipal Code Section 17.36.060.

Unpermitted Fencing

44. Legalization of Unpermitted Fencing – Setback, Height, and Structure. By March 5, 2025, the applicant shall submit a complete zone variance application to the Planning Department for Planning Commission consideration of a zone variance regarding the location of the unpermitted fencing installed in the front setback. If the Planning Commission denies the application, the unpermitted fencing shall be completely removed by April 4, 2025. If the Planning Commission approves the zone variance application, the applicant shall submit construction plans, meeting all submittal requirements, by April 4, 2025.
45. Legalization of Unpermitted Fencing – Design. Following City review and approval in accordance with the Paramount Municipal Code, the sheet metal installed on the metal perimeter fencing along Minnesota Avenue and Jackson Street shall be either (1) painted by a professional muralist or by community members guided by a professional muralist or (2) receive decorative laser-cut steel throughout. The work shall be completed by September 2, 2025.

Final Approval

46. At the completion of the project, final approval from the Planning Division shall be obtained prior to Building and Safety Division final approval. All conditions of approval shall be met prior to final approval by the Planning Division.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

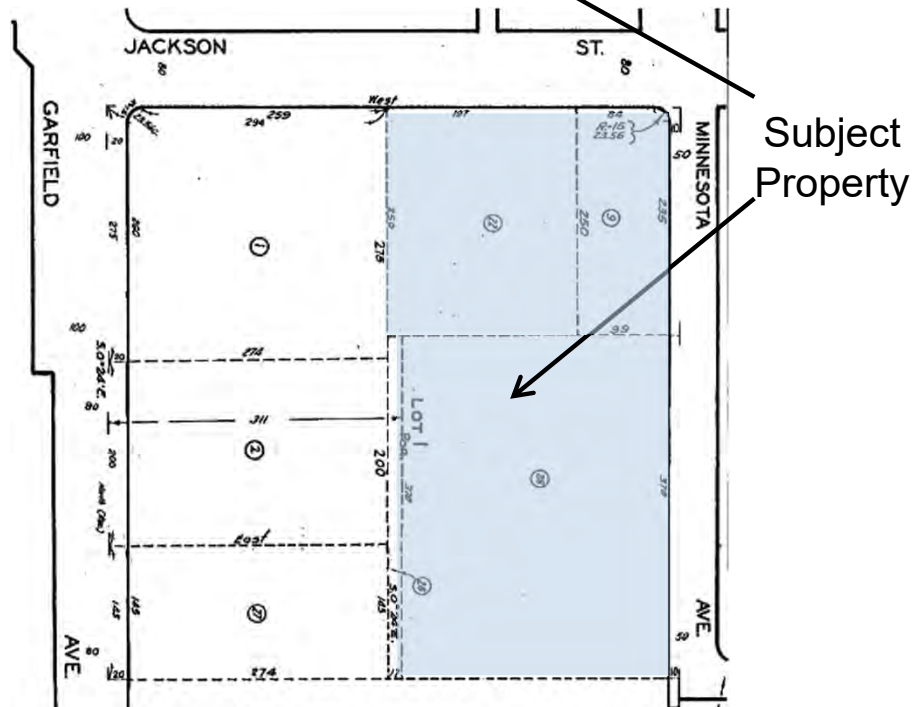
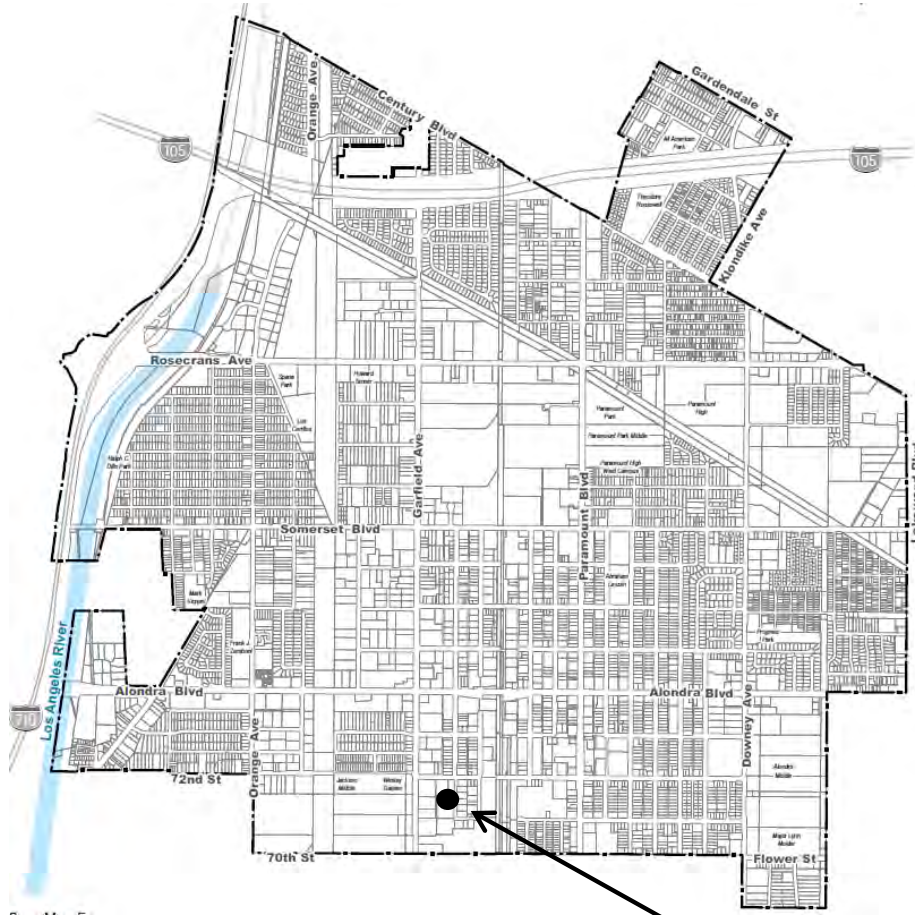
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

Conditional Use Permit No. 969



16443 Minnesota Ave.

CLASS 1 & 3 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

MATTCO FORGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CUP No. 969
16443 MINNESOTA AVENUE
PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA 90723



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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder
County Clerk Main Office
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, California 90650

FROM: City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Boulevard
Paramount, California 90723

PROJECT NAME: Mattco Forge Improvement Project, CUP No. 969
SITE ADDRESS: 16443 Minnesota Avenue, Paramount, California 90723.
CITY/COUNTY: City of Paramount, Los Angeles County.
APPLICANT: Matthew Oldenkamp, Mattco Forge, Inc. 16443 Minnesota Avenue, Paramount, California 92723

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Paramount, in its capacity as a Lead Agency, is reviewing a request by Matthew Oldenkamp, Mattco Forge Inc to approve Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 969) to install a new dust collection system and expand the existing grinding booth at the Mattco Forge facility. The existing collection system and 800 square foot enclosed booth with four grinding stations and four corresponding hand grinders were approved in December of 2017 under CUP No. 841 and all conditions are still applicable. In March 2020, the SCAQMD approved a permit to operate up to seven grinding stations with corresponding hand grinders in the 800 square foot enclosed booth. The seven grinding stations and hand grinders replaced the four stations and grinders approved under CUP No. 841. The previously approved four stations and grinders were subsequently removed from the 800 square foot enclosed booth. The applicant did not obtain City approval at that time for the change from four to seven grinding stations and hand grinders. The current proposal includes the City legalization of the seven grinding stations with seven corresponding hand grinders to complement the previously granted SCAQMD approval. The installation of new equipment would include one Hydrotron Model NG HWF 8-130-40 H wet collector with six HEPA safety filters, five Donaldson Torit Model RDB 2,000 grinding stations with dust extraction, and one prefabricated 336 square foot outdoor enclosure to be located adjacent to the existing 800 square foot enclosure with seven grinding stations and hand grinders. The five proposed grinding stations would be located inside the proposed 336 square foot enclosure. The wet collector would be located adjacent to the existing wet collector. On July 18, 2024, the SCAQMD issued permits to construct the new enclosure and install and operate the newly proposed, five grinding stations and hand grinders, wet collector, ducting, and prefabricated outdoor enclosure.

EXEMPTION: The project qualifies as being an exempt CEQA project pursuant to a *Class 1 Exemption* (Existing Facilities) and *Class 3 Exemption* (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

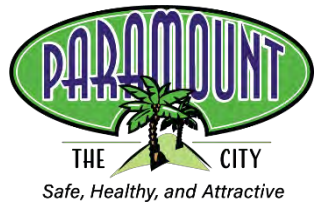
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☐ Statutory Exemption (Section No. _____);
☒ Categorical Exemption (Section No. 15301 and 15303);
☐ The activity is not subject to CEQA (Section No. _____);
☐ Other

CITY CONTACT John King, Interim Planning Director
City of Paramount Planning Department



16400 Colorado Boulevard
Paramount, California 90723

Signature_____ Date _____



1. INTRODUCTION

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The project site is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. The proposed project will comply with SCAQMD Rule 1155 (Particulate Matter Control Devices) and AQMD Rule 1430 (Control of Emissions from Metal Grinding Operations at Metal Forging Facilities), and the project would comply with all pertinent SCAQMD permits to construct.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, a Categorical Exemption (CE) may be filed if the City of Paramount, in its capacity as the Lead Agency, determines that a proposed action or project is exempt from CEQA. First, the proposed project would not add any additional square footage to the existing facility. Second, there are no sensitive or culturally significant areas within the affected site. Following the City's review of the proposed project, it was determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt and qualifies for both a *Class 1 (Existing Facilities) or Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)*.¹ According to the CEQA Guidelines, a CE must contain the following information:

- A brief description of the proposed action or project;
- A finding that the proposed action or project is exempt, including a citation of the State CEQA Guidelines section or statute under which the project is found to be exempt; and,
- A brief statement in support of the finding.

¹ CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19. Categorical Exemptions. (Section 15301 and Section 15303).

As indicated previously, the project qualifies as exempt pursuant to a *Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities)* and *Class 3 Exemption (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)*.² This CE provides a description of the proposed forge improvement project, indicates the applicable sections of CEQA that **support the findings for the CEQA exemption, and discusses the Lead Agency's findings that are applicable to the proposed project.**

2. PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located in the City of Paramount. The City of Paramount is located in the south-central portion of Los Angeles County, approximately 16.5 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Paramount is bounded by the cities of South Gate and Downey on the north; the Los Angeles River, the Cities of Lynwood, Compton, and unincorporated areas of Rancho Dominguez on the west; the Cities of Long Beach and Bellflower on the south; and the Cities of Bellflower and Downey on the east. **The project site's address is 16443 Minnesota Avenue. The project site's assessor's parcel number (APN) is 7102-020-028.** The project site's latitude and longitude is 33°53'4.34"N -118°10'2.17"W. A regional location map is provided in Exhibit 1. A citywide map is provided in Exhibit 2. A local map is provided in Exhibit 3. **An aerial of the project site is shown in Exhibit 4.**

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The City of Paramount is completely urbanized with the remaining undeveloped areas consisting of infill properties. The **City** has a total land area of 3,072 acres or 4.8 square miles (including streets, easements, the Los Angeles River channel, etc.). Approximately 52 percent of the **City** is developed with residential uses. Industrial land uses account for 23 percent of the **City's** total land area and commercial land uses account for approximately five percent.

The project site is located within the existing Mattco Forge plant that is located at 16443 Minnesota Avenue in the southern portion of the City of Paramount. **The project site is located to the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Minnesota Avenue. Industrial uses surround the project site on all sides. The project site is located in the southern portion of the city's central industrial district.** The project area is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. An aerial photograph of the project site is provided in Exhibit 4. The surrounding land uses include the following:

- *North of the Site:* Jackson Street is located along the north side of the Mattco Forge facility. Industrial uses are located further north on the north side of Jackson Street. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.
- *South of the Site:* Industrial uses abut the Mattco Forge facility to the south. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.

² CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19. Categorical Exemptions. (Section 15301 and Section 15303).

- *West of the Site:* Industrial uses are located to the west of the Mattco Forge facility. This area is designated as *Central Business District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.
- *East of the Site:* The Mattco Forge facility is bounded on the east by Minnesota Avenue. Industrial uses are located further east, along the east side of Minnesota Avenue. This area is designated as *Central Business District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Paramount, in its capacity as a Lead Agency, is reviewing a request to approve CUP No. 969 to legalize and expand an existing grinding and dust collection system within the existing Mattco Forge facility.

The site plan is shown in Exhibit 5. The proposed project would consist of the following elements:

- **Site Plan.** The project site is currently occupied by the Mattco Forge facility. The proposed expansion would be confined within a previous two-walled storage area within the existing Mattco Forge facility.
- **Grinding Booth.** The grinding booth is a 336-square foot prefabricated booth located along the east side of the existing booth. The proposed booth is a permanent total enclosure Model EN-21-10-16, measuring 16 feet in width by 22 feet in length by 11 feet in height manufactured by Bleeker Engineering. The proposed enclosure would be directly connected to the existing grinding booth by a doorway on the west façade and would have an outside connection through a door and roll-up door on the south façade.
- **Dust Collector.** Five Torit Model RDB-200 downdraft bench dust collectors from Donaldson Torit and two slotted backdraft hoods each with an automatic blast gate would be legalized within the existing grinding booth. The five downdraft benches are located along the north of the enclosure and all directly connect to a 22-inch diameter duct running across the rear of the booth.³ The slotted backdraft hoods are located within two individual booths west of the downdraft benches and also directly connect to the 22-inch duct. The five newly proposed downdraft benches are located along the north and east walls of the newly proposed grinding enclosure and all directly connect to the newly proposed 22-inch diameter duct running across the rear of the existing duct. Each downdraft bench has a flow rate of 2,000 cubic feet per minute and is rated at 75 pounds per square foot. The metal grinding expansion would allow for the operation of an additional eight hand grinders from the City permitted four hand grinders for a total of 12 hand grinders.
- **Wet Collector.** The newly proposed wet collector is a Hydrotron NG HWF 8-130-40-H model. This collector has a footprint of 5.33 feet width by 8.65 length and is 13.3 feet tall. The collector would be connected to an exhaust system that can process 13,000 cubic feet per minute of air using a 40-horsepower motor. The wet collector uses water from a 340-gallon water tank to filter out particulates. The collector would use six high-capacity, high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) afterfilters. The proposed collector would be located adjacent to the existing wet collector.⁴

³ Dust Collector Services. *Equipment Detail: Torit Model RDB-2000 Dust Collector*. February 28, 2024.

⁴ Dust Collector Services. *Equipment Detail: NG HWF 8-130-40-H Wet Collector*. February 28, 2024.

A dust collection system is an air quality improvement system used in industrial production shops to improve air quality and safety by removing particulate matter from the air and environment. The elements of the dust collection system include capture, convey, and collection:

- *Capture.* First, the dust is captured with a downdraft bench from the origin point of the dust. The proposed project includes 10 RDB-2000 Donaldson Torit Remote Downdraft Benches and two downdraft hoods. The benches have an approximately 10-inch diameter port to which a duct can be directly attached to more efficiently capture the particulates. The airflow for the benches is 2,000 cubic feet per minute and the benches are rated for 75 pounds per square feet grating.⁵
- *Conveyed:* The particulates are then sent to the collection device using a 22-inch diameter ducting system connected to the downdraft benches and downdraft hoods to the water filter system. The particulates must be moved in a consistent velocity that suspend them in the air in order to make all particulates reach the collection system and do not get stuck within the ducts.⁶
- *Collection:* In the final step, the particulates are then collected using a water filter system. The air containing the particulates passes through a curtain of water. The dust is then trapped in water droplets due to changing airflow and the droplets settle to a tank where the mixture can be collected. The water can be reused to filter out more particulates.⁷

The project site is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. The proposed site plan is shown in Exhibit 5. The proposed equipment layout is shown in Exhibit 6. The proposed elevations are shown in Exhibit 7. The proposed equipment is shown in Exhibit 8 and 9. The proposed project is summarized in Table 1.

TABLE 1 PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Element	Description
Grinding Booth Modifications	336 sq. ft.
Dust Collector	Torit Model RDB-2000 and Slitted Backdraft Hood
Wet Collector	Hydrotron NG HWF 8-130-40-H

Source: Dust Collector Services, Inc

⁵ Dust Collector Services. *Equipment Detail: Torit Model RDB-2000 Dust Collector*. February 28, 2024.

⁶ Dust Collector Services. *Booth Layout*. February 28, 2024.

⁷ Dust Collector Services. *Equipment Detail: NG HWF 8-130-H Wet Collector*. February 28, 2024.

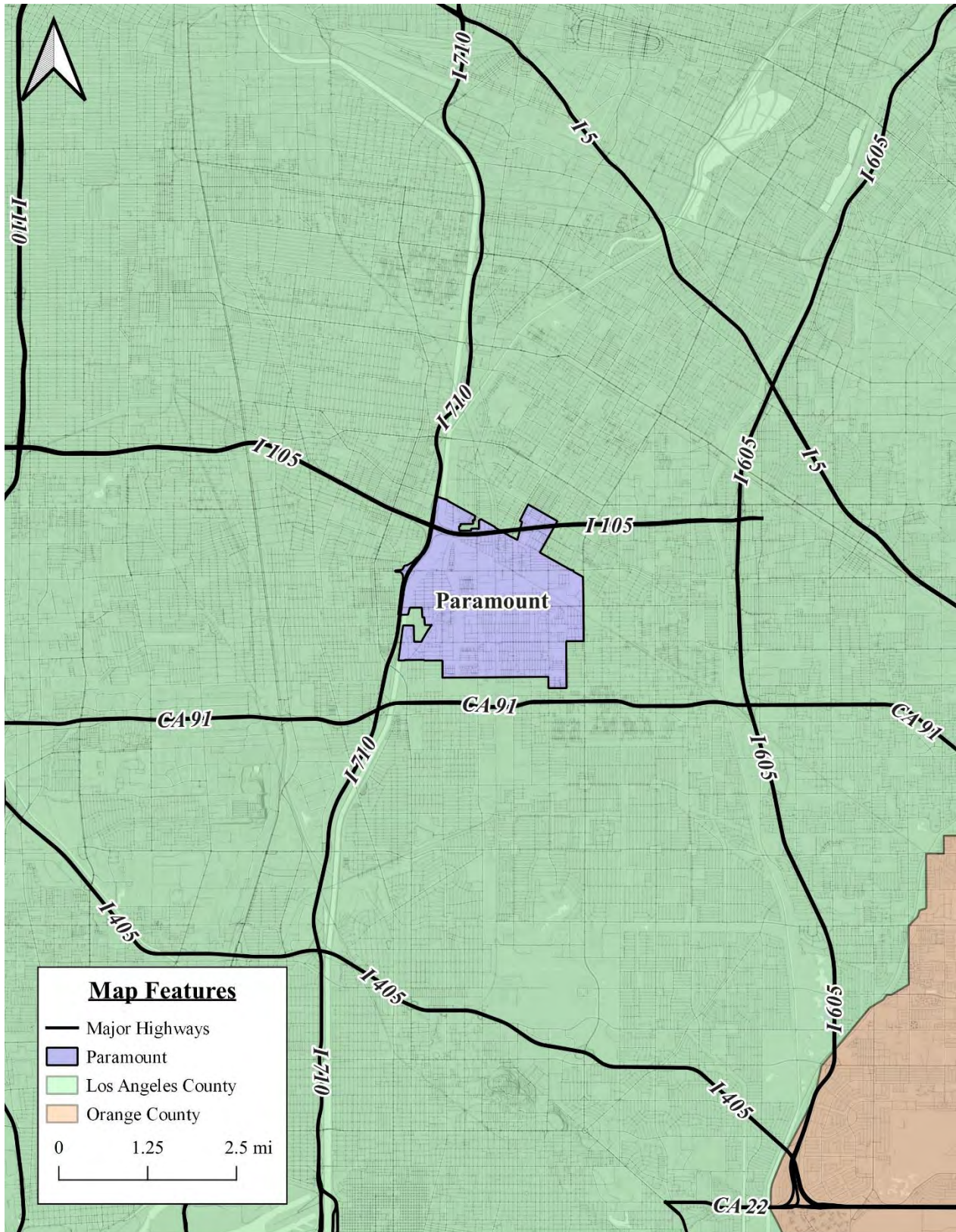


EXHIBIT 1 REGIONAL MAP
Source: Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning

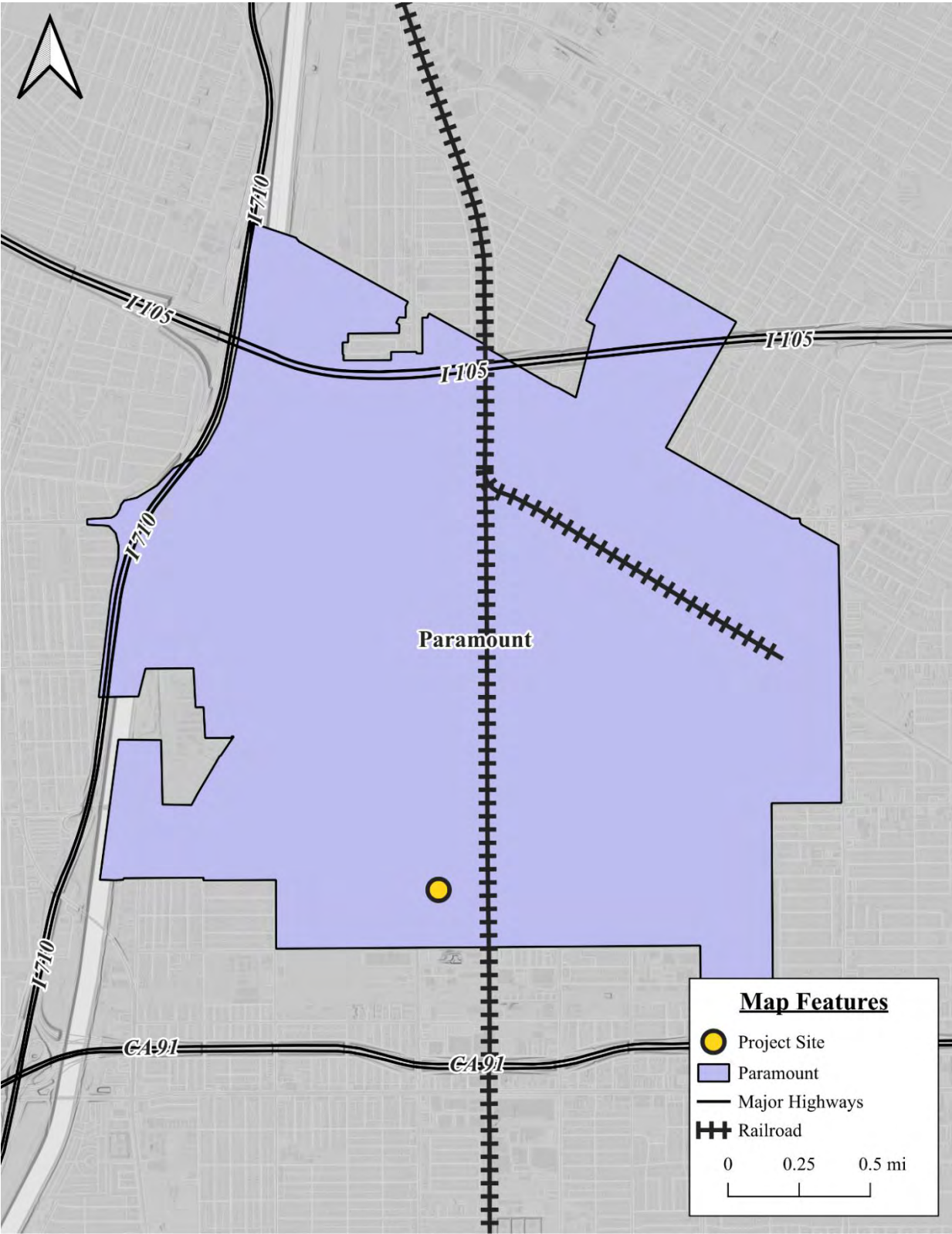


EXHIBIT 2 CITYWIDE MAP
Source: Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning



EXHIBIT 3 LOCAL MAP
Source: Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning

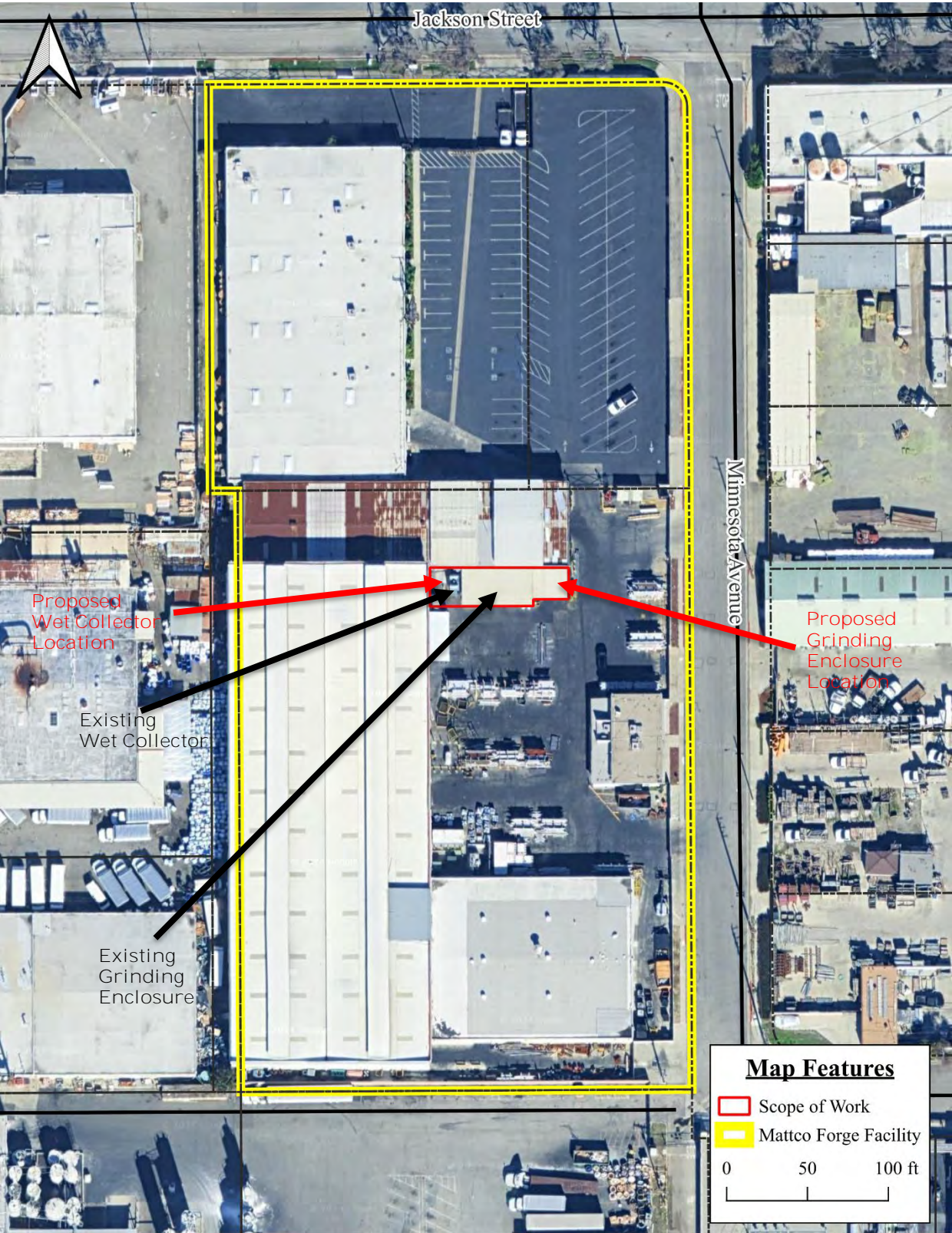


EXHIBIT 4 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
Source: Google Maps

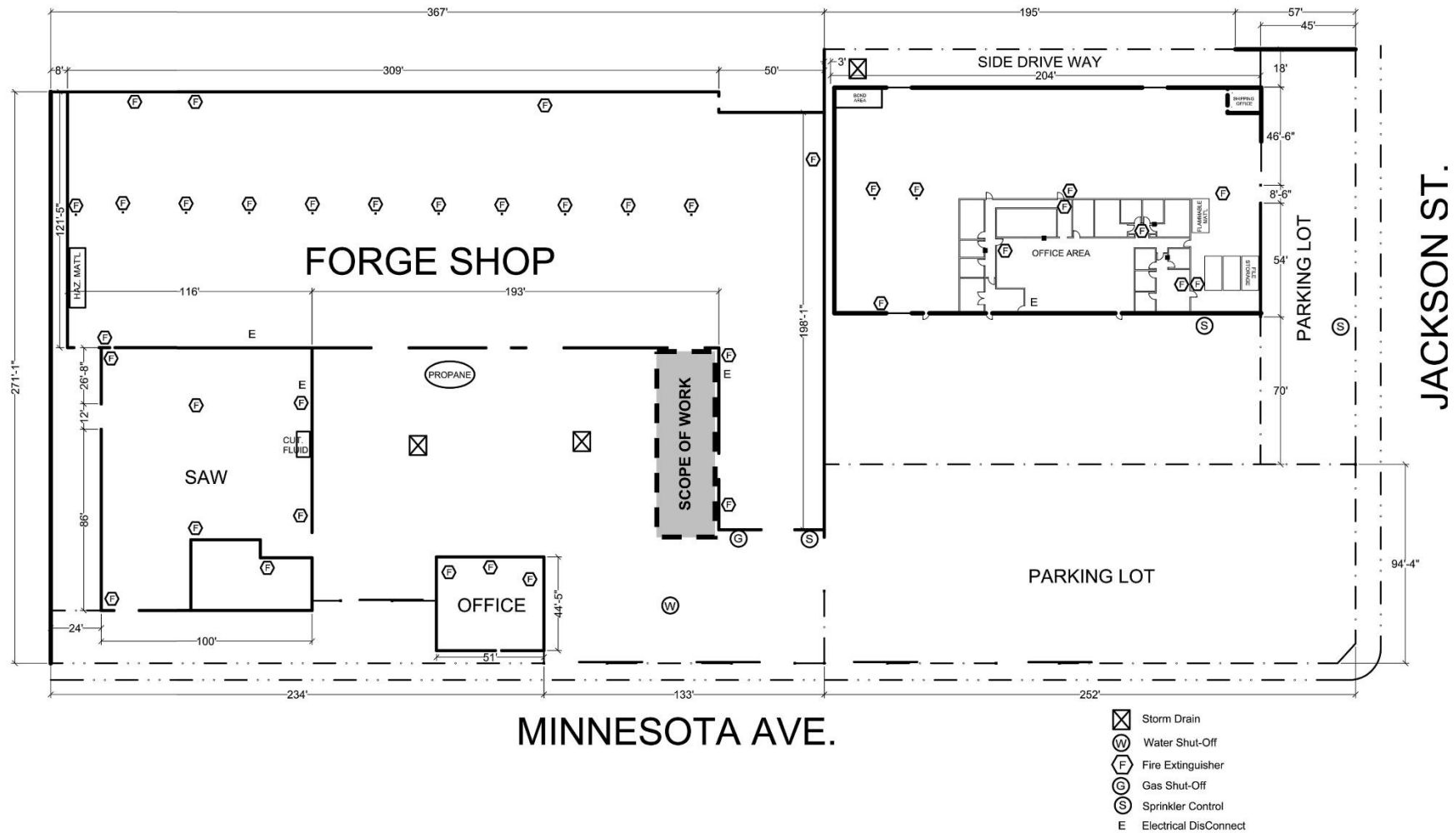


EXHIBIT 5 SITE PLAN
 Source: Dust Collector Services, Inc

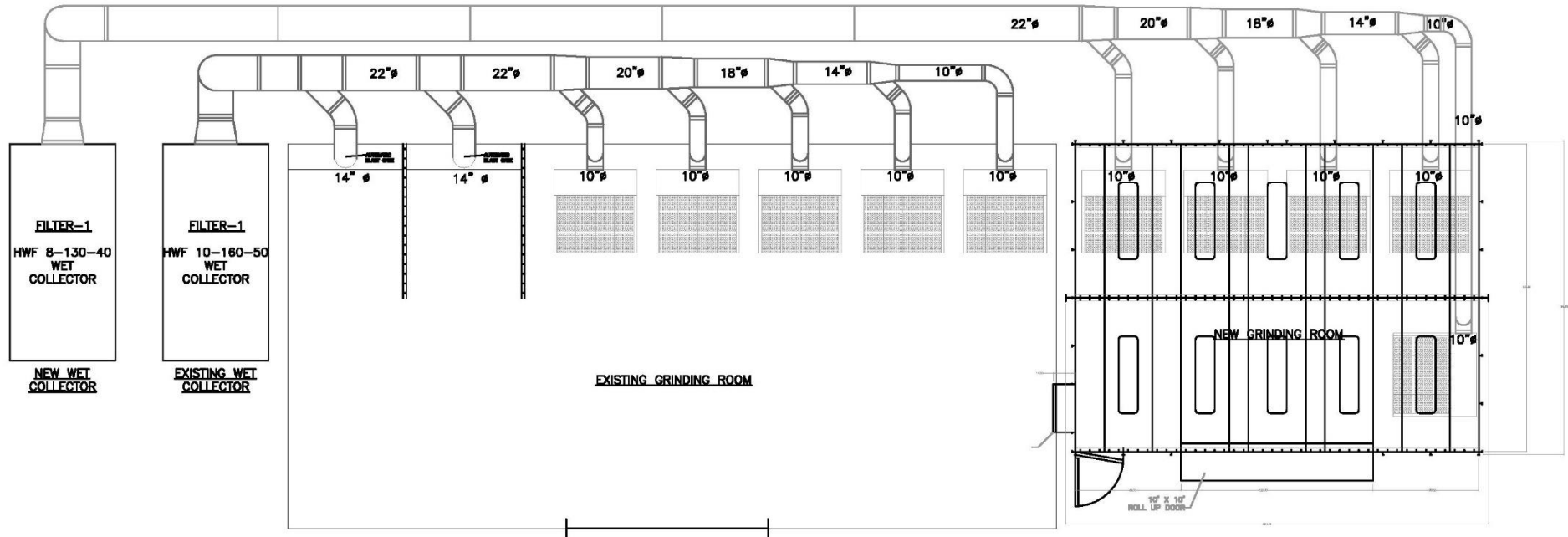
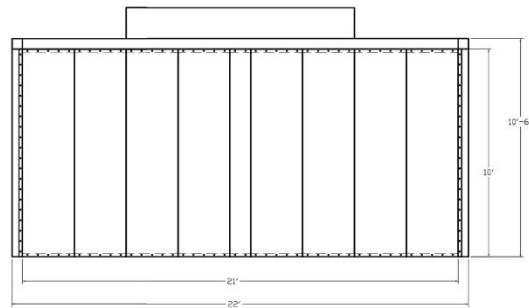


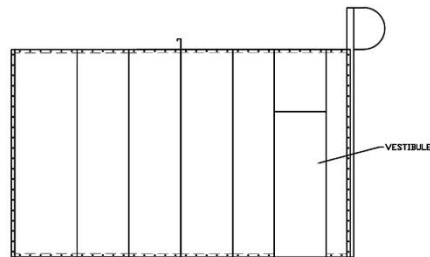
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Source: Dust Collector Services, Inc



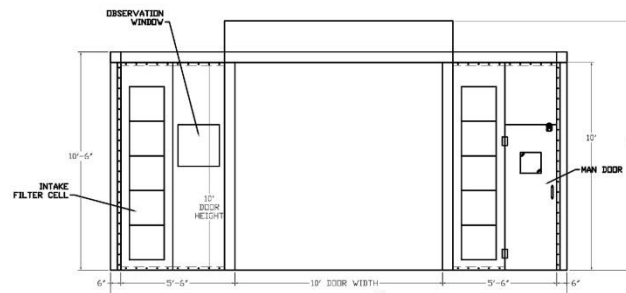
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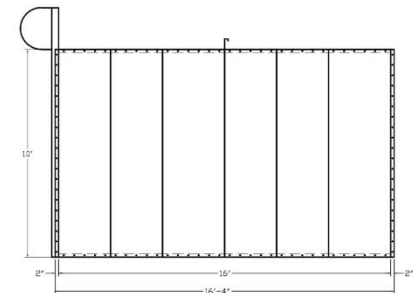
TOP VIEW



LEFT SIDE ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION



RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION

EXHIBIT 7 ELEVATIONS

Source: Bleeker MFG

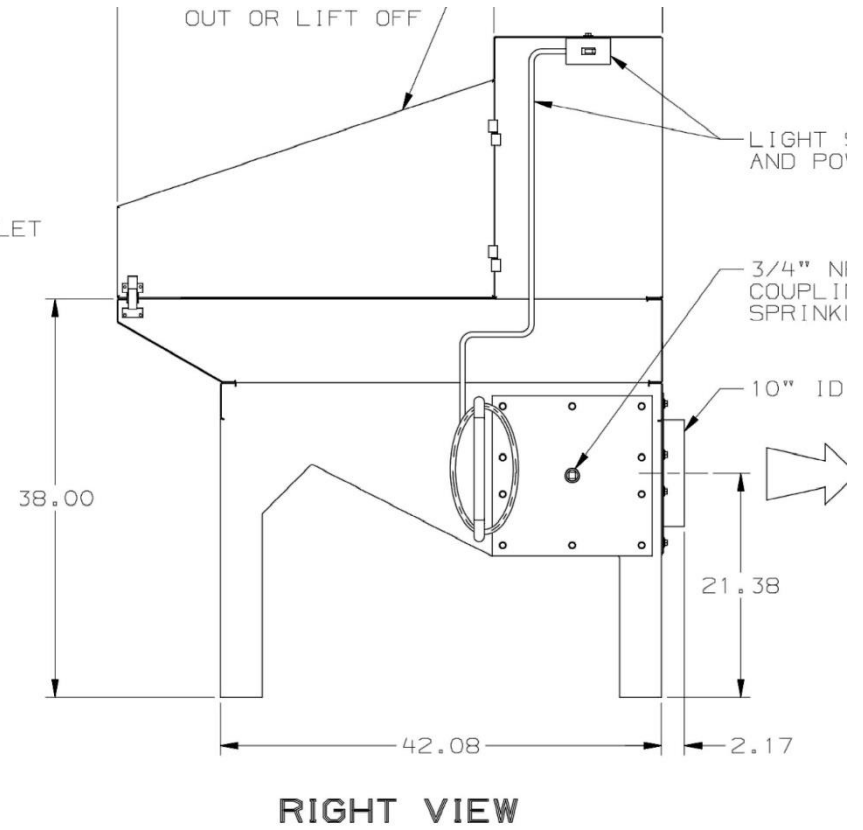
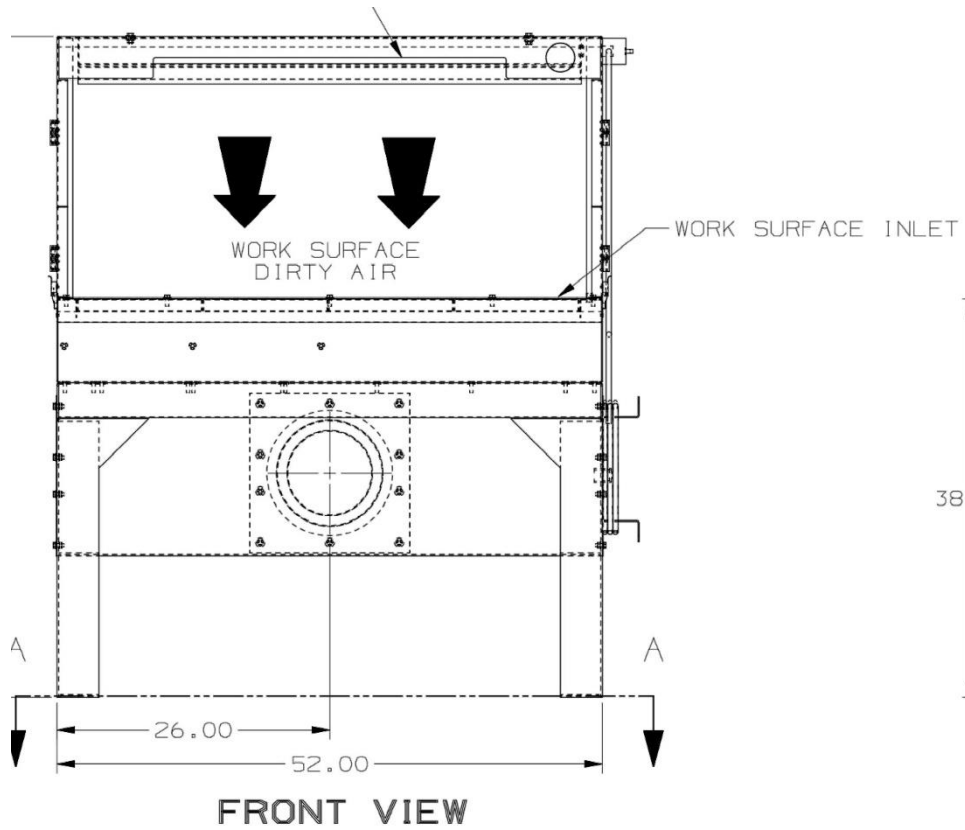
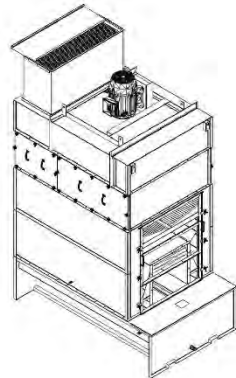


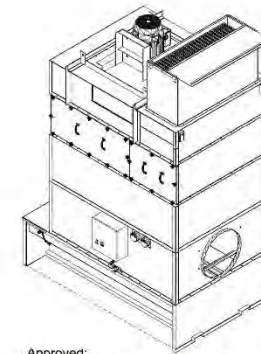
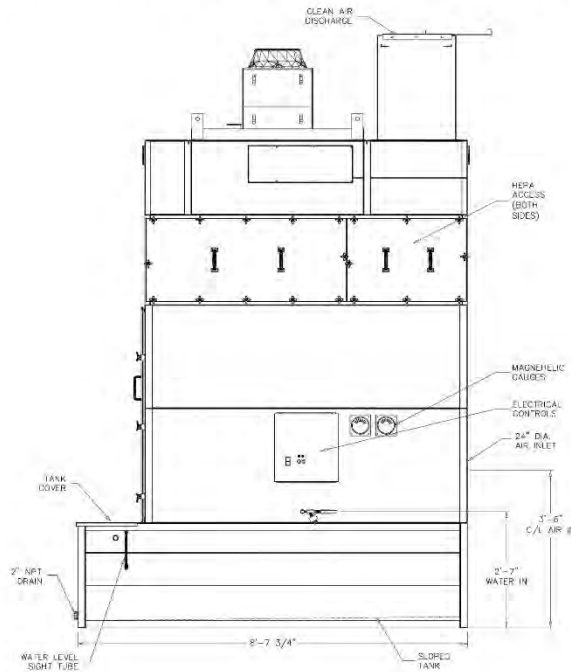
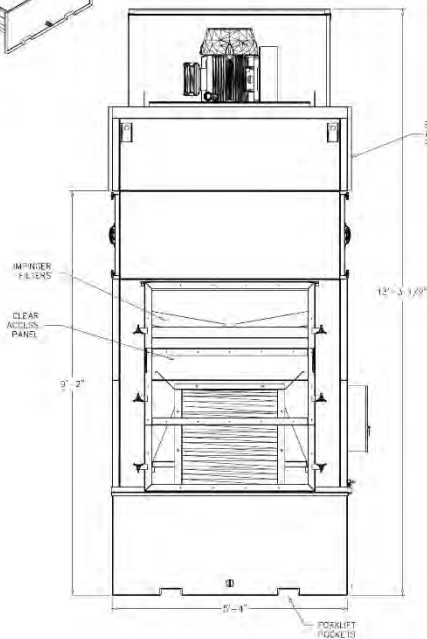
EXHIBIT 8 DUST COLLECTOR
 Source: Dust Collector Services, Inc



SPECIFICATIONS:

1. 40HP, 460v., 3ph, 44.5FLA, 1770rpm, TEFC motor located out of the airstream.
2. Direct-drive, airfoil design, non-overloading blower, aluminum blower and inlet cone (MV 40-34% or equal).
3. Air volume: 13,000 CFM @ 14" TSP
4. Magnetic motor starter with overload protection and pushbutton on/off.
5. Collector dependant process interlock relay provided.
6. PLC controlled water level. Collector to shut down in high or low water condition with visual indication.
7. Magnehelic gauge monitors collection effectiveness indicating need for water maintenance.
8. Mist eliminating impinger filters.
9. Clear, removable inspection and cleanout door.
10. Sloped tank to one 2" threaded drain connection.
11. High Capacity HEPA safety afterfilters, 99.97% size: 24" x 24" x 12" (nominal) qty.: 6. Additional magnehelic gauge included.
12. Welded heavy gauge galvanized steel construction with a DURA-PLATE 239 multi-purpose epoxy coating throughout (Gulf Blue).

Electrical Requirements:
 (1) 460V 3PH 60HZ
 MCA: 65A



Approved:
Jeffrey Schlantz 12/11/23

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 NG HWF 8-130-40-H
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MATERIAL:	QTY:
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EXHIBIT 9 WET COLLECTOR
 Source: Dust Collector Services, Inc

5. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FINDINGS

The City of Paramount is required to make the following environmental findings in support of this Categorical Exemption (refer to CEQA Guidelines §15301). The project qualifies as exempt pursuant to a *Class 1 Exemption* and *Class 3 Exemption* (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The analysis in support of the findings is summarized under each finding and where required, a more detailed technical analysis is provided in Section 5.

- The project must be consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations (refer to Section 5.1).
- The proposed development site is located within the City limits on a project site of no more than five acres. The area where the new installation will occur is 383 square feet. This includes the 336-square foot grinding booth and the 47-square foot wet collector footprint. These improvements are located on a 2.37-acre parcel within the larger Mattco Forge facility consisting of 4.3-acres spread across 3 parcels. The site is substantially surrounded by urban development (refer to Section 5.2).
- The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species (refer to Section 5.3).
- The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality (refer to Section 5.4).
- The approval of the proposed project must not result in any dislocation impacts (refer to Section 5.5).
- The approval of the proposed project must not result in any impacts on sensitive environmental resources (refer to Section 5.6).
- The project must not impact scenic natural views (refer to Section 5.7).
- The project site is not located within an area, nor does it include a site the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Secretary for Environmental Protection has identified as being on a Cortese site. (refer to Section 5.8).
- The proposed project would not result in any adverse impacts on historic resources (refer to Section 5.9).
- The proposed project would not result in any permits or approvals from State responsible or trustee agencies (refer to Section 5.10).

FINDINGS 5.1 - LAND USE COMPATIBILITY

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

To be categorically exempt, the proposed project must be consistent with the applicable City of Paramount General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The City of Paramount is completely urbanized with the remaining undeveloped areas consisting of infill properties. The City has a total land area of 3,072 acres or 4.8 square miles (including streets, easements, the

Los Angeles River channel, etc.). Approximately 52 percent of the **City** is developed with residential uses. Industrial land uses account for 23 percent of the **City's** total land area and commercial land uses account for approximately five percent. **The Mattco Forge facility is located on the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Minnesota Avenue. Industrial uses surround the project site on all sides and is located in the southern portion of the city's central industrial district.** The project area is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. An aerial photograph of the project site is provided in Exhibit 4. The surrounding land uses include the following:

- *North of the Site:* Jackson Street is located along the north side of the Mattco Forge facility. Industrial uses are located further north on the north side of Jackson Street. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.
- *South of the Site:* Industrial uses abut the Mattco Forge facility to the south. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.
- *West of the Site:* Industrial uses are located to the west of the Mattco Forge facility. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.
- *East of the Site:* The Mattco Forge facility is bounded on the east by Minnesota Avenue. Industrial uses are located further east, along the east side of Minnesota Avenue. This area is designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance.

According to Chapter 17.36.070 of the **City's Zoning Code**, metal processing and fabrication related uses are subject to the following standards for expansion:

- A conditional use permit is obtained from the Planning Commission and provided that:
- All requirements of the Paramount Municipal Code, all Federal environmental regulations as set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations, and all South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) regulations are met.
- The use of best available control technology is required at minimum.
- A facility shall install lowest achievable emission rate equipment if required by the SCAQMD.

The proposed project will involve the legalization and expansion of an existing grinding and dust collection system at the Mattco Forge facility. The current grinding and dust collection system was approved by SCAQMD in 2020, but did not obtain City approval. A dust collection system is an air quality improvement system used in industrial shops to improve breathable air quality and safety by removing particulate matter from the indoor air and environment. **In addition, the proposed project will not result in an incompatible land use because the project will involve the expansion of the grinding room and installation of a new dust collection system with HEPA filters within an existing industrial facility. The project would comply with SCAQMD Rule 1155 (Particulate Matter Control Devices) and SCAQMD Rule 1430 (Control of Emissions from Metal Grinding Operations at Metal Forging Facilities) and would comply with the necessary SCAQMD permits for construction.** The approval of the CUP No. 969 will ensure the project conforms to the site's underlying zone. *Therefore, less than significant project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.2 - PROJECT SITE SIZE

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

To be categorically exempt, the proposed project must be located within the City limits on a project site of no more than five acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed project site is located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Paramount on a development site consisting of less than five acres. The area where the new installation will occur is 383 square feet. This includes the 336-square foot grinding booth and the 47-square foot wet collector footprint. These improvements are located on a 2.37-acre parcel within the larger Mattco Forge facility consisting of 4.3-acres spread across 3 parcels. **The proposed project is consistent with this finding.** *Therefore, less than significant project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.3 - HABITAT VALUE

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

To be categorically exempt, the proposed project must be located on a site that has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The project site and the surrounding areas are not conducive for the survival of any special status species due to the lack of suitable riparian and/or natural habitat. **Constant disturbance from traffic and other human activity further limits the site's utility as a sensitive habitat or migration corridor. Industrial uses surround the project site on all sides and is located in the southern portion of the city's central industrial district.** The project area is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. **Since the site is located within an established urban area and lacks suitable habitat, the site's utility as a natural habitat and migration corridor is restricted.** No natural habitat is present in the area. **The proposed project is consistent with this finding.** *Therefore, less than significant project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.4 - SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS (TRAFFIC, NOISE, AIR, PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES)

5.4.1 TRAFFIC

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

To be categorically exempt, the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to traffic. A significant traffic impact would be first determined by the number of vehicle trips that would be generated by the proposed project and the attendant vehicle miles travelled (VMT) impacts. Other variables that would be considered include the project's consistency with the City's off-street parking requirements and onsite circulation.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Traffic generation is expressed in vehicle trip ends, defined as one-way vehicular movements, either entering or exiting the generating land use. The new dust collection equipment will not result in any traffic generation other than that required for routine maintenance. The area where the new installation will occur is 383 square feet. This includes the 336-square foot grinding booth and the 47-square foot wet collector footprint. These improvements are located on a 2.37-acre parcel within the larger Mattco Forge facility consisting of 4.3-acres spread across 3 parcels. The projected additional traffic generation is minimal and is not anticipated to affect the level of service of any nearby roadway segment as the project is not expected to generate new employees. The proposed improvements would increase the grinding capacity of the existing forge. These improvements would not create an increase in the production capacity of the forge such that there would be a significant increase in vehicle traffic to the site. As a result, the potential impacts are anticipated to be less than significant. Site access and circulation would not change. *Therefore, less than significant project impacts would result.*

5.4.2 NOISE

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to noise. A significant noise impact would potentially result if the proposed project would potentially impact noise sensitive land uses in the area or create noise levels that would exceed noise regulations. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, a significant impact related to noise would occur if a proposed project were determined to result in any of the following impacts:

- *Noise and Land Use Compatibility.* The generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies;
- *Ground-Borne Vibration Noise.* The generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels; or
- *Aircraft/Airport Noise Exposure.* For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or 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.

The most commonly used unit for measuring the level of sound is the decibel (dB). Zero on the decibel scale represents the lowest limit of sound that can be heard by humans. Noise levels may also be expressed as dBA where an "A" weighting has been incorporated into the measurement metric to account for increased human

sensitivity to noise. The A-weighted measurements correlate well with the perceived noise levels at lower frequencies. Noise may be generated from a point source, such as a piece of construction equipment, or from a line source, such as a road containing moving vehicles. The eardrum may rupture at 140 dB. In general, an increase of between 3.0 dB and 5.0 dB in the ambient noise level is considered to represent the threshold for human sensitivity. In other words, increases in ambient noise levels of 3.0 dB or less are not generally perceptible to persons with average hearing abilities. Noise may be generated from a point source, such as machinery, or from a line source, such as a roadway segment containing moving vehicles. Because the area of the sound wave increases as the sound gets further and further from the source, less energy strikes any given point over the surface area of the wave. This phenomenon is known as “spreading loss.” Due to spreading loss, noise attenuates (decreases) with distance. Stationary, or point, noise subject to spreading loss experiences a 6.0 dBA reduction for every doubling of the distance beginning with the initial 50-foot distance. Based on the principles of spreading loss noise levels would decrease by 6.0 dBA for every doubling distance beginning with the first 50 feet for point sources (speakers, construction equipment) and approximately 4.5 dBA over a soft surface such as vegetation. Meanwhile, line sources (roadways, railroads) experience a 3.0 dBA reduction for every doubling of the distance. **Objects that obstruct the line-of-sight between a noise source and a noise receptor reduce noise generated by or within the noise source.** Operational noise is expected to decrease by an additional 6.0 dBA at the more distant noise sensitive receptor based on the principals of spreading loss.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The primary sources of noise in Paramount are freeways and roadways, **Future sources of noise generated on-site would include noise from vehicles traveling to and from the project and noise emanating from building equipment noise (air conditioning units, and other equipment), and other noises typically associated with commercial uses.** The major source of noise in the immediate area is traffic noise emanating from Minnesota Avenue and Jackson Avenue as well as noise from the surrounding industrial buildings. In addition, no significant new construction would occur. **Once in use, the wet collector and grinding booth would not significantly raise ground-borne noise levels. Furthermore, the dust collection equipment is confined to the booth. The dust collectors are located inside the prefabricated enclosure. As a result, the potential impacts would be less than significant.**

Noise and Land Use Compatibility Impacts.

The City of Paramount has developed its own land use compatibility standards based on recommended parameters from the California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) land use and noise compatibility guidelines. Based on these guidelines, the City has established interior and exterior noise standards for various types and/or categories of development. The City’s compatibility standards provide only for normally acceptable conditions based on State recommendations and City land use designations. **In general, an increase of between 3.0 dB and 5.0 dB in the ambient noise level is considered to represent the threshold for human sensitivity. In other words, increases in ambient noise levels of 3.0 dB or less are not generally perceptible to persons with average hearing abilities.** The dust collectors are located inside the prefabricated enclosure. The equipment is installed in the central portion of the Mattco Forge facility away from any sensitive receptors. **The nearest sensitive receptors to the Mattco Forge facility include Wesley Gaines Elementary School located approximately 400 feet to the west; Cherryfield Village Mobilehome Park also located approximately 400 feet to the west, and single-family homes located approximately 1,500 feet to**

the east. *As a result, the noise and land use compatibility impacts resulting from the proposed project would be less than significant.*

Ground-Borne Vibration Noise

Composite construction noise is best characterized in a study prepared by Bolt, Beranek, and Newman. In the aforementioned study, the noisiest phases of construction are anticipated to be 89 dBA as measured at a distance of 50 feet from the construction activity. The proposed project would involve improvements to the existing Mattco Forge Facility, the demolition of the existing improvements, and the installation of the utilities (water, drainage, and electrical). Since many of the improvements will take place indoors, the **building's exterior walls will largely attenuate noise generated within the building**. The nearest sensitive receptors to the Mattco Forge facility include Wesley Gaines Elementary School located approximately 400 feet to the west; Cherryfield Village Mobilehome Park also located approximately 400 feet to the west, the Town Center Terrace Senior Apartments, located approximately 1,400 feet to the east, and Promise Hospital of East Los Angeles located approximately 1,200 feet to the east. The Mattco Forge plant is not occupied by a noise sensitive land use nor is any such use located on the adjacent properties. As a result, the impacts are considered to be less than significant. Furthermore, the additional traffic associated with the proposed expansion would not result in any additional traffic noise. proposed project. As a result, no traffic noise impacts would occur.

Aircraft/Airport Noise Exposure

The Compton-Woodley Airport is located approximately 4.0 miles to the southwest of the proposed project area. The project site is not located within the approach or takeoff zones of the runway. In addition, the **project site is not located within the aforementioned airport's designated compatibility review areas**. Furthermore, the project site is not located within any 70 dB. Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contour line boundaries. **As a result, the proposed project would not** expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels related to airport uses. *As a result, no impacts would occur.*

5.4.3 AIR QUALITY

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The City of Paramount is located within the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) and air quality is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Projects in the SCAB generating construction and operational-related emissions that exceed any of the following emissions thresholds are considered to be significant under CEQA.

- **Ozone (O_3)** is a nearly colorless gas that irritates the lungs, damages materials, and vegetation. O_3 is formed by photochemical reaction (when nitrogen dioxide is broken down by sunlight).
- **Carbon monoxide (CO)**, a colorless, odorless toxic gas that interferes with the transfer of oxygen to the brain, is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels emitted as vehicle exhaust.

- *Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)* is a yellowish-brown gas, which at high levels can cause breathing difficulties. NO₂ is formed when nitric oxide (a pollutant from burning processes) combines with oxygen.
- *PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}* refers to particulate matter less than ten microns and two and one-half microns in diameter, respectively. Particulates of this size cause a greater health risk than larger-sized particles since fine particles can more easily be inhaled.

There are daily and quarterly emissions thresholds for the construction and operation of a proposed project that have been established by the SCAQMD. Projects in the SCAB generating construction-related emissions that exceed any of the following emissions thresholds are considered to be significant under CEQA:

- 75 pounds per day of reactive organic compounds;
- 100 pounds per day of nitrogen dioxide;
- 550 pounds per day of carbon monoxide;
- 150 pounds per day of PM₁₀;
- 55 pounds per day of PM_{2.5}; or,
- 150 pounds per day of sulfur oxides.

A project would have a significant effect on air quality if any of the following long-term (operational) emissions thresholds for criteria pollutants are exceeded:

- 55 pounds per day of reactive organic compounds;
- 55 pounds per day of nitrogen dioxide;
- 550 pounds per day of carbon monoxide;
- 150 pounds per day of PM₁₀;
- 55 pounds per day of PM_{2.5}; or,
- 150 pounds per day of sulfur oxides.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed project would involve the legalization of five downdraft benches, two backdraft hoods, and one wet collector and new construction for five downdraft benches, one ducting system, and one wet collection. **All of these improvements are located within or adjacent to the outdoor enclosure.** Proper dust collection and air filtration is important in any work space since repeated exposure to particulates may cause respiratory-related illness. Particulates may also contain chemicals that can become airborne and lodge deeply in the respiratory system causing illness and damage. A dust collection system is an air quality improvement system used in industrial shops to improve breathable air quality and safety by removing particulate matter from the indoor air and environment. The proposed system traps the collected dust within a HWF 10-160-50-MO-H model wet collector with eight HEPA filtration systems and a HWF NG 8-130-40-H model wet collector with six HEPA filtration systems. No significant construction emissions would occur given the relatively small size of the site (336 square feet) as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 ESTIMATED DAILY CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS (LB./DAY)

Construction Phase	ROG	NO _x	CO	SO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
Maximum Daily Emissions	1.89	10.1	10.6	0.02	5.87	3.02
Daily Thresholds	75	100	55o	150	150	55
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Source: CalEEMod V.2022.1.1.28

Long-term emissions refer to those air quality impacts that would occur once the proposed project has been constructed and is operational. These impacts would continue over the operational life of the project. The two main sources of operational emissions include area emissions and on-site emissions related to the mobile sources and the production and use of energy. The long-term emissions are summarized in Table 3.

TABLE 3 ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS (LB./DAY)

Emission Source	ROG	NO _x	CO	SO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
Mobile	0.02	0.02	0.17	0.0004	0.04	0.01
Area	0.03	0.0003	0.04	<0.00005	0.0001	0.0001
Energy	0.0006	0.001	0.01	0.0001	0.001	0.001
Total	0.05	0.02	0.22	0.0005	0.04	0.01
Daily Thresholds	55	55	55o	15o	15o	55
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Source: CalEEMod V.2022.1.1.28

As indicated in Table 3, the long-term operational emissions would be below thresholds of significance. **The existing facility has a permit issued by the site's South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) permit number is 181199. The SCAQMD's Facility Information Detail (FIND) database indicates the facility received one violation in 2015 (Notice No. E30263) and three violations in 2017 (Notice No's E38367, E38379, and E38674). All of these violations are now *In Compliance*. The same FIND database identifies eight pieces of equipment requiring SCAQMD permit oversight including two metal grinding machines and five types of control equipment (including three bughouses and two scrubbers). The proposed project has already obtained the necessary SCAQMD oversight (Permits) for construction: Permit No. G60845, G60846, 652071, and 652072. In addition, the project will comply with SCAQMD Rules 1155 (Particulate Matter Control Devices) and 1430 (Control of Emissions from Metal Grinding Operations at Metal Forging Facilities). AQMD Rule 1430 limits metal grinding activities to within an enclosure that has appropriate pollution and emission control equipment as well as additional operational requirements facility owners or operators must comply with including "housekeeping" requirements, testing, and monitoring.⁸ Housekeeping includes scheduled (daily, weekly, or monthly) cleaning of metal grinding facilities, material storage rules, and equipment repair and maintenance rules. Testing and monitoring for emissions should be completed along the timeline set out by SCAQMD and recorded in a logbook. In addition to these requirements, Rule 1430 also includes signage requirements, permit application processes, odor control measures, and exemptions. The proposed grinding operations will only take place within the enclosed buildings which will trap dust and convey it to the wet collectors. Mattco Forge staff would follow the operational requirements outlined in Rule 1430. As a result, no significant impacts will result.**

⁸ South Coast Air Quality Management District. *South Coast AQMD Rule Book. Rule 1430 (Control of Emissions from Metal Grinding Operations)*

Sensitive receptors refer to land uses and/or activities that are especially sensitive to poor air quality and typically include residences, board and care facilities, schools, playgrounds, hospitals, parks, childcare centers, and outdoor athletic facilities, and other facilities where children or the elderly may congregate. These population groups are generally more sensitive to poor air quality. The nearest sensitive receptors to the project site are Wesley Gaines Elementary School and a mobile home park located approximately 400 feet or 121 meters to the west of the project site. The SCAQMD requires that CEQA air quality analyses indicate whether a proposed project would result in an exceedance of *localized emissions thresholds* or LSTs. LSTs only apply to short-term (construction) emissions at a fixed location and do not include off-site or area-wide emissions. The pollutants that are the focus of the LST analysis include the conversion of NO_x to NO₂; carbon monoxide (CO) emissions from construction; PM₁₀ emissions from construction; and PM_{2.5} emissions from construction. For purposes of the LST analysis, the receptor distance used was 100 meters since the nearest sensitive receptor is approximately 121 meters west of the project site.

TABLE 4 LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLDS EXCEEDANCE SRA 9 FOR 2-ACRE SITES

Emissions	Project Emissions (lbs./day)	Type	Allowable Emissions Threshold (lbs./day) and a Specified Distance from Receptor (in meters)				
			25	50	100	200	500
NO _x	10.1/0.02	Construction/Operation	114	111	121	145	205
CO	10.6/0.17	Construction/ Operation	861	1,082	1,496	2,625	7,500
PM ₁₀	5.87	Construction	7	21	39	74	182
PM ₁₀	0.04	Operation	2	5	10	18	44
PM _{2.5}	3.02	Construction	4	6	10	22	92
PM _{2.5}	0.01	Operation	1	2	3	6	22

Source: CalEEMod V.2022.1.1.28

As shown in Table 4, the proposed project would not result in an exceedance in LSTs. Therefore the project's effects on air quality would be a less than significant effect for sensitive receptors.

Additionally, the SCAQMD has identified those land uses that are typically associated with odor complaints. These uses include activities involving livestock, rendering facilities, food processing plants, metal grinding, chemical plants, composting activities, refineries, landfills, and businesses involved in fiberglass molding. The new dust collection system is designed to remove airborne particulates and AQMD Rule 1430 implements measures for odor control the proposed project would have to follow. In addition to following AQMD Rule 1430, all metal grinding operations will take place within an enclosed booth. The nearest sensitive receptors to the project site are Wesley Gaines Elementary School and a mobile home park located approximately 400 feet or 121 meters to the west of the project site, therefore no odors are anticipated. *Therefore, the project impacts would be less than significant.*

5.4.4 WATER QUALITY

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to water quality. A significant water quality impact would potentially result if the proposed project would result in water pollution impacts on-site or offsite during construction or operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed project would not affect any existing water well currently serving the City due to the well's distance and location from the project site. This well is located in the westernmost portion of the City of Paramount near the Los Angeles River. The proposed project would continue to be connected to the City's water and sewer lines and would not impact a local aquifer. *As a result, no impacts would occur.*

5.4.5 PUBLIC SERVICES

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to public services. A significant impact on public services would potentially result if the proposed project would require new facilities or increased services to accommodate potential demand. The proposed project would involve the legalization of an existing grinding booth and a dust collector.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The City of Paramount is served by two fire stations. Station 31, located at 7521 East Somerset Boulevard, has two engines and one paramedic squad. Station 57 is located at 5720 Gardendale Street in South Gate and has one engine.⁹ The proposed new improvements are subject to any conditions prescribed by the LACFD (including compliance with applicable codes and ordinances including those related to emergency access, lighting, and public safety). The proposed project would include the addition of five dust collectors and one wet collector. The dust being collected can be flammable or combustible and could ignite from sparks or embers being generated from metal being buffed or grinded down. The dust collectors are designed and inspected by the fire department in order to prevent fires. In addition, the use of a wet collector would reduce the flammability potential of the dust, by removing the dust with water droplets and preventing any dust clouds or particles from igniting. The proposed project would negatively impact fire protection services; however, the potential impacts would be less than significant since the improvements would be constructed in accordance with current fire and emergency access requirements. As part of the project review process, the City and County would review the construction plans and make recommendations for fire protection services. *Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.*

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement services in Paramount are contracted through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The City is served by the Lakewood Station at 5130 Clark Avenue in Lakewood and by a substation located near the intersection of Paramount and Somerset Boulevards in Paramount. Emergency response times are approximately three minutes throughout the City. The proposed project would not likely result in an increase in the number of calls for service. The proposed new improvements would not result in

the need for new or physically altered police protection facilities. *Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.*

Schools

The City is served by the Paramount Unified School District (PUSD), which serves kindergarten through twelfth grades and consists of nine elementary schools, two intermediate schools, one high school, a continuation school, and an adult education school. The site is also within the service boundaries of the Los Angeles County Community College District. The proposed site improvements would not result in any direct impact on school enrollments. The project is a public project that would not result in any student enrollment impacts. **As a result, the environmental impacts would be less than significant.**

Parks and Recreation

The City of Paramount operates six public parks devoted to active recreation. No parks or related recreational facilities are located adjacent to the project site. The project site is not used for active recreation. **As a result, the project's potential impacts on park facilities would be less than significant.**

5.4.6 UTILITIES

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to utilities. A significant impact on utilities would potentially result if the proposed project would require new utilities or service systems to accommodate potential demand. The proposed use would not result in any significant increased capacity, changes in operation, or increased employment. Site access and circulation would not change. In addition, no significant new construction would occur other than that required for the proposed interior tenant improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Sewers and Wastewater Treatment

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD) also treats wastewater from the City of Paramount. Local sewer lines are maintained by the City of Paramount, while the Districts own, operate, and maintain the large trunk sewers of the regional wastewater conveyance system. The wastewater generated within the project area is conveyed to the Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant (Los Coyotes WRP), which is operated by the LACSD. The Los Coyotes WRP, located at the northwest junction of the San Gabriel River and Artesia Freeway, provides primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment. The Los Coyotes WRP has a design capacity of 37.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and currently processes an average flow of 31.8 mgd. The Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) located in the City of Carson has a design capacity of 385 mgd and currently processes an average flow of 326.1 mud. The Long Beach WRP has a design capacity of 25 mad and currently processes an average flow of 20.2 mud.

The dust collector systems use water to trap particulates from the air. The entrapped water is filtered out and returns to the water tank. The dust sludge then settles to the bottom allowing the water to be reused. The sludge can be removed from the collector as needed when changing out the water. The wet dust collector tanks can hold approximately 340 gallons of water. **The sludge is then routinely removed when changing out the fresh water and is disposed of at a specialized material handling facility. Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.**

Water

Paramount owns and operates a domestic water system that includes three wells; two imported water connections; approximately 130 miles of water transmission and distribution mains; and appurtenant valves, hydrants, and equipment. To supplement groundwater production, the City also purchases treated, imported water from the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD), which is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The City also purchases recycled water from CBMWD and has recycled water distribution piping, and appurtenant valves and equipment to serve recycled water to commercial/industrial water users. Paramount also has emergency mutual-aid domestic water connections with the City of Long Beach, the City of Downey, and the Golden State Water Company. The City currently does not have storage reservoirs though the groundwater basin provides groundwater storage. Water mains are located within the existing public streets located adjacent to the project site. The existing domestic water reservoirs that serve the area would continue to provide adequate supplies and pressure to serve the proposed project. The water consumption is limited to the water used dust collection system. The wet collector contains water tanks that can hold approximately 340 gallons of water. The water used for filtering is internally recycled and will be changed out on a routine cycle. The existing water supply facilities and infrastructure would accommodate any future demand. **Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.**

Stormwater

The City of Paramount is served by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), which operates and maintains regional and municipal storm drainage facilities. The City works with the LACFCD in making local drainage plans and improvements. **The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to utilities. A significant impact on utilities would potentially result if the proposed project would require new utilities or service systems to accommodate potential demand.** The only changes to the hardscape of the project are the 336-square-foot booth and the 5.3-foot by 8.7-foot footprint of the proposed dust collector located on existing hardscape. Thus, the proposed project would not have any effect on stormwater. **Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.**

Solid Waste Collection

Trash collection is provided by the Athens Services for disposal at the area MRF facilities and/or area landfills. **The proposed project is anticipated to generate refuse from the sludge that would collect within the wet collector. This sludge would have to be routinely removed when changing out the fresh water and is disposed of at a specialized material handling facility. As a result, the potential impacts are considered to be less than significant. Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.**

FINDINGS 5.5 - DISLOCATION

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to the displacement or dislocation of an existing population group. The emphasis is on the displacement of housing, especially affordable housing.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed improvements are limited to the project site and no dislocation of off-site structural improvements would be required to accommodate the proposed project. *Therefore, no project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.6 - SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

To be categorically exempt, the proposed project must be located on a site that has no impact on sensitive environmental resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The Mattco Forge facility is located on the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Minnesota Avenue. Industrial uses surround the project site on all sides and is located in the southern portion of the city's central industrial district. The project area is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. **The project site's isolation from other natural open space areas limits its utility as a habitat or an animal migration corridor.** The project site and the surrounding areas are not conducive for the survival of any special status species due to the lack of suitable riparian and/or natural habitat. **Constant disturbance from traffic and other human activity further limits the site's utility as a sensitive habitat or migration corridor.** *Therefore, no project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.7 - SCENIC NATURAL VIEWS

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to a significant impact on a scenic vista. A scenic vista is a viewpoint that provides expansive views of a highly valued landscape for the benefit of the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The project site is located in an urbanized setting. **The Mattco Forge facility is located on the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Minnesota Avenue.** Industrial uses surround the project site on all sides and is located

in the southern portion of the city's central industrial district. The project area is currently designated as *Central Industrial District Area Plan* in the City of Paramount General Plan and is zoned as *Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)* in the City of Paramount Zoning Ordinance. **No scenic natural resources or scenic corridor would be affected by the proposed project.** Because of the nature of the proposed project, no alteration of the views would occur. *Therefore, no project impacts would result.*

FINDINGS 5.8 - CORTESE LISTING

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not be located on a property that has been identified by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Secretary for Environmental Protection as being located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Government Code Section 65962.5 refers to the **Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List, commonly known as the Cortese List**. The Cortese List is a planning document used by the State and other local agencies to comply with CEQA requirements that require the provision of information regarding the location of hazardous materials release sites. **A search was conducted through the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Evaristo website to identify whether the project site is listed in the database as a Cortese site.** The search indicates the project site is not located on a Cortese site. *Therefore, no project impacts would result. The proposed project is consistent with this finding and there would be no environmental impacts.*

FINDINGS 5.9 - HISTORIC RESOURCES

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not result in any significant effects relating to the historic resources. According to CEQA, a project may be deemed to have a significant adverse impact on cultural resources if it results in any of the following:

- The **proposed project** would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5.
- The **proposed project** would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5.
- The **proposed project** would disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

Historic structures and sites are defined by local, State, and Federal criteria. A site or structure may be historically significant if it is locally protected through a General Plan or historic preservation ordinance. In addition, a site or structure may be historically significant according to State or Federal criteria even if the locality does not recognize such significance. The California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) is a listing of all properties considered to be significant historical resources in the state. The California Register

includes all properties listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register, including properties evaluated under Section 106, and State Historical Landmarks No. 770 and above. The California Register statute specifically provides that historical resources listed, determined eligible for listing on the California Register by the State Historical Resources Commission, or resources that meet the California Register criteria are resources which must be given consideration under CEQA. Other resources, such as resources listed on local registers of historic resources or in local surveys, may be listed if they are determined by the State Historic Resources Commission to be significant.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

A search of the **National Register of Historic Places** and the list of **California Historical Resources** was **conducted, and it was determined that no historic resources were listed within the City of Paramount.** The proposed project would not affect any structures or historical resources listed on the National or State Register or those identified as being eligible for listing on the National or State Register. Furthermore, the project site is not present on the list of historic resources identified by the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO). **The project site is not included on the City's list of designated historic resources.** *Thus, no project impacts would result. The proposed project is consistent with this finding and there would be no environmental impacts.*

FINDINGS 5.10 - STATE TRUSTEE OR RESPONSIBLE AGENCY APPROVAL

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The approval of the proposed project must not require any approvals from a State responsible or trustee agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed project would not require any review by a state trustee or responsible agency. No encroachment permit to a State Highway would be required as part of the proposed project's implementation. *Therefore, no project impacts would result. The proposed project is consistent with this finding and there would be no environmental impacts.*

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the analysis provided in this Categorical Exemption, the project would not result in any significant unavoidable impacts. For this reason, the proposed project would qualify as being categorically exempt pursuant to a *Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities)* and *Class 3 Exemption (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)* and would not have any significant environmental impacts.¹⁰



¹⁰ CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19. Categorical Exemptions. (Section 15301 and Section 15303).

DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 973

- A. HEAR STAFF REPORT.
- B. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- C. HEAR TESTIMONY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
 - (1) THOSE IN FAVOR
 - (2) THOSE OPPOSED
 - (3) REBUTTAL BY THE APPLICANT
- D. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

<u>MOTION:</u>	<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>
MOVED BY: _____	AYES: _____
SECONDED BY: _____	NOES: _____
[] APPROVED	ABSENT: _____
[] DENIED	ABSTAIN: _____

- E. MOTION IN ORDER:
READ BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVE FURTHER READING, AND ADOPT
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:036, A REQUEST
BY HART FOOD PRODUCTS, INC. TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A
CHILLER UPON A STEEL PLATFORM AT THE REAR OF THE
EXISTING WAREHOUSE BUILDING FOR THE FOOD PROCESSING
OF SAUCES AT 15333-15337 ILLINOIS AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY
MANUFACTURING) ZONE.

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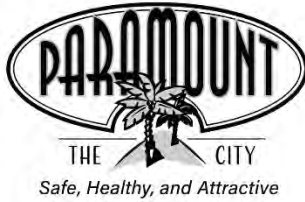
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AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____



CITY OF PARAMOUNT PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER:	Conditional Use Permit No. 973
REQUEST:	Install and operate a chiller in the rear exterior of the existing industrial building
APPLICANT:	Hart Food Products, Inc.
MEETING DATE:	December 3, 2024
LOCATION:	15333-15337 Illinois Avenue
ZONE:	M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing)
GENERAL PLAN:	Central Industrial District
PLANNER:	John King
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John King, AICP, Interim Planning Director
By:
Date: December 3, 2024

**Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 973
HART FOOD PRODUCTS, INC.**

BACKGROUND

This item is a request by Hart Food Products, Inc. to install and operate a chiller in the rear exterior of the existing industrial building at 15333-15337 Illinois Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Hart Food Products, a producer of packaged chicken products, has operated from 14905 Paramount Boulevard, Suite A-2 since 2012. The applicant acquired the subject property in August 2024 to complement the original location with a focus on sauce production. The property is developed with a 9,400 square foot three-suite building. The applicant will occupy the north two suites (15333 and 15335 Illinois Avenue) which is a 6,267 square foot floor area.

Hart Food Products expects to staff the Illinois Avenue facility with up to four employees, and the proposed hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Site Description

The 15,000 square foot subject property, located in the Central Industrial District, is on the west side of Illinois Avenue, north of Jefferson Street.

Photos

The following photo is a view looking west at the subject property.



The following is a view of the property from the rear alley.



DISCUSSION

Project Description

Hart Food Products requires a chiller as part of the sauce production process. As the applicant proposes to install the chiller on the exterior of the building, a conditional use permit is required for equipment of this size at outside of the building. In order to maintain sufficient parking spaces, the applicant is proposing to install the chiller on top of a platform with parking below.

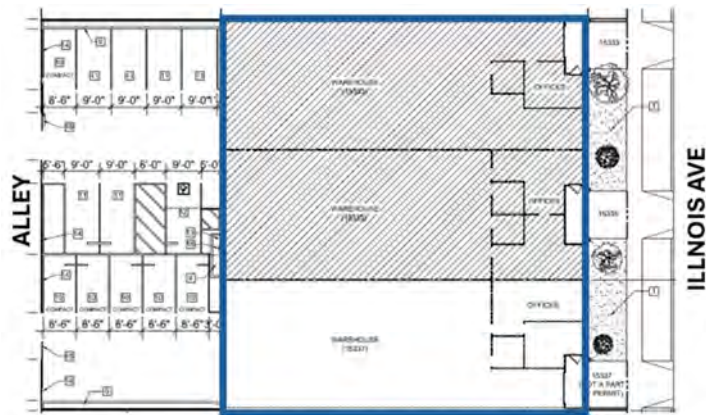
The applicant would screen the chiller (eight foot, six-inch height) with a nine-foot-high screening material on three sides. The chiller would be installed on top of a nine foot, six-inch-high platform.

The applicant is also proposing to install a new roll-up door at the rear of the building.

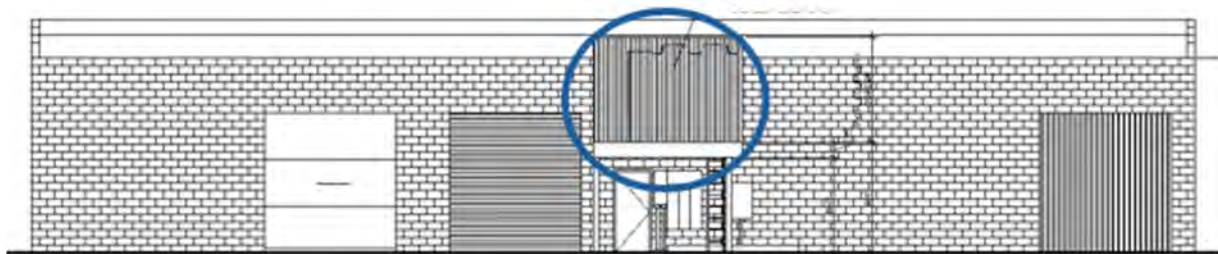
As conditions of approval, the applicant would be required to remove all materials from the rear yard, stripe the parking lot as indicated on the site plan, demolish an unpermitted rear canopy, and paint the exterior of the building as needed.

Plans

The following is the site plan. The building is outlined in blue.



The following is a west elevation. The proposed chiller is circled in blue.



Environmental Assessment

This project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Section 15303, Class 3 Categorical Exemption – new construction or conversion of small structures.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The City's Vision, Mission, and Values set the standard for the organization; establish priorities, uniformity, and guidelines; and provide the framework for policy decisionmaking. The Strategic Outcomes were implemented to provide a pathway to achieving the Vision of a city that is safe, healthy, and attractive. This item aligns with Strategic Outcome No. 1: Safe Community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Resolution No. PC 24:036, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 973, subject to conditions of approval included in the resolution.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:036**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 973, A REQUEST BY HART FOOD PRODUCTS, INC. TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A CHILLER IN THE REAR EXTERIOR OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 15333-15337 ILLINOIS AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount has received an application from Hart Food Products, Inc. to install and operate a chiller in the rear exterior of the existing industrial building at 15333-15337 Illinois Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone (for purposes of this resolution, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Paramount Municipal Code Section 17.48.030 et seq., a portion of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Paramount, requires the Planning Commission to duly notice a public hearing, receive a report from staff, conduct the hearing and consider all evidence before it, and thereafter announce its findings and decisions in zoning matters and specifically for conditional use permits; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Section 15303, Class 3 (new construction or conversion of small structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the application, at which time it heard a presentation by the Interim Planning Director as well as testimony regarding the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission finds that it has conducted all the public hearings necessary and in compliance with State Law and the Municipal Code of the City of Paramount.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission finds that all requirements of notice have been complied with pursuant to State Law and the Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission finds that the evidence presented does justify the granting of this application for the following reasons:

1. The requested use at the location proposed will not:

- a. Adversely affect the health, peace, safety, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;
 - b. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; nor
 - c. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare; and
2. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this chapter, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area; and
3. That the proposed site is adequately served:
 - a. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
 - b. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

SECTION 5. That pursuant to Resolution No. 82:043 of the City Council the time limit to seek judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure is ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission hereby approves the applied for Conditional Use Permit as to use in the above-entitled matter, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Except as set forth in conditions, the project shall take place substantially as shown on the approved site plan. Any material deviation must be approved by the Planning Department before construction.
2. Affidavit. This Conditional Use Permit shall not be effective for any purposes until the applicant has first filed at the office of the Planning Commission a sworn affidavit acknowledging and accepting all conditions of this Conditional Use Permit. The affidavit shall be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2024. Failure to provide the City of Paramount with the requisite affidavit within the stated here in above shall render the Conditional Use Permit void.
3. Conditions. All Conditional Use Permit No. 973 conditions of approval shall be included as general notes on all submitted sets of building plans.

4. One-year Approval. This approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of final determination. If the use approved by this action is not established within such a period of time, this approval shall terminate and shall be null and void. Time extension may be granted at the discretion of the Planning Commission.
5. Revocation. It is hereby declared to be the intent, that if any provision of this permit is violated or held to be invalid, or if any law, statute, or ordinance is violated, this Permit shall be subject to the revocation process at which time, the Permit may become terminated, and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
6. Violations. It is further declared and made a condition of this Conditional Use Permit that if any condition hereof is violated or if any law, statute or ordinance is violated, the exception shall be suspended and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse, provided that the applicant has been given written notice to cease such violation and has failed to do so within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notification.
7. Grounds for Modification, Suspension, Revocation. The applicant understands that an Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance granted under the Zoning Ordinance, or any section thereof, is granted and accepted by all parties with the express understanding that the Planning Commission may hold a public hearing, notice of time and place of which shall be given to the applicant, if one or more of the following conditions exists:
 - a) That the approval was obtained by fraud;
 - b) That the need for which such approval was granted has ceased to exist or has been suspended for one year or more;
 - c) That the Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance is being, or recently has been, exercised contrary to the terms or conditions of such approval or in violation of any statute, provision of the Code, ordinance, law, or regulation;
 - d) That the need for which the approval was granted was so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to constitute a nuisance (Section 17.48.070, Paramount Municipal Code).

If after such hearing, the Planning Commission finds that any grounds for modification, suspension, or revocation exist, the Planning Commission may modify, suspend, or revoke such Unclassified Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and/or Variance.

Permitting

8. Fees. All applicable development fees are due prior to the issuance of building permits.
9. Exterior. No exterior structural alteration or building color change, other than the colors or building treatments originally approved, shall be permitted without the prior approval of the Planning Department.
10. Plans. The plans are subject to approval by the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
11. Tenant Improvements. Proposed and any future tenant improvements shall meet all requirements of the Building and Safety Division of the Planning Department.
12. Business License. The applicant and all successor tenants shall obtain and maintain a current City of Paramount business license.
13. Digital Plan Version. An electronic copy (PDF format) of the final approved construction plan set shall be submitted to the Planning Department prior to permit issuance.
14. Floor Plan. The approved floor plan shall not be changed without prior approval by the Planning Department.

Construction

15. Hours of Construction. Construction shall only take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays.
16. SCAQMD Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust). The applicant shall comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 403 regarding reduction of fugitive dust with best available fugitive dust control measures.

Business Operations

17. Cleanliness. The outside premises shall be maintained in a clean manner at all times, and trash and debris shall be promptly removed from the yard areas, landscaped areas, and the surrounding property perimeter.
18. Security Cameras. Security cameras shall be installed following City review and approval of a security camera plan. The approved cameras or more technologically advanced versions of the approved cameras shall be maintained in perpetuity. Security camera recordings shall be maintained for at least 30 days and provided for law enforcement review upon request.

19. Lighting. A sufficient amount of lighting, as determined by the Planning Department and the Public Safety Department, shall illuminate the premises. New light fixtures as needed shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department for their decorative quality and location, and permits shall be obtained.
20. Agencies. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations of all relevant government agencies, including but not limited to (1) the Los Angeles County Fire Department, (2) the South Coast Air Quality Management District, (3) Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, (4) California Water Board, (5) the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), and (6) Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
21. Labor Regulations. The applicant shall comply with all relevant labor laws and regulations of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the California Department of Industrial Relations and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA).
22. Noise. In the ongoing business operations, the applicant shall comply with the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.12 of the Paramount Municipal Code).
23. Signs – Existing. Any proposed sign or proposed changes to an existing sign shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department.
24. Signs – New. Signs, banners, and feather flags require separate review and approval by the Planning Department prior to fabrication and installation. Damage to the building exterior from wall signs that have been removed shall be repainted and repaired as needed.
25. Signs – Windows. Window sign area shall be limited to forty percent of each grouping of adjacent panes of glass.
26. Special Events. Special events shall be reviewed in accordance with Special Event Permit regulations for possible approval by the Planning Department.
27. Urban Stormwater Management. The applicant shall comply with Chapter 8.20 (Urban Stormwater Management) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The outside premises shall be maintained in a clean manner at all times, and trash and debris shall be promptly removed from the yard areas, landscaped areas, the parking lot, and the surrounding property perimeter. The parking lot shall be completely swept and maintained free of debris and litter on a weekly basis. Areas adjacent to a parking lot, including, but not limited to, planters, loading and unloading areas, and surrounding public rights-of-way shall be maintained free of debris and litter by sweeping and other equally effective measures. Such debris and litter shall be collected

and properly disposed of in compliance with all applicable local, State, and Federal regulations.

28. Accessibility. Curbs, walkways, and parking stalls, including standard, compact, and American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant stalls, shall be painted/striped as provided on the associated site plan. Solid striping shall be maintained in good condition.
29. Vandalism. The applicant shall maintain sufficient quantities of matching exterior paint to remove graffiti, blemishes, and peeling paint. Graffiti, blemishes, and peeling paint shall be promptly removed. Graffiti and stickers unrelated to the business on all site features including signs, walls, window panes, mechanical equipment, and curbs shall be removed.
30. Bicycle Rack. At least one bicycle rack shall be provided and maintained in good condition in perpetuity. The rack shall be an inverted "U" rack or another rack type that allows for a bicycle frame and one wheel to be attached. The type, color, and precise location of the rack shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to purchase or installation of the rack. The precise location shall be within the clear range of a security camera.
31. Window security bars. The installation of exterior window security bars is prohibited. Any existing window security bars shall be removed.
32. Tarps. Tarps are prohibited from use as carports, patio covers, shade covers, and covers for outdoor storage in all front and side setback areas, rear yard areas, over driveways, and in parking and circulation areas.
33. Organic Waste. The business shall comply with organic waste disposal requirements of Chapter 13.09 of the Paramount Municipal Code.
34. Landscaping and Irrigation. Existing planters shall be refurbished as needed. A two-inch layer of brown mulch shall be applied in the planters. Red mulch is not an acceptable material. A precise landscaping and irrigation plan shall be submitted showing the size, type, and location of all plant material (including trees, shrubs, groundcover and mulch) and irrigation. The plan shall comply with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) of the State of California and Chapter 17.96 (Water-Efficient Landscape Provisions) of the Paramount Municipal Code. The plan shall be subject to the approval consideration of the Planning Department and shall be approved separately from the design approval and from the working drawings. Landscaping shall be planted and irrigation shall be installed and maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the approved plan and State and City regulations. No mature trees shall be removed without the authorization of the Planning Department.

- 35. Perimeter. The block walls, fencing gates, and building exterior along the property perimeter shall be maintained in good condition, free of blemishes and in repair.
- 36. Outside Storage. Other than the chiller, outside storage is not permitted without an approved conditional use permit.

Other Conditions

- 37. Outdoor Storage – All materials, debris, and trash shall be removed from the rear yard.
- 38. Rear Canopy. The unpermitted rear canopy shall be completely demolished.
- 39. Building Paint. The exterior of the building shall be repainted as needed following separate Planning Department review and approval of paint colors.
- 40. Chiller Screening. The chiller shall be completely screened with material at least nine feet high (measured from the top of the platform structure) on the west, north, and south sides of the chiller.

Final Approval

- 41. At the completion of the project, final approval from the Planning Division shall be obtained prior to Building and Safety Division final approval. All conditions of approval shall be met prior to final approval by the Planning Division.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

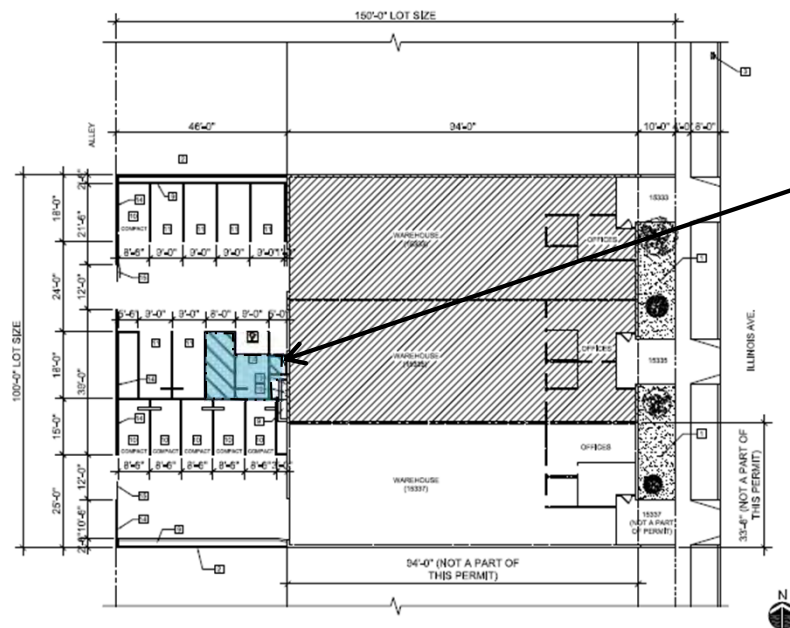
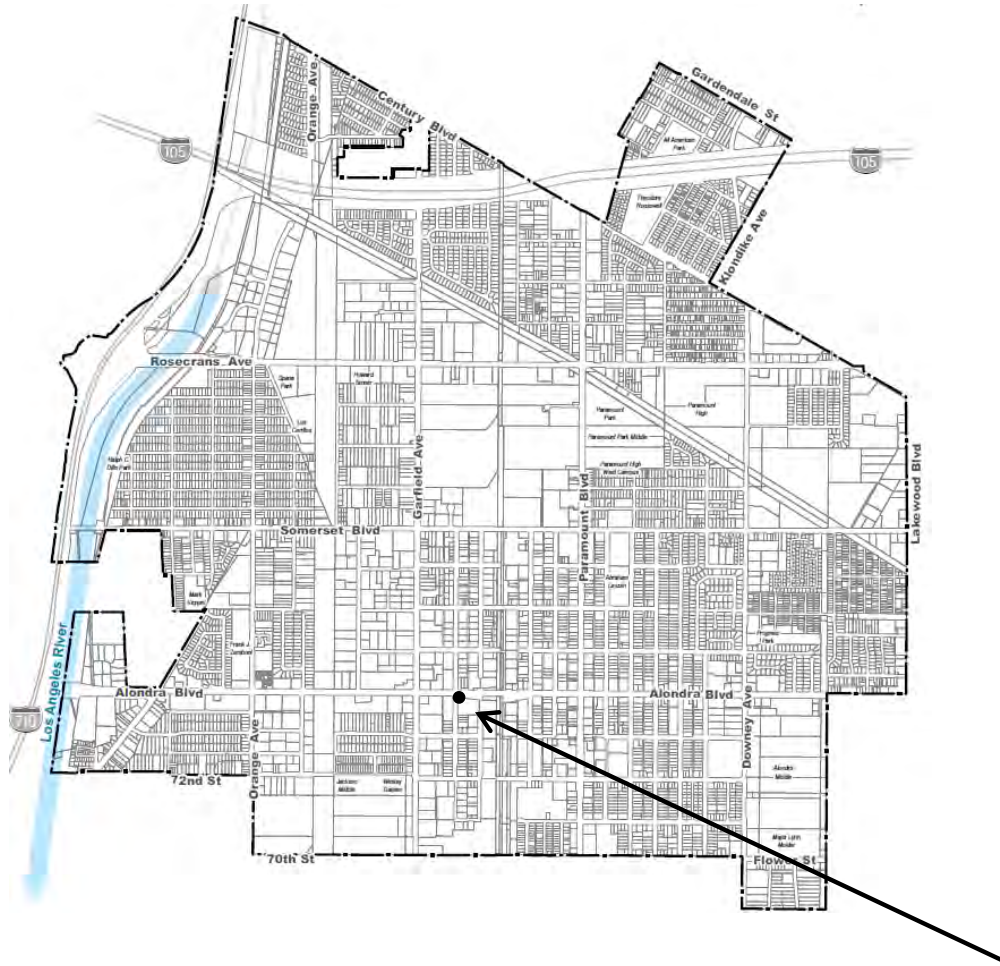
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

Conditional Use Permit No. 973



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