

RESOLUTION NO. R- 1145

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING AND  
CERTIFYING AN ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE HOTEL SIERRA IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)  
AND STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES AND MAKING  
CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE  
THERETO

The Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach does hereby find,  
determine and resolve:

A. Lodgeworks, L.P. has submitted a development application for  
the construction of a 5-story, 125-room hotel with accessory ground floor  
retail uses. The approximately 22,000 square foot development is located  
at the southeast corner of Bay Street and Cedar Avenue (the northwestern  
portion of the Pike complex).

B. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR 13-94) for the original  
Queensway Bay Master Plan commercial entertainment project was  
certified by the Long Beach Planning Commission on December 19, 1994  
and is incorporated herein by reference.

C. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND 5-98) was prepared for  
a reduced Queensway Bay project that decreased the lodging component  
from three hotels totaling 950 rooms to one 275 room hotel. The Mitigated  
Negative Declaration was certified by the Long Beach Planning

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1 Commission on April 2, 1998, and is incorporated herein by reference.

2 D. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR 14-04,  
3 State Clearinghouse No. 200411127) was prepared for a 140 room hotel  
4 (then known as the Sierra Suites Hotel) for the commercial entertainment  
5 project now known as the Pike at Rainbow Harbor (Pike). This  
6 Supplemental EIR was certified by the Long Beach City Council on  
7 December 13, 2005, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

8 E. The above referenced hotel is currently under construction  
9 and expected to begin operations in Summer 2009. At present, this is the  
10 only existing hotel land use in the entire Pike project site.

11 F. An Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR 13-  
12 94) was completed on May 19, 2009.

13 G. Pursuant to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, and  
14 based on the evidence and oral and written testimony presented at all  
15 previous public hearings, and based on all the information contained in the  
16 Planning Department's files (incorporated herein by reference) on the  
17 Project, including the EIR for the Project (EIR 13-94), the Supplemental EIR  
18 (EIR 14-04) and the Addendum to the EIR for the Project and including, but  
19 not limited to, the June 4, 2009 Planning Commission staff report, the  
20 Planning Commission finds that:

- 21 1. The EIR Addendum has been completed in compliance  
22 with CEQA;
- 23 2. The EIR Addendum reflects the lead agency's  
24 independent judgment and analysis;
- 25 3. None of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines  
26 Section 15162, which call for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have  
27 occurred;
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4. The EIR Addendum is appropriate since only minor changes to the project description are necessary, the total number of hotel rooms in the Pike area will not exceed 265, which is less than the total number of rooms studied and approved in Mitigated Negative Declaration ND 5-98, and none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. The Planning Commission finds that the project revisions described in the EIR Addendum do not involve any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects, and the mitigation measures previously adopted remain in effect.

Section 2. Decision.

The Planning Commission hereby adopts the attached EIR Addendum for the Project, which Addendum is incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

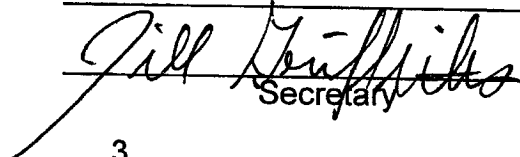
by the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 5, 2009, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Phillip Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair,  
Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik, Alan Fox

Noes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Commissioners: Leslie Gentile

  
Secretary