



CITY OF LONG BEACH

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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October 18, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt revised findings to deny a Conditional Use Permit for a coin-operated laundromat at 1195 E. 15th Street (Case No. 0503-09). (District 6)

DISCUSSION

On October 4, 2005, the City Council conducted a public hearing on an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a laundromat use at 1195 E. 15th Street. After considering testimony from persons in opposition to the approval, the City Council voted 7-1 to overturn the Planning Commission's decision and grant the appeal, thereby denying the proposed Conditional Use Permit.

As a part of the motion, the City Council directed staff to return with revised findings supporting the action to deny the Conditional Use Permit. Staff has prepared revised findings (see attachment) that determine that the approval will cause a detrimental impact to the surrounding community including public health, safety and the general welfare, and the quality of life. This position is supported by the oral and written testimony provided that relates to the over-abundance of laundromat facilities in this area, which meet the service needs of the community for this type of use. Additionally, it was reported that the use would increase noise levels in the vicinity and increase traffic activity. Based on the public testimony provided, it has been shown that the Conditional Use Permit for a laundromat use is not in the best interest of the community and would impose a detrimental impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

In accordance with the Guideline for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Categorical Exemption (CE 05-42) has been prepared for this project.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais reviewed this Council letter on October 6, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Revised Findings