Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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UPDATE TO BOARD MOTION TO PREPARE A MILLS ACT ORDINANCE AND TO STUDY AND DEVELOP A HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (SEPTEMBER 18, 2012, ITEM NO. 14)

On September 18, 2012, your Board adopted a motion directing the Director of Regional Planning and County Counsel, in consultation with the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission (Landmarks Commission) and the Regional Planning Commission (RPC), to prepare amendments to the Los Angeles County Code to implement the Mills Act, and to study and develop a recommendation for a historic preservation ordinance.

Staff has consulted with both commissions to prepare a draft Mills Act Ordinance. On December 14, 2012, staff presented the draft ordinance to the Landmarks Commission, which unanimously passed a motion of support. The RPC is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on March 27, 2013, to consider the Mills Act Ordinance amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning).

Additionally, staff continues to evaluate policy options for a historic preservation ordinance. Due to the complexity of such an ordinance, and expected stakeholder interest, an eight to ten month process is anticipated before submitting a recommendation to your Board. As this project moves forward, staff will continue to keep your Board informed.

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STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

9:30 AM

14. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas: Instruct the Director of Planning and County Counsel, in consultation with the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission, to prepare amendments to the County Code to implement the Mills Act, which will provide a significant and fundamental economic incentive for property owners of historic resources to participate in the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation and maintenance of their property; and

1. Establish policies or procedures for a Mills Act Program in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that includes the following elements:

    a. Identification and establishment of criteria for eligible properties;
    b. Draft Mills Act contract;
    c. Authorization protocol to enter into Mills Act contracts; and
    d. Recommended limitation on the number of contracts to be considered annually by the Board;

2. Study and develop á recommendation for the development of a historic preservation ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County, including the following elements:

    a. Protocol for the preparation of community surveys to identify potential cultural and historic landmarks and districts;
    b. Nominating procedures and criteria to designate local cultural and historic landmarks and districts; and
    c. Review procedures to authorize improvements or modifications to buildings/sites designated as cultural and historic landmarks or to buildings/sites located in historic districts.

3. Report back to the Board within 90 days at a future meeting for the final adoption of the Mills Act Program and historic preservation