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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 17-170

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) NO. 74792 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY FOR LAND DEDICATION OR IN-LIEU PARK FEE PAYMENT

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Approved  \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommend that the Advisory Agency require Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT)-74792 (Project) to dedicate land to the City in order to fulfill the Project's requirements under provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33; and,
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks to provide a report to the Advisory Agency informing them of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) recommendation.

### SUMMARY

Ordinance 184,505 (Parks Dedication and Fee Update Ordinance) became effective on January 11, 2017. Ordinance 184,505 requires most residential projects that create new dwelling units or joint living and work quarters to dedicate land or to pay a fee in-lieu (Park Fee) for the purpose of developing park and recreational facilities. Residential projects that propose one or more additional dwelling units are subject to these requirements unless they meet one of the exceptions listed in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 C.3 (e.g. certain affordable housing units and secondary dwelling units may be exempt from any requirement to pay a fee).

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 17.04 (Subdivision Committee), the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) shall submit a report to the Advisory Agency for each application for subdivision map approval, and that report "shall contain recommendations, approved by the Board, specifying the land to be dedicated, the payment of fees in-lieu thereof, or a combination of both ... "

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project is located at 913 South Figueroa Street and 818-822 James M. Wood Boulevard in the South Park community of the City. The Project is a 66-story mixed-use building comprised of 220 hotel rooms, 200 residential condominiums, 94,080 square feet of commercial space and 617 parking spaces. The Project site is currently a parking lot. The Project site is approximately 1.96 acres.

Conceptual renderings of Project are attached (Attachment 1).

RAP staff held an Early Consultation meeting with the applicant on April 20, 2017 to discuss the requirements of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33, including options for park land dedications, satisfaction of Park Fees, and recreational credits.

The Advisory Agency has sent RAP a notification requesting RAP provide its report and recommendations on the Project by August 23, 2017. If no written report is provided to the Advisory Agency by that date, the Advisory Agency will assume that RAP has no report to make.

### REQUIRED LAND DEDICATION / IN-LIEU FEE PAYMENT

#### Land Dedication

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 D, residential Subdivision projects with more than fifty (50) residential dwelling units may be required by the City to dedicate land to the City for park and recreation purposes. The amount of land to be dedicated is calculated based on the formula detailed in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 D.2:

- **LD = (DU x P) x F**
  - LD = Land to be dedicated in acres.
  - DU = Total number of new market-rate dwelling units.
  - P = Average number of people per occupied dwelling unit as determined by the most recent version of the U.S. Census for the City of Los Angeles.
    - **P = 1.92**
  - F = Park Service factor, as indicated by the Department of Recreation and Parks rate and fee schedule.
    - **F = 0.00192 (1.92 acres of park land per 1,000 residents)**

The maximum required land dedication for the Project's proposed 200 units would be:

$$1.10 \text{ Acres} = (200 \times 2.88) \times 0.00192$$

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The land dedication estimate is subject to change based on the number of exempt Affordable Housing Units included as part of the Project. Since the project has zero proposed affordable units in the Project qualify for an exemption per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 G, the maximum required land dedication for the Project would be:

$$1.10 \text{ Acres} = (200 \times 2.88) \times 0.00192$$

Per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 D.3, land dedications may be made on-site or off-site of the project location. Any off-site land dedication shall be located within a certain radius of the project site, as specified below:

- a) Neighborhood Park: within a 2-mile radius
- b) Community Park: within a 5-mile radius
- c) Regional Park: within a 10-mile radius

Should the Advisory Agency require the Project to dedicate land to the City, RAP staff will prepare a subsequent report for the proposed land dedication. The Board may accept or decline the proposed land dedication.

In-Lieu Fee Payment

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33, the Park Fee amount is determined by the type of residential development project (Subdivision or Non-Subdivision). RAP shall collect these fees pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 19.17 and the Park Fees Section of the Department of Recreation and Parks' Rate and Fee Schedule. As of July 1, 2017, Residential Subdivision projects that are subject to the Subdivision fee shall pay:

- **\$8,382.42 x number of new non-exempt dwelling units**

The maximum required Park Fees payment for the Project for the total proposed 200 would be:

$$\mathbf{\$1,676,484.00} = \$8,382.42 \times 200 \text{ dwelling units}$$

The in-lieu fee estimate is subject to change depending on the Park Fee schedule in effect in the year of payment; the number of exempt Affordable Housing Units included as part of the Project; any Dwelling Unit Construction Tax previously paid by the Project; and, any credits granted by RAP to the Project for eligible privately owned recreational facilities and amenities.

Since the Project has zero proposed affordable units in the Project that would qualify for an exemption per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 G, the maximum required Park Fee payment for the Project would be:

$$\mathbf{\$1,676,484.00} = \$8,382.42 \times 200 \text{ dwelling units}$$

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### STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

Approximately fifty-four percent (54%) of residents in the City of Los Angeles live within a one-half (1/2) mile, or a ten (10) minute walk, from a public park or open space. The Mayor's Office of Sustainability pLAn sets a goal of increasing the percentage of Angelinos living within a one-half mile from a park to sixty-five percent (65%) by 2025 and to seventy-five percent (75%) by 2035. RAP has employed strategies, such as the 50 Parks Initiative, that are intended to increase park access and meet these park access goals.

Requiring a land dedication for a public park as a condition of approval of a subdivision pursuant to LAMC 12.33 is one mechanism by which RAP acquires land. The payment of in-lieu fees also facilitates land acquisition, and those fees may also be used to improve the RAP controlled properties via capital improvement projects. RAP staff analyzes each proposed development project including its location, new population, surrounding parks, service radius gaps, etc., in order for staff to determine which mechanism, land dedication or in-lieu fees, to recommend for the Board's review and approval.

The Project is located within the South Park neighborhood of the City. Currently, a parking lot is located at the Project site. The 110 freeway is to the north of the Project site. Located to the south and west of the Project site is the Hotel Figueroa, Staples Center, and the Los Angeles Convention Center. There is a mix of residential and commercial buildings on the east side of the Project site.

There is one (1) park within a half-mile (1/2) mile walking distance from the Project site. The nearest public park to the Project site is the Grand Hope Park, located at 919 South Grand Avenue. Grand Hope Park provides a small open lawn area, outdoor fitness equipment and a children's play area. Grand Hope Park is owned by RAP but operated by Grand Hope Park, Inc. A map showing the Project location and nearby public parks is attached hereto (Attachment 2).

If a new public park was provided at the Project location the park would serve the new residents of the Project as well as approximately Three Hundred Twenty-Four (324) new residents within a half-mile (1/2) radius walking distance from the Project Site (Attachment 3).

Given the above, RAP staff recommends that the appropriate mitigation measure for this Project is the dedication of land to the City.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Fiscal Impact is unknown at this time.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Conceptual Project Renderings
- 2) Project Location and Surrounding Parks
- 3) EPADSS Report



Figure A-4  
Conceptual Rendering



**Figure A-5**  
Conceptual Rendering



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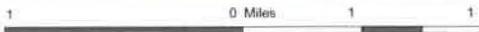
VTT-74792 - Project Site & Surrounding Park



**LEGEND**

- City Council Districts
- Existing Parks
- Non-RAP
- RAP
- City Limits
- All Neighborhood Service Area

**NOTES**



SCALE 1: 36,112

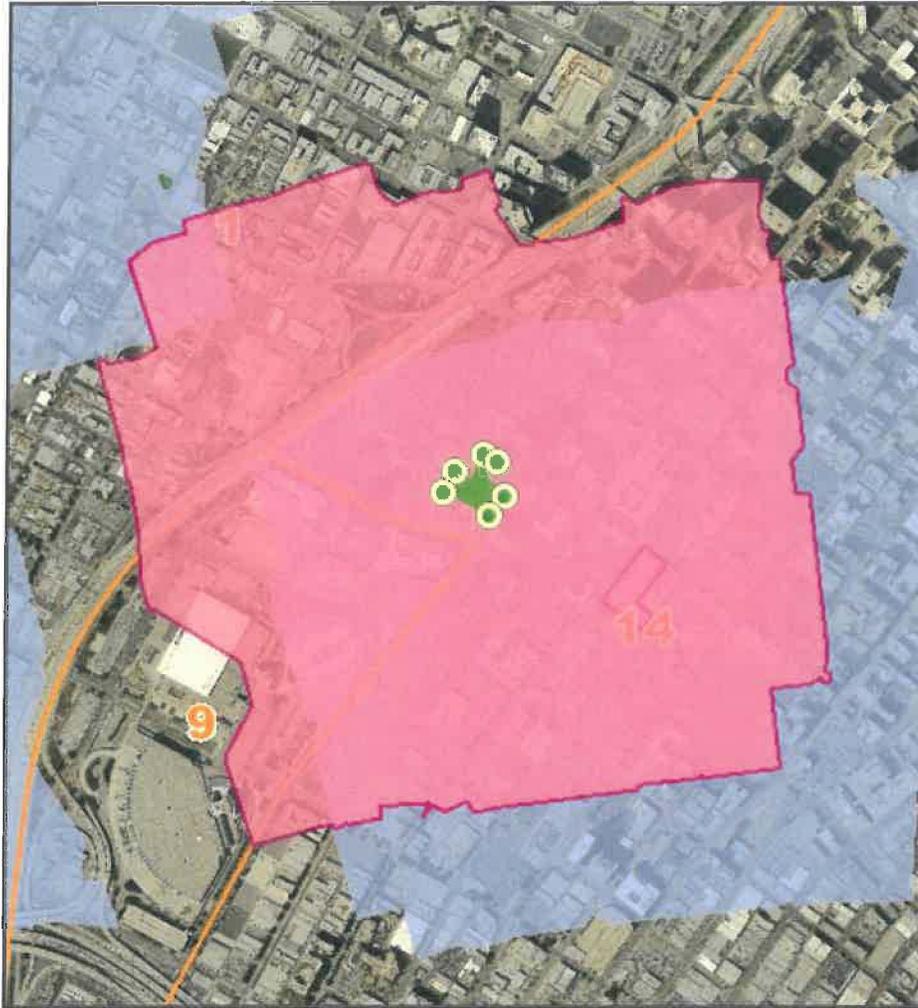
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# Park Analysis Report



## Scenario Information

Scenario Name:  
VTT-74792 - 913 S. Figueroa St

Description:  
The Project is a 66-story mixed-use building comprised of 220 hotel rooms, 200 residential condominiums, 94,080 square feet of commercial space and 617 parking spaces.

Scenario Type:  
New Park

Park Class:  
Improved

Baseline Dataset\*:  
All Parks (RAP and Non-RAP)

\*The baseline dataset is the existing parks dataset whose service areas are used to calculate the currently non-served metrics given below in blue. These residents and households, which would be served by the proposed park, are not currently served by any existing park in the baseline dataset.

## Population and Age Breakdown

	Total Residents Served:	Currently Non-Served Residents Served:
Residents Served:	9,202	324

### Residents Served by Age

Under Age 5:	388	9
Age 5 to 9:	342	9
Age 10 to 14:	356	10
Age 15 to 17:	236	5
Age 18 to 64:	7,362	271
Age 65 and Over:	518	20

## Household and Income Breakdown

	Total Households Served:	Currently Non-Served Households Served:
Households Served:	4,657	176

### Households Served by Annual Income

Under \$25,000:	1,971	114
\$25,000 to \$34,999:	333	4
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	560	25
\$50,000 to \$74,999:	412	11
\$75,000 and Over:	1,381	22

Source: Census/ACS 2010