



REPORT TO DESIGN COMMISSION City of Sacramento

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To: Members of the Design Commission

Subject: Recommendation of Design Commission that the City Council adopt the Sacramento Central City Urban Design Guidelines Sections 1-3 (M05-084)

Location/Council District: Central City (Districts 1, 3 and 4)

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Recommendation: Staff requests the Design Commission recommend to the City Council that they adopt the Sacramento Central City Urban Design Guidelines, Sections 1-3.

Summary: The design guidelines applicable to the Central Core Design Review District are set out in the Central City Urban Design Guidelines, Section 3. Staff has provided the Design Commission with a final draft copy of the guidelines Sections 1-3 for their review prior to the hearing (Attachment 1 under separate cover). Section 3 of these guidelines refers specifically to the Central Core Design Review District as previously considered by this Commission.

Environmental Considerations: Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, administrative activities do not constitute a project and are therefore exempt from environmental review. Adoption of the Central Core Urban Design Guidelines is considered exempt under CEQA Section 15061(b) (3), because the Design Guidelines do not change existing development standards in the CBD zone or the Central City.

Policy Considerations: The Central City Urban Design Guidelines are being considered in conjunction with General Plan Update and is consistent with the City Strategic Plan, three-year goal, to achieve sustainability and livability in the City of Sacramento.

Sustainability Considerations: The Central City Urban Design Guidelines are consistent with the City Sustainability Master Plan Goals as they relate to the Council initiative to develop a safe, livable, and vibrant Central City that promotes responsible

use of energy resources by encouraging energy-efficient construction and by reducing energy consumption through responsible design of the built environment.

Staff Recommendations to Commission:


Staff requests the Design Commission make a recommendation to the City Council, pursuant to section 17.132.160 of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (the Zoning Code), to adopt the Sacramento Central City Urban Design Guidelines Sections 1-3 to be applicable to the Central Core Design Review District.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Approved by:



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Attachments:

Attachment 1 Copy of Sacramento Central City Urban Design Guidelines provided under separate cover to the Design Commission
The guidelines can be viewed online at
<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/urban-design/central-city-urban-design-guidelines/>.