

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
4 CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING
5 THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFY AN ENVIRONMENTAL
6 IMPACT REPORT (EA-EIR-2020-045), ADOPT
7 ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, ADOPT A STATEMENT OF
8 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ADOPT A
9 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
11 QUALITY ACT FOR THE INGLEWOOD BASKETBALL AND
12 ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

13 (EA-EIR-2020-045)
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15 SECTION 1.

16 WHEREAS, Murphy's Bowl, LLC (Project Sponsor) seeks the development
17 of the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC) that includes an
18 arena calculated to promote the enjoyment and recreation of the public by
19 providing access to the City's residents in the form of spectator sports, specifically
20 basketball, with up to 18,000 fixed seats to host National Basketball Association
21 games, and with up to 500 additional temporary seats for other events such as
22 family shows, concerts, corporate and community events, and other sporting
23 events; an up to 85,000-square foot team practice and athletic training facility; up
24 to 71,000 square feet of LA Clippers office space; an up to 25,000-square foot sports
25 medicine clinic; up to 63,000 square feet of ancillary and related arena uses
26 including retail and dining; an outdoor plaza adjacent to the arena; parking
27 facilities; relocation of a City of Inglewood groundwater well; a limited-service
28 hotel; and various circulation, infrastructure, and other ancillary uses (the
Project). The area of the IBEC Project is shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources
Code section 21000, et seq. (CEQA) requires preparation of an Environmental

1 Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the Project
2 prior to approval of the Project; and

3 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2018, the City circulated a Notice of
4 Preparation (NOP) that described the proposed project and potential
5 environmental impacts. The NOP was published and was distributed to local,
6 regional, and State agencies. The NOP stated that the City would prepare an EIR
7 to evaluate the potentially significant impacts of the proposed Project within an
8 area mapped in Exhibit A and as further described in Exhibit B; and,

9 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the City held a Public Scoping Meeting and
10 public comment was taken on the Project and potential environmental impacts of
11 the Project; and

12 WHEREAS, the City prepared a Draft EIR to assess the environmental
13 impacts of the Project taking into account the comments received by the City on
14 the NOP and at the Public Scoping Meeting; and,

15 WHEREAS, the City filed and distributed a Notice of Completion and
16 Availability for the Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2018021056) on December
17 27, 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was circulated for public review and to the
19 appropriate agencies and interested parties from December 27, 2019 to March 24,
20 2020; and,

21 WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA, the City prepared a Final EIR (June 2020),
22 which included responses to comments received on the Draft EIR and edits to the
23 Draft EIR. The Final EIR consists of the Introduction, Response to Comments,
24 Revisions to the Draft EIR, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
25 (MMRP); and

26 WHEREAS, the Final EIR does not include significant new information
27 requiring recirculation of the Draft EIR; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Draft EIR and Final EIR are incorporated herein by
2 reference and together constitute the EIR for the Project; and

3 WHEREAS, the EIR was set for a duly-noticed public hearing before the
4 Planning Commission in the City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, of the
5 Inglewood City Hall, on the 17th day of June, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and

6 WHEREAS, the EIR was transmitted to the Planning Commission prior to
7 the hearing; and

8 WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted the
9 hearing at the time and place stated above and afforded all persons interested in
10 the matter of the EIR, or in any matter or subject related thereto, an opportunity
11 to be heard by the Planning Commission and to submit testimony or evidence in
12 favor of or against the EIR and Project; and

13 WHEREAS, after taking public testimony and fully considering all the
14 issues, the Planning Commission determined that EIR should be recommended
15 for certification to the City Council as set forth herein; and

16 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission determined that the Findings and
17 Statement of Overriding Considerations (CEQA Findings) and the MMRP should
18 be recommended for adoption to the City Council.

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Inglewood Planning
21 Commission, based on the entirety of the materials before the Planning
22 Commission, including without limitation, agenda reports to the Planning
23 Commission, the EIR and all appendices thereto; including the CEQA findings
24 and MMRP, all plans, drawings, and other materials submitted by the Project
25 Sponsor; minutes, reports, and public testimony and evidence submitted as part
26 of the City Council's duly-noticed meetings regarding the IBEC Project; the record
27 of proceedings prepared in connection with AB 987 pursuant to Public Resources
28 Code section 21168.6.6; and all other information contained in the Record, which

1 it has carefully reviewed and considered, the Planning Commission finds as
2 follows:

3 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and made part of this
4 Resolution.

5 2. That all procedural requirements for the Planning Commission to
6 recommend to the City Council certification of the EIR have been followed.

7 3. That the EIR, as prepared for the Project, complies with CEQA and
8 the State and local environmental guidelines and regulations.

9 4. That the Planning Commission has independently reviewed and
10 considered the information contained in the EIR, including the written comments
11 received during the EIR review period and the oral and written comments received
12 at the public hearings, prior to making its recommendation.

13 5. That the EIR reflects the City's independent judgement and analysis
14 on the potential environmental impacts of the Project. The EIR adequately
15 discloses information to the decisionmakers and the public related to the
16 environmental impacts of the Project.

17 6. That the EIR adequately describes the Project, its environmental
18 impacts, mitigation measures and a reasonable range of alternatives to the
19 Project.

20 7. That the public review period provided all interested jurisdictions,
21 agencies, organizations, and individuals the opportunity to submit comments
22 regarding the Draft EIR.

23 8. That the mitigation measures which have been identified for the
24 Project were identified in the EIR. The final mitigation measures are described in
25 the MMRP. Each of the mitigation measures identified in the MMRP, and
26 contained in the EIR is incorporated into the Project. The impacts of the Project
27 have been mitigated to the maximum extent feasible by the mitigation measures
28 identified in the MMRP and contained in the EIR.

1 9. That the responses to comments in the EIR are adequate and
2 complete.

3 10. That the Final EIR contains additions, clarifications, modifications
4 and other information in its responses to comments on the Draft EIR and also
5 incorporates minor revisions to the Draft EIR based on information obtained since
6 the Draft EIR was issued.

7 11. That the EIR identifies certain significant environmental impacts of
8 the proposed project, many of which can be reduced to a level of less than
9 significant based on feasible mitigation measures identified in the EIR and the
10 findings in Exhibit A. However, certain impacts of the proposed project remain
11 significant and unavoidable even after the adoption of all feasible mitigation
12 measures.

13 12. That the MMRP identifies the significant impacts of the proposed
14 project, corresponding mitigation measures, and designates the City department
15 responsible for implementation and monitoring of the required mitigation
16 measures.

17 13. That any changes and additional information in the Final EIR are
18 not considered significant new information as that term is defined under CEQA
19 such that recirculation of the Draft EIR would be required. (See CEQA Guidelines,
20 § 15088.5.) Any changes and additional information do not indicate that any new
21 significant environmental impacts not previously evaluated in the Draft EIR
22 would result from the Project nor do they reflect a substantial increase in the
23 severity of any previously identified environmental impact. Further, no feasible
24 mitigation measures considerably different from those previously analyzed in the
25 Draft EIR have been proposed that would clearly lessen the significant
26 environmental impacts of the Project, and no feasible alternatives considerably
27 different from those analyzed in the Draft EIR have been proposed that would
28 clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the Project. Accordingly,

1 the Planning Commission hereby finds and determines that recirculation of the
2 EIR for further public review and comment is not required under CEQA.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the foregoing recitations
5 and findings the Planning Commission of the City of Inglewood, California, hereby
6 recommends that the City Council:

- 7 a. Certify the EIR based on the facts and findings set forth in this
8 Resolution;
- 9 b. Approve and adopt the CEQA Findings including a Statement of
10 Overriding Considerations for significant and unavoidable impacts
11 attached to this Resolution as Exhibit C.
- 12 c. Approve and adopt the MMRP attached to this Resolution as Exhibit
13 D.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Planning
15 Commission is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to
16 the Project Sponsor and to the City Council as the report, with the findings and
17 recommendations of the Planning Commission pertaining to the Environmental
18 Impact Report (EA-EIR-2020-45) and to forward a certified copy of all related files,
19 data and instruments.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution for the Environmental
2 Impact Report (EA-EIR-2020-45) is passed, approved and adopted this 17th day
3 of June 2020.

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6 **Larry Springs, Chairperson**
7 **City Planning Commission**
8 **Inglewood, California**

9 **ATTEST:**

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11 **Evangeline Lane, Secretary**
12 **City Planning Commission**
13 **Inglewood, California**