

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
10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA
11 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE INGLEWOOD
12 BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

13 (EA-EIR-2020-045)

14 **SECTION 1.**

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

1 WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources
2 Code section 21000, et seq. (CEQA) requires preparation of an Environmental
3 Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the
4 Project prior to approval of the Project; and

5 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2018, the City circulated a Notice of
6 Preparation (NOP) that described the Project and potential environmental
7 impacts. The NOP was published and was distributed to local, regional, and
8 State agencies. The NOP stated that the City would prepare an EIR to evaluate
9 the potentially significant impacts of the Project; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was circulated for public review and to the
20 appropriate agencies and interested parties from December 27, 2019 to March
21 24, 2020; and

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

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

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
7 to 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,
18 attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively, should be
19 recommended for adoption to the City Council.

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Inglewood Planning
22 Commission, based on the entirety of the materials before the Planning
23 Commission, including without limitation, agenda reports to the Planning
24 Commission, the EIR and all appendices thereto and supporting information;
25 this Resolution and its attached exhibits, all plans, drawings, and other
26 materials submitted by the Project Sponsor; minutes, reports, and public
27 testimony and evidence submitted as part of the City Council's duly-noticed
28 meetings regarding the IBEC Project; the record of proceedings prepared in

1 connection with AB 987 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21168.6.8;
2 and all other information contained in the City's administrative record
3 concerning the Project (collectively, the Record), which it has carefully reviewed
4 and considered, the Planning Commission finds as follows:

5 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and made part of
6 this Resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 have been mitigated to the maximum extent feasible by the mitigation measures
2 identified in the MMRP and contained in the EIR.

3 9. That the Responses to Comments in the Draft EIR, as set forth in
4 the Final EIR, are adequate and complete.

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

9 11. That, as described in the CEQA Findings and MMRP attached as
10 Exhibit B and C, which are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth
11 herein, the EIR identifies certain significant environmental impacts of the
12 Project, many of which can be reduced to a level of less than significant based on
13 feasible mitigation measures identified in the EIR and as set forth in the CEQA
14 Findings and MMRP. However, as further described in Exhibit B, a Statement of
15 Overriding Considerations has been prepared for certain impacts of the Project
16 that remain significant and unavoidable even after the adoption of all feasible
17 mitigation measures specified in the EIR and the MMRP.

18 12. That the MMRP identifies the significant impacts of the Project,
19 corresponding mitigation measures, and designates the City department
20 responsible for implementation and monitoring of the required mitigation
21 measures.

22 13. That any changes and additional information in the Final EIR are
23 not considered significant new information as that term is defined under CEQA
24 such that recirculation of the Draft EIR would be required. (See CEQA
25 Guidelines, § 15088.5.) Any changes and additional information do not indicate
26 that any new significant environmental impacts not previously evaluated in the
27 Draft EIR would result from the Project nor do they reflect a substantial
28 increase in the severity of any previously identified environmental impact.

1 Further, no feasible mitigation measures considerably different from those
2 previously analyzed in the Draft EIR have been proposed that would clearly
3 lessen the significant environmental impacts of the Project, and no feasible
4 alternatives considerably different from those analyzed in the Draft EIR have
5 been proposed that would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of
6 the Project. Accordingly, the Planning Commission hereby finds and determines
7 that recirculation of the EIR for further public review and comment is not
8 required under CEQA.

9 **SECTION 3.**

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the foregoing recitations
11 and findings the Planning Commission of the City of Inglewood, California,
12 hereby recommends that the City Council:

- 13 a. Certify the EIR based on the facts and findings set forth in this
14 Resolution;
- 15 b. Approve and adopt the CEQA Findings including a Statement of
16 Overriding Considerations, for those Project impacts that remain
17 significant and unavoidable after the adoption of all feasible
18 mitigation measures specified in the EIR and the MMRP, as
19 attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B.
- 20 c. Approve and adopt the MMRP attached to this Resolution as
21 Exhibit C.

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution recommending certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EA-EIR-2020-45), adoption of CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adoption of the MMRP, is passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of June 2020.

**Larry Springs, Chairperson
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California**

ATTEST:

**Evangeline Lane, Secretary
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California**