RESOLUTION NO. 20-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EA-EIR-2020-045), ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE INGLEWOOD BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

(EA-EIR-2020-45)

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, Murphy’s Bowl, LLC (Project Sponsor) seeks the development of the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC) that includes an arena intended to promote the enjoyment and recreation of the public by providing access to the City’s residents in the form of spectator sports, specifically basketball, with up to 18,000 fixed seats to host National Basketball Association games, and with up to 500 additional temporary seats for other events such as family shows, concerts, corporate and community events, and other sporting events; an up to 85,000-square foot team practice and athletic training facility; up to 71,000 square feet of LA Clippers office space; an up to 25,000-square foot sports medicine clinic; up to 63,000 square feet of ancillary and related arena uses including retail and dining; an outdoor plaza adjacent to the arena; parking facilities; relocation of a City of Inglewood groundwater well; and various circulation, infrastructure, and other ancillary uses (the Project). The Project will also include a limited-service hotel. 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
Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the Project prior to approval of the Project; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Planning Commission considered the Final EIR and testimony and information received at the public hearing relating to the Project, including without limitation the oral and written reports from City staff, oral reports from City consultants, as well as the Final EIR. Following the hearing, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 1868 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFY AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EA-EIR-2020-045), ADOPT ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE INGLEWOOD BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, after publication of the Final EIR, the City continued to consider and refine the mitigation measures contained in the Final EIR and the MMRP, and those refinements are reflected in the Errata to the Final EIR, which is incorporated into the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, none of the refinements to the mitigation measures as set forth in the Errata to the Final EIR relaxes or substantially alters the mitigation measures set forth in the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR (including the Errata to the Final EIR) does not include significant new information requiring recirculation of the Draft EIR; and,

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR and Final EIR (including the Errata to the Final EIR) are incorporated herein by reference and together constitute the EIR for the Project; and
WHEREAS, the matter of Resolution No. 1868 was presented to the City Council on July 7, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the City Council set a public hearing for the EIR, General Plan Amendment No. GPA-2020-003, Specific Plan Amendment No. SPA-2020-001, Zone Change No. ZC-2020-001, Zoning Code Amendment No. ZCA-2020-002, Ordinance Amending the Inglewood Municipal Code, Adoption of SEC Development Guidelines, and the Development Agreement By and Between Murphy's Bowl, LLC and the City of Inglewood before the City Council in the City Council Chamber, Ninth Floor of Inglewood City Hall, on the 21st day of July 2020. Notice of the time and place of the hearing was given in compliance with legal requirements. The EIR was transmitted to the City Council prior to the hearing; and,

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the City Council conducted the hearing at the time and place stated above and afforded all persons interested in the matter of the EIR, or in any matter or subject related thereto, an opportunity to appear before the City Council and be heard and to submit testimony or evidence in favor of or against the EIR; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the EIR and testimony and information received at the public hearing related to the Project, including without limitation, the oral and written reports from City staff, oral reports from City consultants, as well as the EIR.

SECTION 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

Based on the entirety of the materials before the City Council, including without limitation, agenda reports to the City Council and Planning Commission, the EIR and all appendices thereto and supporting information; this Resolution and its attached exhibits, all plans, drawings, and other materials submitted by
the Project Sponsor; Planning Commission Resolution No. 1868, minutes, reports, and public testimony and evidence submitted as part of the Planning Commission’s and City Council’s duly-noticed meetings regarding the IBEC Project; the record of proceedings prepared in connection with AB 987 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21168.6.8; and all other information contained in the City's administrative record concerning the Project (collectively, the Record), which it has carefully reviewed and considered, the City Council finds and certifies as follows:

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

2. That all procedural requirements for the City Council to certify this EIR have been followed.

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

4. That the EIR was presented to the City Council, and that the City Council has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR, including the written comments received during the EIR public review period and the oral and written comments received at the public hearings, prior to making its decision.

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

6. That the EIR adequately describes the Project, its environmental impacts, mitigation measures and a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project.
7. That the public review period provided all interested jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, and individuals the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Draft EIR.

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

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

10. That the Final EIR (including the Errata to the Final EIR) contains additions, clarifications, modifications and other information in its responses to comments on the Draft EIR and also incorporates minor revisions to the Draft EIR based on information obtained since the Draft EIR was issued. The Planning Department staff has made every effort to notify the decision-makers and the interested public/agencies of each textual change in the various documents associated with the Project review, including making these revisions available on the Project website maintained by the lead agency. These textual refinements arose for a variety of reasons. First, it is inevitable that draft documents would contain minor errors and would require clarifications and corrections. Second, textual clarifications were necessitated in order to describe refinements suggested as part of the public participation process and further discussions with the Planning Department staff.

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

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

13. That any changes and additional information in the Final EIR (including the Errata to the Final EIR) are not considered significant new information as that term is defined under CEQA such that recirculation of the Draft EIR would be required. (See CEQA Guidelines, § 15038.5.) Any changes and additional information do not indicate that any new significant environmental impacts not previously evaluated in the Draft EIR would result from the Project nor do they reflect a substantial increase in the severity of any previously identified environmental impact. Further, no feasible mitigation measures considerably different from those previously analyzed in the Draft EIR have been proposed that would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the Project, and no feasible alternatives considerably different from those analyzed in the Draft EIR have been proposed that would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the Project. Accordingly, the City Council hereby finds and determines that recirculation of the EIR for further public review and comment is not required under CEQA.

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California, hereby:
a. Certifies the EIR based on the facts and findings set forth in this Resolution;

b. Approves and adopts the CEQA Findings including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, for those Project impacts that remain significant and unavoidable after the adoption of all feasible mitigation measures specified in the EIR and the MMRP, as attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B.

c. Approves and adopts the MMRP attached to this Resolution as Exhibit C.

SECTION 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EA·EIR·2020·45), adopting CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting the MMRP is passed, approved and adopted this 21st day of July 2020.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and to its approval by the City Council and this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

James T. Butts
Mayor

ATTEST:

Yvonne Horton
City Clerk
I, YVONNE HORTON, City Clerk of the City of Inglewood, California do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the CITY COUNCIL of said city is five; that the Foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 20-105 is the full, true and correct original of Resolution No. 20-105 of the said City of Inglewood, California entitled:

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which was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said city, and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of July, 2020 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts, Jr.; and
Noes: None.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City the 27th day of July, 2020.

(SEAL)