

1 RESOLUTION NO. 20-105

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

(EA-EIR-2020-45)

11 SECTION 1.

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

27 WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources
28 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 Project and potential environmental
5 impacts. The NOP was published and was distributed to local, regional, and State
6 agencies. The NOP stated that the City would prepare an EIR to evaluate the
7 potentially significant impacts of the Project; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, the Final EIR was transmitted to the Planning Commission
2 prior to the hearing; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 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

1 WHEREAS, the matter of Resolution No. 1868 was presented to the City
2 Council on July 7, 2020; and,

3 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the City Council set a public hearing for the
4 EIR, General Plan Amendment No. GPA-202-003, Specific Plan Amendment No.
5 SPA-2020-001, Zone Change No. ZC-2020-001, Zoning Code Amendment No. ZCA-
6 2020-002, Ordinance Amending the Inglewood Municipal Code, Adoption of SEC
7 Development Guidelines, and the Development Agreement By and Between
8 Murphy's Bowl, LLC and the City of Inglewood before the City Council in the City
9 Council Chamber, Ninth Floor of Inglewood City Hall, on the 21st day of July 2020.
10 Notice of the time and place of the hearing was given in compliance with legal
11 requirements. The EIR was transmitted to the City Council prior to the hearing;
12 and,

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

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

22 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 Based on the entirety of the materials before the City Council, including
26 without limitation, agenda reports to the City Council and Planning Commission,
27 the EIR and all appendices thereto and supporting information; this Resolution
28 and its attached exhibits, all plans, drawings, and other materials submitted by

1 the Project Sponsor; Planning Commission Resolution No. 1868, minutes, reports,
2 and public testimony and evidence submitted as part of the Planning
3 Commission's and City Council's duly-noticed meetings regarding the IBEC
4 Project; the record of proceedings prepared in connection with AB 987 pursuant
5 to Public Resources Code section 21168.6.8; and all other information contained
6 in the City's administrative record concerning the Project (collectively, the
7 Record), which it has carefully reviewed and considered, the City Council finds
8 and certifies as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

24 6. That the EIR adequately describes the Project, its environmental
25 impacts, mitigation measures and a reasonable range of alternatives to the
26 Project.

1 7. That the public review period provided all interested jurisdictions,
2 agencies, organizations, and individuals the opportunity to submit comments
3 regarding the Draft EIR.

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

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

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

25 11. That, as described in the CEQA Findings and MMRP attached as
26 Exhibits B and C, which are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth
27 herein, the EIR identifies certain significant environmental impacts of the Project,
28 many of which can be reduced to a level of less than significant based on feasible

1 mitigation measures identified in the EIR and as set forth in the CEQA Findings
2 and MMRP. However, as further described in Exhibit B, a Statement of
3 Overriding Considerations has been prepared for certain impacts of the Project
4 that remain significant and unavoidable even after the adoption of all feasible
5 mitigation measures specified in the EIR and the MMRP.

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

10 13. That any changes and additional information in the Final EIR
11 (including the Errata to the Final EIR) are not considered significant new
12 information as that term is defined under CEQA such that recirculation of the
13 Draft EIR would be required. (See CEQA Guidelines, § 15088.5.) Any changes and
14 additional information do not indicate that any new significant environmental
15 impacts not previously evaluated in the Draft EIR would result from the Project
16 nor do they reflect a substantial increase in the severity of any previously
17 identified environmental impact. Further, no feasible mitigation measures
18 considerably different from those previously analyzed in the Draft EIR have been
19 proposed that would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the
20 Project, and no feasible alternatives considerably different from those analyzed in
21 the Draft EIR have been proposed that would clearly lessen the significant
22 environmental impacts of the Project. Accordingly, the City Council hereby finds
23 and determines that recirculation of the EIR for further public review and
24 comment is not required under CEQA.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the foregoing recitations
27 and findings the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California, hereby:

- 1 a. Certifies the EIR based on the facts and findings set forth in this
2 Resolution;
- 3 b. Approves and adopts the CEQA Findings including a Statement of
4 Overriding Considerations, for those Project impacts that remain
5 significant and unavoidable after the adoption of all feasible
6 mitigation measures specified in the EIR and the MMRP, as attached
7 to this Resolution as Exhibit B.
- 8 c. Approves and adopts the MMRP attached to this Resolution as
9 Exhibit C.

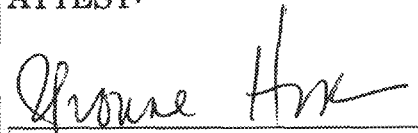
10 **SECTION 4.**

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

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

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James T. Butts
Mayor

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23 **ATTEST:**

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26 Yvonne Horton
27 City Clerk
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS.
CITY OF INGLEWOOD)

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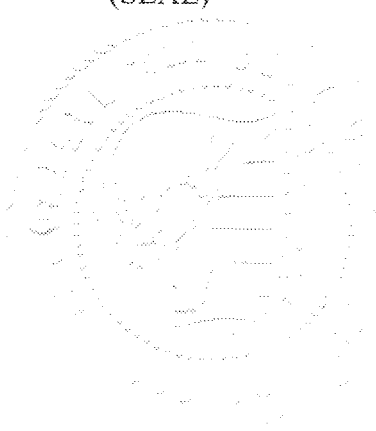
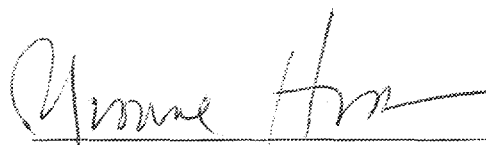
which was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said city, and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of July, 2020 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

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)

City Clerk of the City of Inglewood