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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Date: 03/13/2019

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Council File Number: 16-1433-S1

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Northwest San Pedro C supports CF 16-1433-S1 and requests that it be amended. The current policy regarding the use of warehouses for special events has resulted in a significant loss of revenue for the Harbor Area and the City of Los Angeles, and is disruptive to the goals of improving access to the waterfront, including more multi-day events for local residents and visitors from other areas of the City and from a much wider area. While we are concerned about safety, the unique conditions of the "Ghost Ship" do not exist in the warehouses of the Port of LA. Due to the significant loss of revenue and loss of opportunities for great events, the motion should be amended to request that the departments create a checklist that can be used to determine safety compliance with a clear process for issuing temporary event permits for warehouses and that they be requested to report back with such a checklist in 45 days. Further, the motion should request that the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of LA property be transferred to the Harbor Department.



RESOLUTION RE USE OF WAREHOUSE SPACE

Whereas there is a shortage of special event space in the Harbor Area; and

Whereas some of the warehouses in the Port of Los Angeles have been traditionally used for special events; and

Whereas the “Ghost Shop” fire raised concerns about the safety of warehouses; and

Whereas the unique conditions that led to the Ghost Ship disaster do not exist in the Port of Los Angeles; and

Whereas the current policy regarding the use of warehouses for special events has resulted in a loss of revenue for the City of Los Angeles and in the loss of opportunities to participate in events, including the recent loss of the opportunity to host over 60 high tech companies; and

Whereas once lost, these events may never return to the Harbor; and

Whereas the current situation is disruptive to the goals of improving access to the waterfront, including more multi-day events for local residents and visitors from other areas of the City and from a much wider area; and

Whereas there is an urgent need to rectify this situation;

NOW THEREFORE the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council:

1. Supports CF 16-1433-SI and requests that it be amended to do the following:
 - a. Direct the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department to create a clear process for issuing temporary event permits for warehouses along with a simple checklist that can be used to determine safety compliance and to report back with such a checklist and process in 45 days;
 - b. Return the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of LA property to the Harbor Department.
2. Requests that the Mayor direct the Departments to develop a clear process and checklist within 45 days that can be used to determine safety compliance for temporary special event permits in warehouses and direct that the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of Los Angeles property be transferred to the Harbor Department.