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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

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Honorable Members in Session:

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ROOM 301  
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916-449-5948

**SUBJECT:** Designation of Environmental Coordinator as Authorized  
Person to Request a Thirty-Day Review Period for EIR's  
Pursuant to Section 21091 of CEQA Guidelines

**SUMMARY**

Section 21091 of the State CEQA Guidelines (effective January 1, 1990) permits a reduction of the 45 day public review period for draft EIR's to 30 days under certain conditions. This report requests that the Transportation and Community Development Committee forward this item to the City Council with a recommendation that the Council designate the Environmental Coordinator as the authorized staff person to request 30 day review periods, as appropriate, from the State Office of Planning and Research.

**BACKGROUND**

The standard public review period for draft EIR's is 45 days. Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code (effective January 1, 1990) was added to the State CEQA Guidelines to permit a reduction of the review period to 30 days under certain circumstances. Any request for a shortened review period shall only be made in writing to the State Office of Planning and Research by the decision-making body of the Lead Agency. The decision making body may designate by resolution or ordinance a person authorized to request a shortened review, but the decision making body must be notified of each request.

In general, the 30 day review period will be limited to those projects for which previous environmental documentation (such as previous EIRs or Negative Declarations) exists and has been circulated for public review within the recent past. Projects that

involve substantial public controversy will not be submitted for a 30 day review.

As an example, the Environmental Coordinator is requesting a 30 day review period for the Arden Fair Mall Fourth Anchor Tenant project (J.C. Penny). There has already been substantial public review of the Arden Fair Mall Expansion of which the Fourth Anchor Tenant is one small piece. Therefore, this project seems appropriate for a 30 day public comment period.

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

This report requests that the City Council delegate certain authority to the City Environmental Coordinator as permitted by Section 21091 of the CEQA Guidelines. The City Council must be notified of any request for shortened EIR review period made by the Environmental Coordinator.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Financial considerations do not apply to this report.

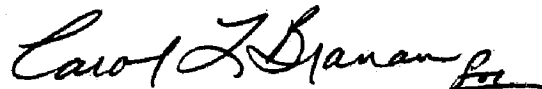
#### **MBE/WBE**

MBE/WBE efforts do not apply to this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Environmental Coordinator that the Transportation and Community Development Committee forward this item to the City Council to approve the attached Resolution designating the Environmental Coordinator as the authorized City staff person to request a shortened EIR review period from the State Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Section 21091 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,



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#### **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



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November 13, 1990  
All Districts

**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR AS THE AUTHORIZED STAFF PERSON TO REQUEST A SHORTENED REVIEW PERIOD UNDER CEQA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

As a decision making body of a Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby designates the City's Environmental Coordinator as the staff person authorized to request a 30 day EIR public comment/review period pursuant to the provisions of Section 21091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Environmental Coordinator shall notify the City Council of each request made pursuant to this delegation of authority.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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