January 29, 2019

Ms. Kate Gordon, Director
Office of Planning and Research
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
1400 10th Street
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Dear Ms. Gordon:

The Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act (Assembly Bill 900, statutes of 2011) (AB 900) authorizes the Governor to certify a leadership project for streamlining under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if the project meets certain conditions. One condition for certification is that the project does not result in any net additional emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG), including GHG emissions from employee transportation, as determined by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Laurel Heights Partners, LLC (the Applicant) submitted an original application to CARB on August 23, 2018, and clarifying documentation on October 22, 2018 and December 5, 2018, for the proposed 3333 California Street Mixed-Use Project (Proposed Project). As required by the Governor’s Guidelines for Streamlining Judicial Review under CEQA, the application includes proposed GHG quantification methodologies and supporting documentation. CARB staff conducted an evaluation of the GHG emission estimates and voluntary improvement measures submitted by the Applicant, and confirmed that the Applicant’s methodology, calculations, and documentation are adequate. Based on the documentation submitted by the Applicant, CARB has determined that the Proposed Project or Project Variant, whichever is adopted, will not result in any net additional GHG emissions for purposes of certification under AB 900 once the conditions of approval of the project described in the enclosed staff analysis document are satisfied. CARB staff’s evaluation and an Executive Order noting CARB’s determination are enclosed.
If you have any questions regarding the evaluation or determination, please contact Ms. Nicole Dolney, Chief of Transportation Planning Branch, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 322-1695, or by email at nicole.dolney@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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