

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Glendale (City), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared responses to comments to the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Glendale Hyatt Place Project in the City of Glendale.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the comments received on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the responses to these comments, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Report Program collectively comprise the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Glendale Hyatt Place Project.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Glendale Hyatt Place Project was made available for public review at the Glendale Redevelopment Agency and on the City's website. The 20-day public review period for the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration began on September 24, 2009 and ended on October 13, 2009.

One comment letter was received on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. Responses to the comment letter are provided in Section II.

In addition, pursuant to Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, Section III of this Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration includes the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Glendale Hyatt Place Project. The primary purpose of the MMRP is to ensure that the mitigation measures identified in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are implemented, thereby minimizing or eliminating identified environmental effects.

Section IV comprises the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. No changes to the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are necessary based on the comments received.