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Address associated with Property	No known address associated with the Property pursuant to Los Angeles County property and title records
Property record owner	Center Int'l Investments Inc., a California Corporation
Property owner address	846 East Garvey Avenue, #D, Monterey Park, CA 91755

Signed the ___ day of January 2024.

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK



Inez Alvarez City Manager

(NOTARIZED SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California }
County of Los Angeles }

On January 22nd, 2024 before me, Megan Cheung
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared Inez Elizabeth Alvarez
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Signature of Notary Public

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- Trustee Guardian of Conservator
- Other: _____

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EXHIBIT "A"
TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN

CERTIFIED MONTEREY CITY PARK
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R2

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECORDATION OF A NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY (APN 5254-002-031).

The City Council does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. Center Int'l Investments, Inc. ("CII") is the record owner of the real property described as Lot 1 of Tract No. 34875, in the City of Monterey Park, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 932, Pages 16-18 of maps, in the office of the county Recorder of said county, and more commonly known as Los Angeles County assessor's parcel number 5254-002-031 (the "Property"), which is located in the City of Monterey Park (the "City").
- B. Despite years of City efforts to cause CII to remediate the dangerous hillside slope conditions on the Property, CII failed to make the Property safe despite its promise to do so via settlement agreement with the City and the People of the State of California (the "Settlement Agreement") in the civil case captioned *The People of the State of California, ex rel., Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney for the City of Monterey Park v. Center Int'l Investments, Inc., et al.* that was filed December 31, 2015 (LASC Case No. BC605788).
- C. The Settlement Agreement authorizes the City, on behalf of the People, to enter the Property, without additional CII consent, to remediate the Property's nuisance conditions upon CII's failure to timely develop the Property and abate the nuisance, at CII's sole cost (Settlement Agreement § 2.A.vii, first amendment; § 2.b.5, second amendment).
- D. Pursuant to Resolution Nos. (collectively, the "Emergency Resolutions") 12255 (adopted June 16, 2021), Resolution No. 2022-R22 (adopted April 20, 2022), 2022-R34 (adopted May 18, 2022), and Resolution No. 2022-R63 (Adopted August 1, 2022), the City is exercising emergency powers to abate a public nuisance on the Property in accordance with the Settlement Agreement in the civil case referenced in paragraph B, above. This abatement is identified as the Goodviews Abatement Project ("GAP").
- E. Due to CII's ongoing failure to reimburse the City for costs incurred as a result of the GAP, as required under the Settlement Agreement, Management Services Director Martha Garcia sent correspondence dated November 21, 2023, demanding CII's payment of \$3,683,075.89 for the time period between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, establishing a

total of \$15,776,980.16 in GAP costs owed to the City by CII. A true and correct copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit "A," and incorporated by reference.

- F. Pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 4.30.150 and Government Code § 38773.1, the City may recover its nuisance abatement costs by recording a lien against a subject property.
- G. The City Council approves the recordation of a lien against the Property through the Notice of Nuisance Abatement ("Notice") attached as Exhibit "B," and incorporated by reference. After recording this lien, the liens against the Property will total \$15,776,980.16.
- H. CII agreed to waive its notice and hearing rights in § 7 of the first amendment to the Settlement Agreement

SECTION 2: Approval; Direction.

- A. The City Council approves the Notice and finds that it is true and correct.
- B. The City Council directs the City Clerk to submit the Notice with the Los Angeles County Recorder for recordation, pursuant to Government Code § 38773.1(c) and MPPC § 4.30.150(c).

SECTION 4: Severability. If any part of this Resolution or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

SECTION 5: Electronic Signatures. This Resolution may be executed with electronic signatures in accordance with Government Code § 16.5. Such electronic signatures will be treated in all respects as having the same effect as an original signature.

SECTION 6: Recordation. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2024.



Jose Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KARL H. BERGER, CITY ATTORNEY



Justin A. Tamayo, Deputy City Attorney

Attachments:

Exhibit A: November 21, 2023, Demand letter for City GAP costs
Exhibit B: Notice of Nuisance Abatement Lien

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) §
City of Monterey Park)

I, Maychelle Yee, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-R2 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members: Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members: None
Absent:	Council Members: None
Abstain:	Council Members: None
Recusal:	Council Members: None

Dated this 17th day of January, 2024.



Maychelle Yee, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California

EXHIBIT "A"
**NOVEMBER 21, 2023 DEMAND LETTER FOR
CITY GAP COSTS**

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

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City Council

Henry Lo
Hans Liang
Peter Chan
Yvonne Yiu

City Clerk

Vincent D. Chang

City Treasurer

Joseph Leon

November 21, 2023

Center Int'l Investments
501 W. Garvey Ave. #207
Monterey Park, CA 91754
Attn: Karrie On

Re: NOTICE OF ABATEMENT COSTS
Property: Lot 1 of Tract No. 34875 (APN 5254-002-031)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a follow-up to the City of Monterey Park's letters dated February 16, 2022, April 1, 2022, July 1, 2022, September 30, 2022, January 31, 2023, and July 6, 2023, regarding the nuisance abatement action affecting 1688 West Garvey Avenue, Monterey Park, CA (Lot 1 of Tract No. 34875—APN 5254-002-031) (the "Property"). The underlying public nuisance is identified in the civil case captioned *The People of the State of California, ex rel., Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney for the City of Monterey Park v. Center Int'l Investments, Inc., et al.* that was filed December 31, 2015 (LASC Case No. BC605788).

The nuisance abatement activity, identified as the "Goodviews Abatement Project" or "GAP," is being undertaken in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, as amended, executed by Center Int'l Investments, Inc. ("CII").

Per the February 16, 2022 letter, abatement costs associated with the GAP will be recovered on a quarterly basis from CII. This is the seventh Notice for the time period between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023.

Attached to this Notice are the City's abatement costs that were incurred by the City relating to the enforcement action against the Property. These abatement costs are imposed pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") Chapter 4.30. Please remit payment to the City within **30 days** from the date of this letter.

This is a demand for payment in the amount of \$3,683,075.89. This is in addition to the previously demanded \$12,093,904.27 which remains unpaid and is accruing interest at 10-percent per annum. Payment must be made not later than 30 days from the date of this letter. Failure to pay by that date will cause the City to charge interest at the statutory rate on this

GAP Invoice
November 20, 2023
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outstanding amount (along with the unpaid amount). Additionally, the City will take action to collect its abatement costs in any manner allowed by law, including collection by special assessment or nuisance abatement lien (see MPMC § 4.30.150)

Be advised that CII waived all due process rights in this matter including, without limitation, appeals rights set forth in MPMC § 4.30.140. CII, therefore, waived any right to contest the notice of abatement costs. Consequently, this interim notice of abatement costs is final and binding for the time period stated above. This is not the total cost of the GAP; the City continues to incur costs on a daily basis.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Martha Garcia
Finance Director

C: Inez Alvarez, Interim City Manager
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney
Alfred Fraijo Jr., Esq. @
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP
333 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Agent for Service of Process:
Willis Do
1648 Puente Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

**Process/
Invoice
Date**

Reference	Project#	Invoice#	CR & CK#	Amount	Payments/ Reversal	Balance
07/06/23 KCM Group	64004	12232	CK113165	(43,106.92)	(43,106.92)	(43,106.92)
07/06/23 KCM Group	64004	12263	CK113165	(23,855.61)	(23,855.61)	(66,962.53)
09/27/23 KCM Group	64004	12283	CK114333	(16,493.58)	(16,493.58)	(83,456.11)
08/23/23 Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	64004	21518084	CK113836	(1,744.48)	(1,744.48)	(85,200.59)
08/23/23 Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	64004	SC0982B	CK113836	(109,135.76)	(109,135.76)	(194,336.35)
09/20/23 Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	64004	21520619	CK114212	(17,782.76)	(17,782.76)	(212,119.11)
07/26/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3769	ACH400022	(274,473.80)	(274,473.80)	(486,592.91)
07/26/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3783	ACH400022	(905,984.15)	(905,984.15)	(1,392,577.06)
08/23/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3813	ACH400036	(745,180.00)	(745,180.00)	(2,137,757.06)
09/27/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3856	ACH400057	(216,460.00)	(216,460.00)	(2,354,217.06)
09/27/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3871	ACH400057	(563,003.15)	(563,003.15)	(2,917,220.21)
10/04/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3906	ACH400062	(619,340.56)	(619,340.56)	(3,536,560.77)
10/04/23 C.A.Rasmussen	64004	3907	ACH400062	(32,996.87)	(32,996.87)	(3,569,557.64)
10/13/23 Dev Review / Phoenix Civil Engineer	64004	22663	CK114706	(2,047.50)	(2,047.50)	(3,571,605.14)
09/13/23 Dev Review / Phoenix Civil Engineer	64004	22620	CK114520	(1,470.00)	(1,470.00)	(3,573,075.14)
07/12/23 Dev Review / Phoenix Civil Engineer	64004	22574	CK113522	(4,015.00)	(4,015.00)	(3,577,090.14)
07/10/23 City Expenses - Legal Fees	64004	304162	ACH400026	(29,267.50)	(29,267.50)	(3,606,357.64)
08/15/23 City Expenses - Legal Fees	64004	306060	ACH400044	(23,069.47)	(23,069.47)	(3,629,427.11)
09/13/23 City Expenses - Legal Fees	64004	307157	ACH400049	(40,144.44)	(40,144.44)	(3,669,571.55)
10/11/23 City Expenses - Legal Fees	64004	308728	ACH400075	(13,040.60)	(13,040.60)	(3,682,612.15)
09/30/23 Cifty Expenses - Finance				(463.74)	(463.74)	(3,683,075.89)
Balance Due				(3,683,075.89)	(3,683,075.89)	

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Inez Alvarez, City Manager

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