

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE PLAN REVIEW #21-A01, FOR THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLDENBORG CENTER LOCATED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE POMONA COLLEGE CAMPUS AND REPLACEMENT WITH A NEW LANGUAGE IMMERSION RESIDENCE HALL AND CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (LIRH/CGE). APPLICANT – POMONA COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, the proposed demolition of Oldenburg Center and replacement with a new Language Immersion Residence Hall and Center for Global Engagement (“Project”) was originally entitled through the Pomona College 2015 Campus Master Plan, which was approved on May 24, 2016, and included a full Environmental Impact report that was certified by the Claremont City Council on April 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2024, the Architectural Commission approved the site plan and architectural designs for the Project located near the center of the Pomona College Campus, north of Bonita Avenue and west of Columbia Avenue (File #21-A01), where the standard two-year approval timeframe was granted; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s design review approval of the Project will expire on February 14, 2026, unless building permits are secured or a time extension granted; and if building permits are not secured within the approved time; and

WHEREAS, construction documents have been submitted to the Building Division for plan checking, but are expected to take 1-2 months longer to gain final approval for issuance of building permits, and therefore, the design review approval will expire if an extension is not granted; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026, the applicant, as referenced above, filed a request for an extension on the project approval timeframe associated with the above-mentioned project at the above-referenced site; and

WHEREAS, Section 16.300.090.B of the Claremont Municipal Code provides that the Architectural and Preservation Commission may grant a time extension beyond the initial approval period when a finding can be made that the applicant could not avoid the delay; and

WHEREAS, this item was noticed through the regular agenda notification process. Copies were available on the City website, at the City Hall public counter, the Youth Activity Center, the Alexander Hughes Community Center and the Claremont Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the Architectural and Preservation Commission held a public hearing on February 11, 2026, at which time the proposed extension request was fully studied.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

SECTION 1. The LIRH/CGE project was fully analyzed under the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Pomona College 2015 Campus Master Plan (State Clearinghouse #2013101061), which was certified by the City Council on April 12, 2016. In addition, purely administrative activities such as short-term extensions for previously-approved and mitigated projects clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment and are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are covered by the common-sense exemption described in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

SECTION 2. The Architectural and Preservation Commission finds that the applicant could not avoid the project's time delay and hereby grants a time extension for the approved design for the architectural and site plan review #21-A01 (LIRH/GCE) to 12-months from the date of this approval. If building permits are not issued (prior to this expiration date) or a time extension has not been granted during this time frame, this approval will automatically expire without further City action. All previous conditions of approval for Architectural and Site Plan Review #21-A01, as required by the Architectural Commission on February 14, 2026, and all Mitigation Measures associated with the Final EIR for the Pomona College 2015 Campus Master Plan, remain in full force.

SECTION 3. The Architectural and Preservation Commission Chair shall sign this Resolution and the Commission's secretary shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2026.

Architectural and Preservation Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Architectural and Preservation Commission Secretary