

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CUP #7114

Project Location: 55 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA

Subject: The applicant, Western Justice Center (WJC), has submitted a Conditional Use Permit application to establish a Clubs, Lodges, Private Meeting Halls land use within an existing building (Maxwell House). In addition to its principal nonprofit work and mission, WJC proposes to use the Maxwell House as an event space for weddings, celebrations, and other private events with up to 132 events per calendar year. No physical modifications will be made to the building. The property is located within the PS-1 (Public and Semi-Public) zoning district. A Conditional Use Permit is required for the establishment of a Clubs, Lodges, Private Meeting Halls land use within the PS-1 zoning district.

Environmental Determination: This project has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities), and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances. Section 15301 exempts the operation, permitting, licensing or minor alteration of existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of use. The Western Justice Center has occupied the historic Maxwell House since 1989. No expansion or alteration of the building or site is proposed with the project. Therefore, there would be no substantial change in the significance of the Maxwell House. The events proposed would be ancillary to the existing office use and constitute a negligible expansion.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hearing Officer will hold a public hearing to consider the application.

THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED ON:

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hale Building, Permit Center Hearing Room
175 North Garfield Avenue (Enter at Ramona Street Side Entrance)

Public Information: Any interested party or their representative may appear at the meeting and comment on the project. Prior to the start of the meeting, written correspondence may be emailed to commentsHQ@cityofpasadena.net or mailed to the address below (note that this email address will not be checked once the meeting starts). If you challenge the matter in Court, you may be limited to raising those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence sent to the Hearing Officer at or prior to the public hearing. The file can be reviewed at the Permit Center, 175 North Garfield Avenue by appointment only.

For more information about the project:

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