



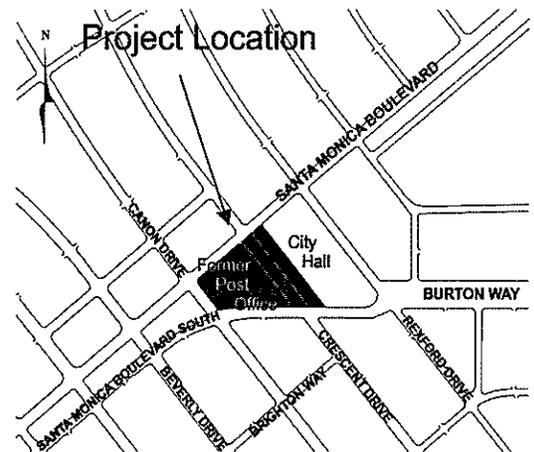
STAFF REPORT
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

**For the Planning
Commission Meeting of
July 24, 2008**

TO: The Planning Commission

FROM: Michele McGrath, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Report for a Proposed Performing Arts Center Project Including Rehabilitation and Reuse of the Former Main Post Office and Construction of a New Theater at **470 North Canon Drive (Applicant: Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts)** and **Construction of a Subterranean Public Parking Garage at 455 North Crescent Drive (Applicant: City of Beverly Hills)**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is recommending continuance of the public hearing to August 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission held its first hearing on the project on May 28, 2008. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released to the public on June 13, 2008 and the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft EIR on July 26, 2008. At that meeting Planning Commission Chair Furie appointed a subcommittee composed of the Chair and Vice Chair to meet with staff and review options for design of the proposed public parking structure. On July 2, 2008, Chair Furie and Vice Chair Reims met with staff, staff's EIR traffic consultant and the applicant's construction consultant to review all previous proposed designs for the garage, discuss pros and cons, and choose the best options for further analysis by staff and staff's consultants for discussion by the full Planning Commission. Staff is still preparing plans and analyzing the options and they will be presented to the Planning Commission on August 7, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele McGrath".

Michele McGrath
Senior Planner