



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Civic Center Project (SCH# 2015041054). The Draft SEIR supplements the Downtown Plan Program Final EIR that the City of Long Beach certified in January 2012. The Civic Center Project site is within and consistent with the Downtown Plan that was studied in the January 2012 Downtown Plan Program Final EIR.

As the Lead Agency overseeing this project's environmental review, the City of Long Beach initiated the preparation of a SEIR to determine the nature and extent of the proposed project's impact upon the environment. An SEIR also identifies ways to reduce environmental effects and analyzes reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087(a), this Notice has been prepared to advise that the City of Long Beach has completed a Draft SEIR for the proposed project listed above and described below. The Draft SEIR is available for public review.

PROJECT TITLE: Civic Center Project

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Long Beach, 333 West Ocean Boulevard 5th Floor, Long Beach, California, 90802

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located within downtown Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. The 15.87-acre project site is separated into two discontinuous parcels and generally bound by Third Street to the north, Pacific Avenue to the east, Magnolia Avenue to the west and Ocean Boulevard to the south. The northern portion of the project site is a rectangular parcel that contains a paved parking lot. It is bound by Third Street to the north, Pacific Avenue to the east and Cedar Avenue to the west. The southern boundary is adjacent to a vacant lot. The larger, southern portion of the project site is an irregular-shaped parcel bound by Magnolia Avenue and Chestnut Avenue to the west, Broadway to the north, Pacific Avenue to the east, and Ocean Boulevard to the south.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The design of the proposed Civic Center project follows the guidance of the Downtown Plan, which was adopted in January 2012. The project includes a new City Hall, a new Port Building for Harbor Department administration, a new and relocated Main Library, a redeveloped Lincoln Park, a residential development, and a commercial mixed use development. In total, the proposal includes six new buildings, three new parking garages, related infrastructure and landscaping, and two new public street extensions of Chestnut Avenue and Cedar Avenue through the project site. Both the City Hall and Port buildings would be 11 stories in height. The project also includes the demolition of the former Long Beach Courthouse building. The Long Beach Courthouse

Demolition Project was studied in a Draft EIR (SCH# 2014051003) that was circulated in October and November of 2014.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The Draft SEIR has determined that the proposed project would have potentially significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the areas of air quality, cultural resources, and noise. The project would also have potentially significant environmental impacts in the areas of aesthetics, air quality, and noise. Mitigation measures have been included in the Draft SEIR to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive written comments on the Draft SEIR is:

Beginning: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 **Ending:** Thursday, September 17, 2015

The City of Long Beach must receive all written comments relating to the Draft SEIR no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Comments should be sent to:

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STUDY SESSION: The Long Beach Planning Commission will hold a Study Session on this project and the Draft SEIR on Thursday, August 20, 2015 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Long Beach City Council Chambers in Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach. This Study Session is open to the public and the Planning Commission will consider all oral and written testimony in support and opposition at this Study Session.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft SEIR is available for public review online and at the locations listed below during regular business hours:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd, 5th Floor

If you require additional information, please contact Craig Chalfant at (562) 570-6368 or at craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov