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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY
OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations and Persons
From: The County of Los Angeles
Subject: Notice of Completion and Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report

Project Title: LACMA Building for the Permanent Collection
Project Proponent: Museum Associates dba Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Project Address: 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90036
Date of Notice: March 22, 2019

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County of Los Angeles, acting in the capacity of Lead Agency, has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Building for the Permanent Collection (the Project) proposed by Museum Associates, a private nonprofit public benefit corporation organized under California law and doing business as the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. An EIR is comprised of two parts, the Draft EIR and the Final EIR. Consistent with the requirements of Sections 15087 and 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft EIR was submitted to the State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning and Research and was circulated for public review commencing on October 26, 2017 and ending on December 15, 2017, for a 50-day review period.

The Final EIR was released on March 22, 2019, and includes responses to comments received during the public review period and text revisions to the Draft EIR and modifications to the Project related to the design of the Museum Building and overall duration of construction. Unlike the Draft EIR, comments on the Final EIR are not required to be responded to by the County. If written comments to the Final EIR are received, they will be included in the case file for the record and will be provided to the decision-maker for consideration. The EIR will be submitted to the decision-maker for requested certification and action on the Project.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: The LACMA Campus is comprised of the east campus (LACMA East), located within Hancock Park,¹ and the west campus (LACMA West) located west of Hancock Park between Fairfax Avenue and the vacated Ogden Drive. The LACMA Campus is within the Wilshire Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles (City). Museum Associates, a private nonprofit public benefit corporation organized under California law and doing business as the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, manages and operates LACMA under the authority of the County of Los Angeles. In partnership with the County of Los Angeles, Museum Associates proposes to construct the LACMA Building for the Permanent Collection (the Project), within LACMA East, over a portion of

¹ Hancock Park refers to the public park bordered by 6th Street to the north, Wilshire Boulevard to the south, Curson Avenue to the east, and the vacated Ogden Drive to the west

Wilshire Boulevard, and within the adjacent property owned by Museum Associates on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard at the southeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Spaulding Avenue (referred to as the Spaulding Lot).

The Project includes a replacement Museum Building and a new parking facility referred to as the Ogden Parking Structure. The proposed 347,500-gross-square-foot Museum Building would replace four buildings within LACMA East collectively comprising approximately 392,871 gross square feet: the Ahmanson Building, the Hammer Building, the Art of the Americas Building, and the Bing Center, which contains the LACMA Café, the Dorothy Brown Auditorium (which provides 116 seats), and the Bing Theater (which provides 600 seats), and the outdoor covered areas in the Los Angeles Times Central Court. Overall, the Museum Building would result in a decrease in the square footage of museum buildings by approximately 45,371 square feet and a reduction in the combined maximum theater size from 716 seats to approximately 300 seats.

The Museum Building is designed by architect Peter Zumthor and is proposed with seven semi-transparent structures at the ground level (referred to as Pavilions), that would support an elevated, continuous, transparent main exhibition level. The Museum Building would extend over Wilshire Boulevard to the Spaulding Lot. The design of the Museum Building would also enhance the outdoor experience for museum visitors and guests by expanding outdoor landscaped plazas, public programming and educational spaces, sculpture gardens, and native and drought tolerant vegetation that would be integrated with the Museum Building and existing uses within Hancock Park. The Ogden Parking Structure would be developed southwest of the intersection of Ogden Drive and Wilshire Boulevard on three contiguous parcels owned by Museum Associates (referred to as the Ogden Lot). The Ogden Parking Structure would replace the existing surface parking currently on the Spaulding Lot and would provide the same number of spaces currently located on the Spaulding Lot.

DOCUMENT REVIEW: If you wish to review a copy of the Final EIR, you may do so, by appointment, at: Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office/Capital Programs Division, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room 754, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To make an appointment, please contact Amir Alam at AAlam@ceo.lacounty.gov or at (213) 974-2620. The Final EIR is also available for public review online at: <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/final-environmental-impact-report/>. The Final EIR is also available on CD-ROM at the following libraries:

- 1) Los Angeles Central Library—630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- 2) Fairfax Branch Library—161 South Gardner Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036
- 3) Memorial Branch Library—4625 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90019

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