



## NOTICE OF INTENT

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### Notice of Intent to Adopt a Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration

**To:** Interested Individuals, Reviewing Agencies, County Clerk of San Mateo County

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (SMND) in compliance with Section 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code.

This notice is to advise that the **City of East Palo Alto, as the Lead Agency, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, has completed and intends to adopt a **Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (SMND)** to supplement the previously prepared *Phoenix Academy Initial Study/MND* (State Clearinghouse No. 2010062078) adopted in August 2010. The SMND for the project has been prepared because there is new information of substantial importance – and/or significant changes in the project or existing environmental conditions - that require further evaluation. The proposed changes to the approved project are identified below.

**Project Location and Current Use:** The project is located on two parcels (APN 063-341-130 and 063-341-150), at the physical address of 1039 and 1063 Garden Street, approximately mid-block between Clarke Avenue and Pulgas Avenue. The site was previously approved and constructed for a charter school serving up to 411 students from grades 6-12.

**Project Title:** KIPP Esperanza High School Project

**Project Description:** The project sponsor, KIPP Bay Area Public Schools, is proposing to operate a public charter high school (KIPP Esperanza High School) to ultimately serve up to 650 students in grades 9-12. The school is planning to open with 180 students and could expand enrollment up to 650 over a four-year period, with 16 full time employees at opening and up to 44 at full enrollment. Four additional classrooms (approximately 4,000 square feet) are proposed to be added to accommodate the additional student population.

With the project, the campus would continue to operate as a public educational facility. However, compared to the existing school campus and permitted operations, the requested CUP would result in the following changes to the existing condition and campus plan:

- Interim (Phase 1) use of the existing East Parking as an outdoor all-weather basketball court.
- Ultimate (Phase 2) construction of four new classrooms (including two restrooms and outdoor gathering space) to replace the interim basketball court use. New building area would total 4,000 square feet, or a less than 10 percent increase over existing 38,400 square feet.
- Change in total parking inventory from 68 to 52 spaces.
- Incidental changes to building colors/painting.
- Net increase of up to 239 high school students above the currently approved facility capacity.

**NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO, PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENT LOCATIONS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE OR ADVISABLE. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT DOCUMENTS BE ACCESSED AND REVIEWED ONLINE AT: <https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/planning/page/ceqa-notices>**

**Public Review and Comment:** The review period for the SMND extends from **February 5, 2021 to March 8, 2021.**

Comments on the SMND must be submitted in writing to the Planning Division and can be emailed to [aupadhyay@cityofepa.org](mailto:aupadhyay@cityofepa.org) or mailed to the address below prior to the close of the public comment period. The SMND and supporting documents are available for review on line during the circulation period at <https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/planning/page/ceqa-notices> or in print at the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division office, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto during normal office hours (if allowed by local health and safety orders related to COVID-19). Please contact the project planner for the hard copy before visiting the City office.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing on the proposed SMND has been tentatively scheduled before the **Planning Commission on March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Due to COVID-19 public safety concerns, this meeting will take place via video conference call. The link to the meeting will be provided on the City's website meeting page a few days prior to the meeting. The following link will provide access to the meeting page.

**City's Website meeting page link :** <http://eastpalalto.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Interested residents, agencies and other concerned parties are encouraged to submit comments on the SMND to:

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