



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Clerk of the Board
County of San Mateo
555 County Center Drive
Redwood City, CA 94063-1665

FROM: City of East Palo Alto
Community Development Department
Planning Division
1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code for approval of a 136-unit affordable housing apartment project.

Project Title: 965 Weeks Street Apartments, SCH# 2019119039
Contact Person: Rachel Horst, Housing Project Manager, 650-853-7252
Project Location: 965 Weeks Street, East Palo Alto, CA

Project Description: Construction and operation of a four to five-story, 136-unit affordable apartment complex and parking garage on a vacant site. The proposed project consists of the apartment complex, a 215-space parking garage, office space for property management and resident services staff, as well as community amenity spaces including a community room with kitchen, outdoor play areas, and space for an after-school program for resident children. The proposed project would provide housing for families and individuals with affordability levels between 30 percent and 60 percent of area median income. The height of the proposed apartment buildings will be approximately 54 feet tall at the tallest point, and up to 59 feet tall with mechanical equipment screens on the roof east of the parking garage. Building mass would step down to three and two stories adjacent to the Rail Spur Bike Trail. The 136 apartments would be located in a series of structures connected by interior and exterior walkways with public pedestrian/bicycle access through the site from Weeks Street to the public trail known as the Rail Spur. The proposed five-level parking garage is accessed by a driveway between the structure and abuts the western property line. Emergency vehicle access is provided on the east and west sides of the site. The project proponents are MidPen Housing Inc. and EPA Can DO and the project will be funded by a combination of state and local grants, loans or other subsidies.

This is to advise that the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto has approved the above described project on December 15, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project X will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. X A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3. Mitigation measures X were ___ were not made a condition of the approval of project.
4. A mitigation monitoring reporting plan X was ___ was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ___ was X was not adopted for the approved project.
6. Findings X were ___ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. The location and custodian of the documents which comprise the record of proceedings for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (with comments and responses) are specified as follows:
Custodian: Daniel Berumen, AICP, Senior Planner
Location: 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA

Date: 1.12.21

Signature: Rachel Horst
Title: Housing Project Manager