

**Fullerton Joint Union High School District
Fullerton (Formerly Plummer) Auditorium EIR
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, sections 15082(a), 15103, and 15375 of the California Code of Regulations

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District (District) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project identified below. The Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR in order to provide the widest exposure and opportunity for input from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations, and individuals on the scope of the environmental analysis addressing the potential environmental impacts of the Project.

PROJECT TITLE: Fullerton (formerly Plummer) Auditorium Project

AGENCIES: The District requests each agency to provide comments and suggestions relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15082(b).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with implementation of this Project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project is located at 201 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton, CA (APN 029-050-02) on the Fullerton Union High School campus.

EXISTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES: The land uses immediately surrounding the Project Area consist of Fullerton High School and Fullerton College. Parking for the Fullerton (formerly Plummer) Auditorium is located south of E. Chapman Avenue.

EXISTING LAND DESIGNATIONS: The Project Area is designated as School in the City of Fullerton General Plan Land Use Map and land uses immediately surrounding the Project Area consist of school buildings.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Fullerton (formerly Plummer) Auditorium located at the corner of E. Avenue and Lemon Street on the Fullerton High School campus (201 E. Chapman Avenue) is a historic resource (listed on the National Register of Historic Places). The approach to design, alterations, and additions, has been completed with the objective of retaining historic character and maintaining the character-defining spaces and features of the existing building and its setting. Therefore, the significance of the building has been recognized and acknowledged.

The Fullerton (formerly Plummer) Auditorium is a single-story concrete shear-wall building with a basement, and clock tower. The proposed project would rehabilitate the existing building

under the provisions of Title 24 Part 1 Section 4-306 and Secretary of the Interior's Rehabilitation Standards, which includes the following notable items:

- Strengthen the concrete columns and pilasters with steel plate and/or fiber reinforced polymer wrap.
- Strengthen the clock tower exterior walls with fiber reinforced polymer wrap.
- Construct new exterior buttresses to the west of the colonnade walkway. This includes new concrete caisson foundations.
- Infill the east stage opening with concrete shear wall.
- Reinforce the main roof concrete diaphragm perimeter with bolted steel plate.
- Construct a new concrete shear wall entry lobby to the east of the existing structure.
- Provide Accessibility to toilet rooms at basement.
- Provide Accessible toilet facilities at first level.
- Provide Accessible seating at auditorium level.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The District has prepared an Initial Study (IS) that describes the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. It determined that there are potential impacts related to aesthetics and historic resources. Based on the conclusions of the Initial Study, it has been determined that an EIR is the appropriate level of environmental documentation. The EIR will include the provision of alternatives.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The District has determined to make this NOP and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). *The District will accept written comments for the NOP and Initial Study between 8/13/2020, and 9/26/2020.*

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

Todd Butcher
Executive Director of Facilities and Construction
1051 W. Bastanchury Road
Fullerton, CA 92833

Your comments may also be sent by email to akang@fjuhsd.org and include "Fullerton Auditorium" in the subject line.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study is available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below.

- 1051 W. Bastanchury Rd, Fullerton, CA 92833
- Online at the District's website: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/46>