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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FORMER SAN JOSE CITY HALL PROJECT

Project Owner/Applicant: County of Santa Clara - Facilities and Fleet Department (FAF)
Project Title: Former San Jose City Hall Project
Assessor's Parcel Number: 259-04-023

As the Lead Agency, the County of Santa Clara has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed project described below:

The Project proposes demolition of the former San Jose City Hall building (former City Hall). The facility is a five-story, approximately 113,430-square-foot office building, at 801 North First Street in San Jose, on the northwest corner of North First Street and West Mission Street (see Figures 1 and 2, below). Demolition activities would include the following:

- Abatement of hazardous building materials;
- Site control and preparation for demolition;
- Demolition of the building and disposal of demolition debris; and
- Regrading and hydroseeding the site.

The building is currently vacant and is not in a usable condition, with ongoing maintenance and security costs borne by the County. No future use has been identified or proposed for the site following demolition of the building.

The Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2020060451) would result in potentially significant environmental impacts in relation to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources (including historical resources), noise, and tribal cultural resources, as discussed further below. All of these impacts could be mitigated to a less than significant level except for the significant effect on historical resources because the Project would result in the demolition of the former City Hall, which is a historically significant resource. This notice is required to disclose whether the project site is listed as a hazardous waste site. The project site is **not** a listed hazardous waste site.

The Draft EIR, related technical appendices, and all documents incorporated by reference in the Draft EIR are available for review online at: <https://www.sccgov.org/fch>. An electronic copy of the Draft EIR has been emailed to parties that have previously expressed an interest in the Project and is available to others upon request to Melissa Sifuentes at melissa.sifuentes@faf.sccgov.org or 408-993-4813.

A hard copy of the Draft EIR is also available for public review during normal business hours (8:00am-5:00pm) at:

County of Santa Clara, Office of the County Clerk-Recorder lobby
70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 1st Floor,
San Jose, CA 95110

Your comments regarding the significant environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR are welcome. The 45-day public review period begins on **Friday September 25, 2020** and ends at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday November 9, 2020**. Please send written comments to:

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Attention: Emily Chen
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During the public review period for the Draft EIR, the County of Santa Clara will conduct a public meeting at the following time and location:

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday October 14, 2020
Virtual meeting via Zoom, call in details available at <https://www.sccgov.org/fch>.

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received before the end of the comment period (5:00 p.m. on Monday November 9, 2020) in order for those comments to be responded to in the Final EIR. The Final EIR may not include responses to comments received after this date and time. Oral comments made at the October 14, 2020 public meeting will be responded to in the Final EIR.

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