



Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000, et sec.) that the following project may have a significant effect on the environment.

File Number	APN(s)	Date
21PLN-00108 (Architectural review application) and 21PLN-00112 (Tentative parcel map application)	Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 132-38-071, 132-32-036, and 132-32-042 and 132-32-043	12/16/2021
Project Name		Project Type
200 Portage Avenue Townhome Project		Residential
Owner	Applicant	
APNs 132-38-07, 132-32-042, and 132-32-043: SI 45 LLC 599 Castro St, Suite 400, Mountain View, CA 94041 APN 132-32-036: Stan and Evy, LLC 165 Sausal Dr., Portola Valley, CA 94028	Sobrato Organization 599 Castro Street, Suite 400 Mountain View, CA 94041	
Project Location		
<p>The "project site" includes the entire area bounded in a yellow line on Figure 1. The project site encompasses approximately 14.27 acres across several parcels. The project site includes all of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 132-38-071, 132-32-036, and 132-32-042 and APN 132-32-043 in the City of Palo Alto. The project site is roughly bounded by Park Boulevard to the north, Christopher Circle and Ash Avenue to the south, residences to the west, and commercial uses to the east. The proposed townhome project would be located on the "area of development" as indicated on Figure 1 which includes portion of the project site. The area of development encompasses approximately 4.86-acres and is generally bounded by Park Boulevard to the north, commercial development to the south, Olive Avenue and residences to the west, and Matadero Creek to the east. The area of development includes all of APNs 132-32-036, 132-38-01, and portions of 132-32-042 and 132-32-043.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, the site is on a hazardous waste list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.</p>		
Project Description		
<p>The proposed project would involve a vesting tentative map to subdivide and merge portions of four parcels into two parcels as well as for a condominium subdivision to create 91 new condominium units on one of the two resulting lots. The proposed townhome project would involve the demolition of the portion of the existing commercial building at 200 Portage and the commercial building at 3040 Park within the area of development and construction of 91 new residential units within 16 three-story buildings. The proposed residential units would be distributed throughout four building types: four-plex buildings, five-plex buildings, six-plex buildings, and seven-plex buildings. Fifty-nine units would include three bedrooms, and 32 units would include four bedrooms. The buildings would be distributed in four rows throughout the site, and new streets and drive aisles would be constructed between and surrounding the buildings.</p>		

Each residential unit would be three stories and would include a two-car garage. The building designs would feature a contemporary design, with flat roofs, large rectangular windows, wood paneling, and painted stucco.

Access to the proposed residential units and garages would be available from newly constructed drive aisles between the buildings, which would be accessed from a new driveway at Park Boulevard. The project would include a total of 182 parking spaces in garages and additional surface spaces near the southern portion of the site.

The project site contains one commercial building constructed in 1918. Known as the Bayside Canning Company (later occupied by Fry's Electronics store, Research and Development, and warehouse uses), the two-story cannery was previously recommended eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources for its association with Palo Alto's early agricultural history. Because the project involves partial demolition of an eligible historic resource, an EIR is being prepared.

Purpose of Notice

The City of Palo Alto will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed project. This Notice of Preparation is sent pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to announce the initiation of the EIR process and to solicit comments from responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties concerning the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIR. The Draft EIR will address the potential physical and environmental effects of the proposed project in accordance with the CEQA.

Comment Period:

Begins: 12/20/2021

Ends: 1/19/2022

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please focus your comments on the project's potential environmental impacts and recommendations for methods of avoiding, reducing, or otherwise mitigating those impacts. If you are a governmental agency with discretionary authority over initial or subsequent aspects of this project, describe that authority and provide comments regarding potential environmental effects that are germane to your agency's area of responsibility. We also respectfully request the name of a contact person for your agency.

Written comments should be addressed to:

Samuel Gutierrez, Planner
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Or emailed to Samuel.Gutierrez@cityofpaloalto.org

Additional information on this project may be reviewed online at <https://bit.ly/200portage>. If you need assistance, please visit the City's Development Center during the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California or please contact Samuel Gutierrez.

Responsible Agencies that received a copy of this document:

No responsible agencies have been identified for this project.

Potential Environmental Effects:

It is anticipated that the proposed project could result in potentially significant environmental effects relating to Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Transportation. These issues will be analyzed in detail in the Draft EIR.

Prepared by:

Samuel Gutierrez
Print Name


Signature

12/16/2021
Date

Figure 1 Project Location



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Fig 2 Project Location