



## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Initial Study/Notice of Preparation  
For French Hospital Expansion Project  
(City File No. EID-0742-2021)

An Initial Study (IS) was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the French Hospital Expansion Project. A Draft MND was prepared and circulated for public review and comment from March 10 to April 11, 2022 (State Clearinghouse [SCH] Number 2022030277). Several comment letters were received during the public review period.

This Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Section 15082(a) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project. In accordance with State CEQA Guidelines 15063(c)(3), this IS/NOP is intended to:

- A. Focus the EIR on the effects determined to be significant,
- B. Identify the effects determined not to be significant,
- C. Explain the reasons for determining that potentially significant effects would not be significant, and
- D. Identify whether a program EIR, tiering, or another appropriate process can be used for analysis of the project's environmental effects.

The applicant, Dignity Health Corporation, is proposing a phased expansion of the French Hospital Medical Center campus, including the construction of a two-level, 234-space parking structure with 5,800 square feet of future lab and storage space and a 2,000-square-foot helistop (Phase 1) and a four-story 89,775-square-foot patient tower, an 1,800-square-foot generator yard, and various related site improvements. The proposed patient tower would include, but not be limited to, 82 patient rooms, dining and kitchen facilities, staff break rooms, waiting rooms, and medical imaging rooms. The project would result in an increase of approximately 45 additional employees on-site distributed between two 12-hour shifts. The project includes the reconfiguration of surface parking, addition of bicycle parking spaces, realignment of an existing bicycle path and associated open space easement, on- and off-site tree removal and trimming, landscaping, and exterior lighting. The project also includes the merging of APN 003-568-004 (Parcel 2), APN 003-578-026 (Parcel 3), and a portion of APN 003-578-063 (Parcel 6) to form one 14-acre parcel. The proposed 14-acre parcel would constitute the project site. Project construction would result in approximately 3,260 cubic yards of cut/export material and would require approximately 2,370 cubic yards of imported material. All proposed earthwork would be balanced on-site to the extent feasible. Project construction is anticipated to last approximately 3 years. The project also includes a request for the conditional use permit and variance to have a three-year permit term, with the opportunity for three separate 1-year extensions thereafter.

Reference copies of the IS/NOP are available on the City's website at <http://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/documents-online/environmental-review-documents>. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Rachel Cohen at [rcohen@slocity.org](mailto:rcohen@slocity.org) or (805) 781-7574 to arrange for an alternative means to view the IS/NOP.