



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project: Proposition 51 Mare Island Technology Academy Renovation
Lead Agency: Vallejo City Unified School District
Review Period: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 to Thursday, January 12, 2023 (30 days)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vallejo City Unified School District has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Proposition 51 Mare Island Technology Academy Renovation to address the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the project. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the Vallejo City Unified School District is the lead agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The Vallejo City Unified School District invites you to comment on the IS/MND. The IS/MND will be available for a 30-day public review from **Tuesday, December 13, 2022 to Thursday, January 12, 2023**. We ask that any person wishing to comment on the IS/MND provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 p.m., **Thursday, January 12, 2023**.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following locations:

Vallejo City Unified School District
 District Office
 655 Walnut Avenue
 Vallejo, CA 94592

Griffin Technology Academy
 Front Desk
 2 Positive Place
 Vallejo, CA 94589

The document can also be accessed online at <https://www.vcusd.org/page/692>

You may send comments by email or mail to the addresses below:

Vallejo City Unified School District
 Mitchell Romao, Assistant Superintendent, Operations
 655 Walnut Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94592
 mromao@vcusd.org

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 2 Positive Place on the existing Mare Island Technology Academy (MITA) campus within the northern portion of City of Vallejo in Solano County. The MITA campus is bound by Corcoran Avenue to the north, Rainier Avenue to the east, Mini Drive to the west and Olympic Avenue and the District property occupied by ELITE Public Schools to the south. The campus is split into two sections by Positive Place, a private drive. See Figures 1, *Regional Location*, and 2, *Aerial Photograph*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mare Island Technology Academy, a charter school for middle school students, and MIT Academy, a charter school for high school students, are authorized by the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD or District) and are operated by Griffin Technology Academies (GTA), a non-profit public benefit corporation. The project site is owned by the Vallejo City Unified School District, and GTA operates the charter schools (collectively referred to as MITA) under a long-term lease. With approval of the District, the GTA applied and received funding for four Charter School Facility grants from the Office of Public School Construction through the State of California's Charter School Facilities Program.

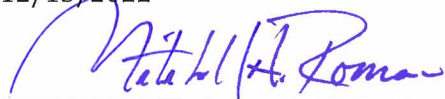
All of the portable classrooms that currently exist on the MITA campus, except for three, have not been approved by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). The proposed project will replace all structures with new DSA-approved classrooms and support facilities. The proposed project would renovate the MITA's existing campus, demolish 61,745 square feet of existing buildings on-site and the portable buildings at the southern portion of the site, and re-grade the site. The proposed project involves the construction of 80,002 square feet of new buildings including two-story classroom buildings, a science building, administration building, multipurpose building, gymnasium, soccer field, and other outdoor play fields. Lighting of outdoor sports facilities is not proposed. The proposed project would construct a total of 45 classrooms. Site improvements will also include on-site parking, improved vehicle circulation, landscaping, walkways, and other amenities. No community use of the school facilities is anticipated. All new facilities will meet current state building standards.

The following discretionary actions and approvals are required for project implementation: (1) Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program by Vallejo City Unified School District; (2) Adoption of Title 5, California Code of Regulations findings by Vallejo City Unified School District; (3) project approval by Griffin Technology Academies; (4) plan approval by California Department of Education; (5) site approval and no further action by California Department of Toxic Substances Control; and (6) permits for road, drainage, utilities, signage improvements, and encroachment from City of Vallejo.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and tribal cultural resources would be potentially significant. However, the District has determined that with mitigation identified in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, impacts would be less than significant.

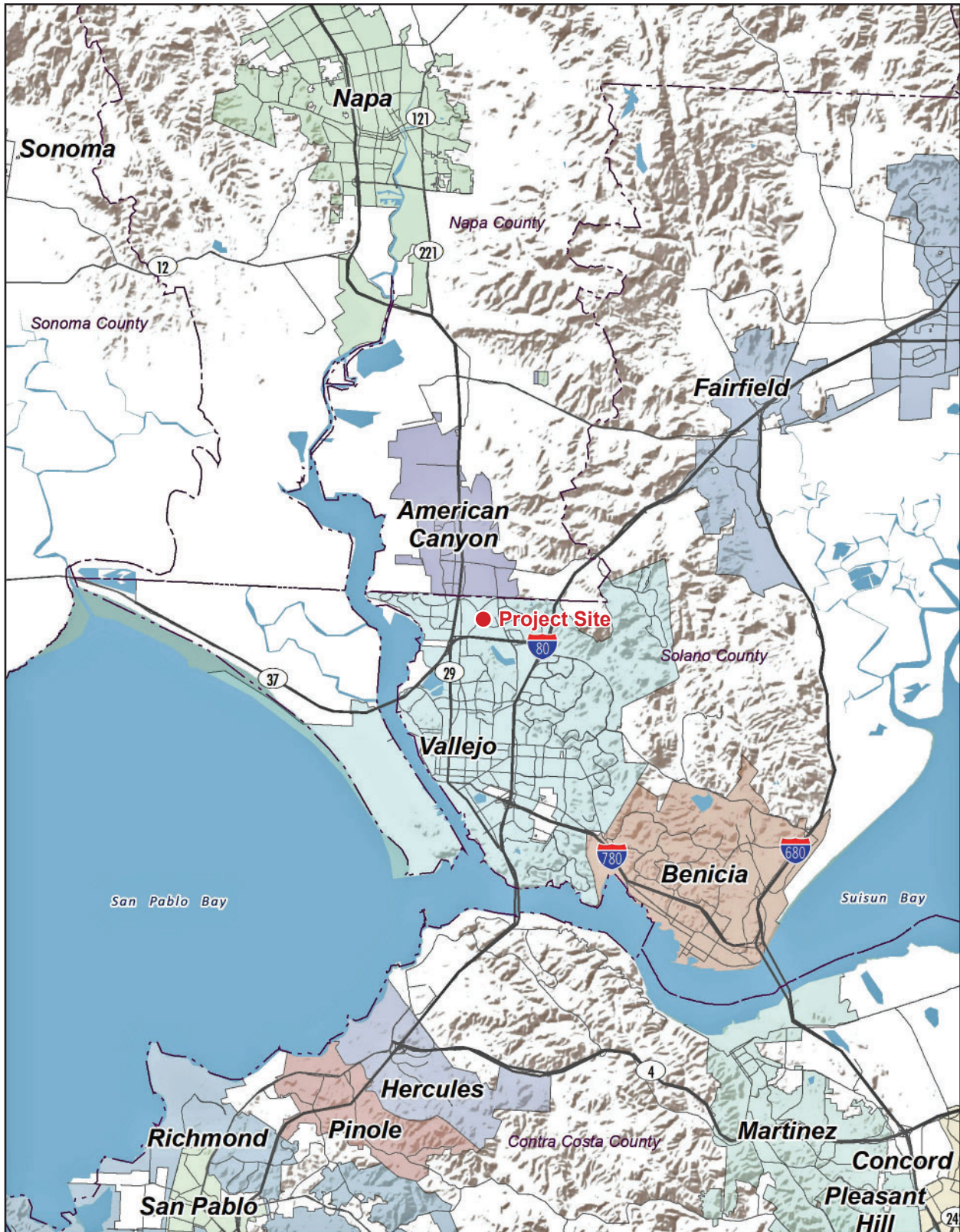
Applicant: Griffin Technology Academies
Lead Agency: Vallejo City Unified School District
Consulting Firm: PlaceWorks

Date: 12/13/2022

Signature: 

Mitchell Romao, Assistant Superintendent, Operations
Vallejo City Unified School District

Figure 1 - Regional Location

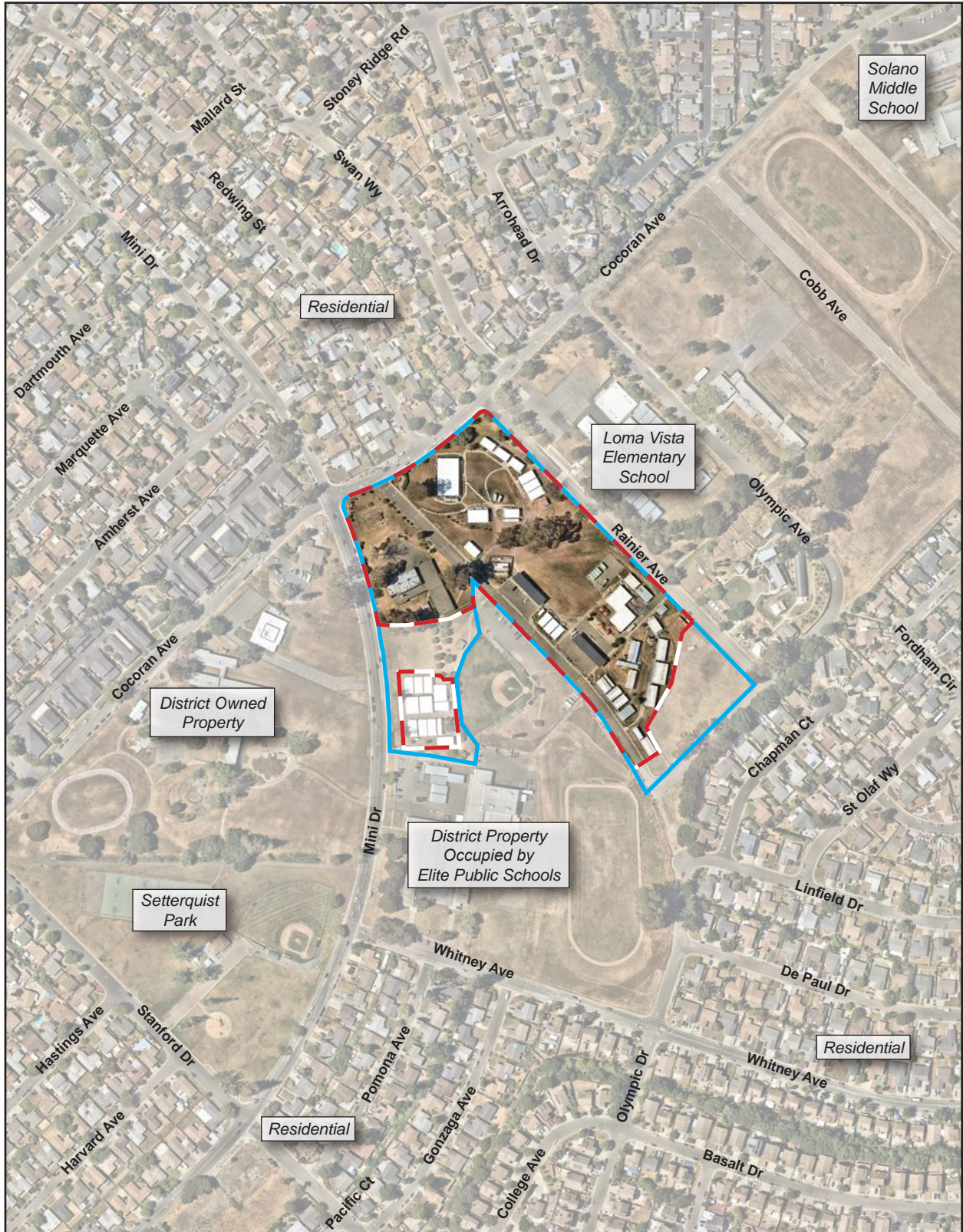


Note: Unincorporated county areas are shown in white.



Source: ESRI, 2019

Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph



— Campus Boundary

— Project Site

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Scale (Feet)

Source: Nearmap, 2022

