



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, as amended to date, this notice is to advise you that the City of Palo Alto has prepared an Initial Study on the following project to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below. The Initial Study concludes that the project described below would not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the City's intent to adopt a MND for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft MND/Initial Study.

**TO: AGENCIES,
ORGANIZATION, +
INTERESTED PARTIES**

The City of Palo Alto requests comments and concerns from agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE

123 Sherman Avenue Office Building

PROJECT APPLICANT

KSH Architects

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site includes three parcels in the City of Palo Alto located between Sherman Avenue and Grant Avenue, bounded by Park Boulevard to the south. The project site includes 150 Grant Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 124-29-020), 123 Sherman Avenue (APN 124-29-013), and 2501 Park Boulevard (APN 124-29-012).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to demolish the existing buildings on-site in order to construct a new three-story, approximately 68,763 square-foot office building with two levels of below-grade parking. The building would include approximately 48,966 square-feet of office space as well as 4,301 square-feet of retail uses on the ground floor. The project would include 75,574 square-feet of total parking area. Parking would be distributed on the ground floor of the proposed building as well as two levels of below-grade parking, which would require approximately 27,000 cubic yards of soil removal. The project would provide a total of approximately 175 parking spaces. The project site is listed on the Cortese List as a Cleanup Program Site under the oversight of the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health. The project site is also located within the California-Olive-Emerson (COE) groundwater plume and is adjacent to 2555 Park Boulevard, another site listed on the Cortese List. The proposed project would require an Architecture Review Board (ARB) approval.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The comment period begins on Friday, May 05, 2023 and ends on Monday, June 05, 2023. This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the Planning and Community Environment office at 250 Hamilton Avenue in Palo Alto or online at

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Current-Planning/Pending-and-Approved-Projects/Pending-Projects>

PUBLIC HEARING

The Architecture Review Board is anticipated to consider the project as part of its regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2023. The meeting will start at 8:30 AM and will be held at the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue. Participants will also be able to join the meeting virtually. The meeting agenda will be posted to the Architecture Review Board's website. Interested parties should check the Architecture Review Board's agenda on the City's website to confirm the meeting time, date, and location:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Architectural-Review-Board-ARB/Current-ARB-Agendas-Minutes>

Parties interested in participating virtually should refer to the City's website for resources on hybrid meeting attendance:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/City-Clerk/Citys-Meeting-Agendas/Resources-for-Hybrid-Meeting-Attendance>

COMMENTS

Please send comments by mail or email, before 5:00 PM on June 5, 2023, to:

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If you require additional project information, please contact Emily Foley at (650) 617-3125


Signature (Public Agency)

Planner
Title

5/4/23
Date