

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. MND 23-01
FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE AND TEEN & SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS, GENERAL PLAN
AMENDMENT CASE NO. GPA 23-02 and ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 23-02**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, to consider the Stormwater Capture and Teen & Senior Center Projects, General Plan Amendment Case No. GPA 23-02 and Zone Change Case No. ZC 23-02. The City Council will also consider Mitigated Negative Declaration No. MND 23-01 associated with the proposed projects and applications.

The stormwater capture project is a component of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Program that will improve regional water quality. It will construct underground infrastructure within Simms Park to divert stormwater runoff from an existing storm drain in Clark Avenue into a concrete storage reservoir proposed beneath the baseball/softball fields and will also include new fencing, landscaping, and other park improvements. The Teen & Senior Center project will replace the old teen center building that was demolished in 2019 and will construct a single-story, 12,355-square foot building east of the existing Woman's Club building, near Clark Avenue and Oak Street. The existing Simms Park parking lot will be expanded to the east and will include ornamental landscape. Social programs will offer recreational activities for youth and senior citizens provided and lead by both City staff and contracted non-profit organizations. GPA 23-02 and ZC 23-02 are required for the Teen & Senior Center site to change the land use designation from Commercial to Open Space and rezone the parcels from General Commercial (C-G) Open Space and Open Space (O-S). Lot lines will be adjusted later to accommodate the Teen & Senior Center.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), MND 23-01 was prepared, which means that the proposed Stormwater Capture and Teen & Senior Center Projects will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment with implementation of proposed mitigation measures. The 30-day public review period for this document will begin on June 23, 2023, and will close on July 24, 2023. All written comments concerning the MND may be submitted to Rowena Genilo-Concepcion, Planning Manager, 562.804.1424, ext. 2228, rgenilo@bellflower.org, City of Bellflower, Planning Division, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California 90706. The Initial Study and MND are also available online at https://www.bellflower.org/departments/planning/planning_division/environmental_documents_and_information.php#outer-234 and may be reviewed by the public during normal business hours at the City of Bellflower, Planning Division office and the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library located at 9945 East Flower Street, Bellflower, California.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report, MND, and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org or by appointment in the Planning Division office. All written comments concerning the Stormwater Capture and Teen & Senior Center Projects may be submitted to City of Bellflower, Attn: Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works, 562.804.1424, ext. 2259, lgorecki@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge the MND and/or the proposed projects in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

MAYRA OCHQUI, CITY CLERK