

# Los Alamitos Unified School District

AUXILIARY and SUPPORT SERVICES



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Project:** Los Alamitos High School Gymnasium Project  
**Lead Agency:** Los Alamitos Unified School District  
**Review Period:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 to Tuesday, August 1, 2023 (20 days)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Los Alamitos High School Gymnasium Project (proposed project) 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, LAUSD is the lead agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND and advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT:** The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the MND/IS with mitigation measures and submit written comments. The IS/MND will be available for a 20-day public review from **Thursday, July 13, 2023 to Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following location: Los Alamitos Unified School District, 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. The document can also be accessed online at: <https://www.losal.org/departments/business-services/request-for-proposal>

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

**Los Alamitos Unified School District**  
CJ Knowland, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation  
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**BOARD MEETING:** LAUSD School Board will consider this item at a regular public meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the District Office, 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is at 3591 West Cerritos Ave in the northern portion of Los Alamitos in Orange County. The project site encompasses approximately 1.4 acres on the 50-acre Los Alamitos High-School campus (See Figure 1, Local Vicinity).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would remove the fifteen storage containers off-site and relocate the existing eight portable classroom buildings on campus (approximately 21,000 square feet). The eight portable buildings have capacity for 12 classrooms that accommodate approximately 300 students. The proposed project would include construction of a 40-foot-high 32,000-square-foot gymnasium with seating capacity for 2,000 people. Site improvements associated with construction of the proposed gymnasium would also include ornamental landscaping at the proposed gymnasium entrance, hardscape and softscape areas, and utility upgrades.

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The new gymnasium would include a gym floor, four team rooms, a guest team room, sports storage, a weight room, a concessions area, restrooms, and support services. No locker rooms or showers would be built because the existing gym on campus would be utilized for these functions. There would be no increase in student capacity at the school as a result of the proposed project. LAHS has a maximum capacity of approximately 3,200 students and a current enrollment of approximately 2,900 students.

The proposed project is planned to operate from the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM and may be used concurrently with the existing 1,200-seat gymnasium on campus. The proposed project is expected to hold events all year and is intended to host all competitions, with the existing gym used for practices and small Junior Varsity games. However, events that would occur in the new gymnasium would not coincide with other major events at the school. In addition, the development of the new gymnasium would not result in an increase in events on campus; instead, it would allocate new gymnasium space to events that already take place at the existing gymnasium directly west of the project site, as described above.

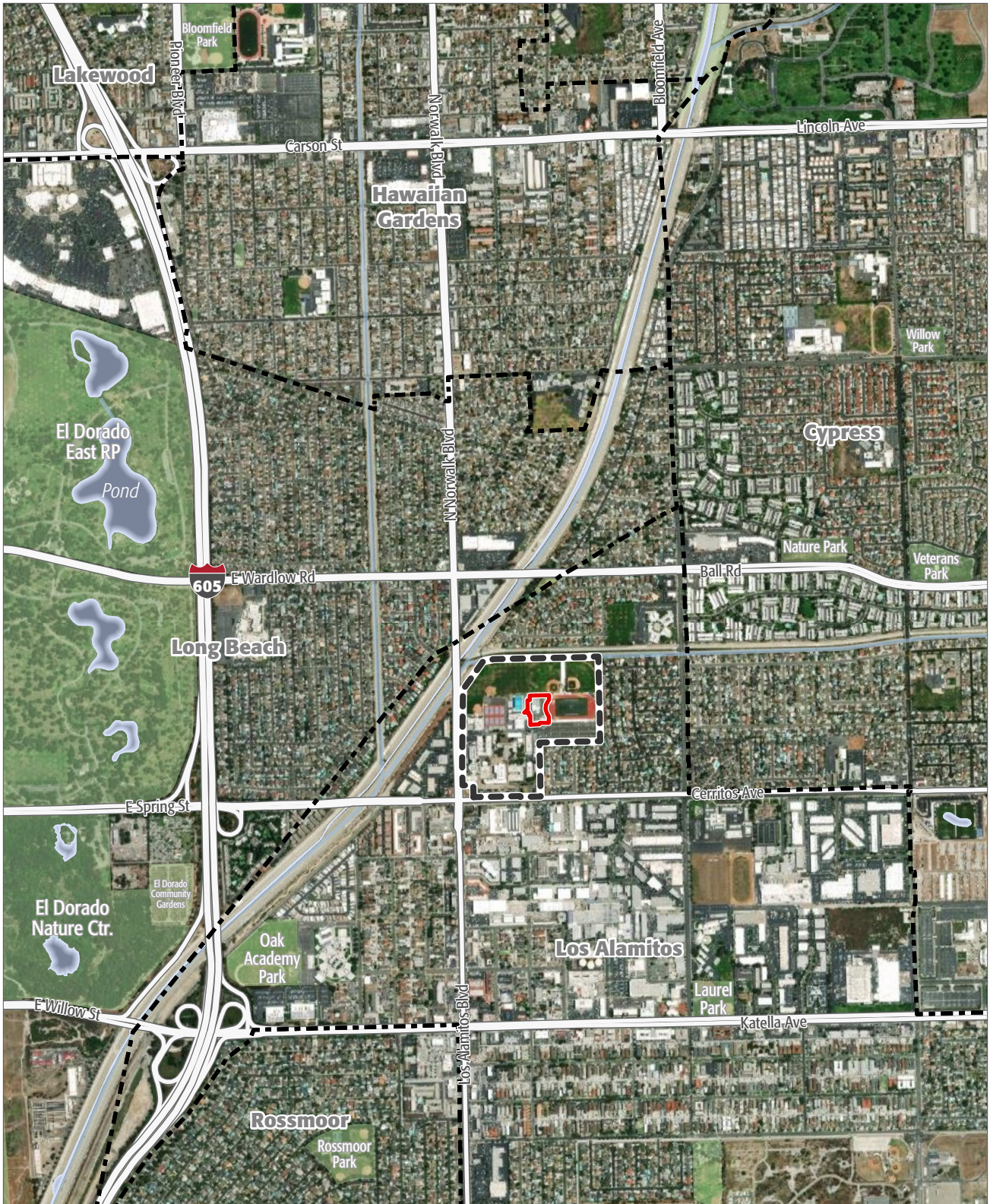
**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and tribal cultural resources would be potentially significant. However, the District has determined that with mitigation identified in the Initial Study/Mitigated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

Date: July 13, 2023

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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CJ Knowland, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation  
Los Alamitos Unified School District



Source: Los Angeles County, 2023. PlaceWorks, 2023.





-  Approximate Project Site Limit of Work Boundary
-  School Site Boundary

Figure 1  
Local Vicinity