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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

Project Title: Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project
Project Location: University of California, Los Angeles Campus
111 Easton Drive, Los Angeles, California
Lead Agency: University of California
County: Los Angeles

Acting as the Lead Agency, the University of California plans to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project (proposed Project). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared in accordance with Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to provide the general public, responsible agencies and other interested parties with information regarding the proposed Project and its potential environmental effects. Additionally, as detailed below, a public Scoping Meeting will be held to receive input regarding the proposed Project and the environmental topics to be addressed in the Supplemental EIR.

The Supplemental EIR will be tiered from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Long Range Development Plan Amendment (2017) and Student Housing Projects Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (LRDP Final SEIR) (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2017051024), which was certified by the University of California Board of Regents (The Regents) in January 2018. The LRDP Final SEIR analyzed the impacts of several student housing projects and was tiered from the UCLA 2008 Northwest Housing Infill Project and Long Range Development Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Report (2009 LRDP EIR) (SCH No. 2008051121), which was certified by The Regents in March 2009 and evaluated construction and operation of the Northwest Housing Infill Project, as well as the remaining buildout of the LRDP. As the LRDP Final SEIR incorporates the 2009 LRDP EIR by reference, they collectively serve as the CEQA documentation for construction and operation of development on campus, including any development proposed at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, and are referred to herein as the “LRDP EIRs.”

Project Location: The Project site encompasses approximately 37,460 square feet (sf) (0.86 acre) and is located at the UCLA Sunset Canyon Recreation Center (Sunset Rec) at 111 Easton Drive, within the Northwest zone of the UCLA main campus, which is located in the community of Westwood in the City of Los Angeles, approximately 10.6 miles west of downtown Los Angeles and 4.8 miles northeast of the Pacific Ocean (refer to Figure 1, which depicts the regional location and local vicinity).

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the development of a new two-story (plus rooftop deck), student-oriented, multi-purpose building at Sunset Rec, which would provide approximately 11,500 gross square feet (gsf) of recreational floor area plus approximately 6,500 gsf of exterior space that is covered but unenclosed. The proposed building would include three multi-purpose rooms plus a teaching kitchen and a rooftop deck with a solar canopy. Also included are staff offices with a small conference room, gender inclusive restrooms and a family restroom, a lactation room, storage areas, custodial/mechanical space, a telecommunications/IT room, an accessible elevator meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and circulation areas.

Additionally, associated utility, landscape, and hardscape improvements would be installed. A conceptual site plan for the proposed Project is provided on Figure 2.

The new building would replace a series of seven existing buildings/facilities at Sunset Rec, which comprise approximately 6,982 gsf of floor area plus 5,807 gsf of covered but unenclosed space. Collectively the buildings to be demolished are seismically deficient, substantially damaged/deteriorated (and therefore some of which are no longer habitable), non-compliant with current ADA requirements, otherwise constrained from a programming perspective, or, in some cases, inextricably physically, structurally, or programmatically dependent upon the deficient structures. Despite deteriorated conditions, the existing Sunset Rec buildings to be demolished appear eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources (California Register) and are therefore considered historic resources under CEQA.

The proposed building would result in a net increase of 4,518 gsf of floor area within Sunset Rec in the Northwest zone of campus. This amount of development is within the total remaining development allocation consistent with the adopted LRDP. Currently, the Northwest zone has 130,682 gsf remaining in the allocation identified in the LRDP. The proposed Project would not change the overall recreational programming at Sunset Rec, nor would it result in any increase in the campus population.

Environmental Review and Comment: In compliance with the CEQA Guidelines and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, this NOP hereby informs you that the University of California is preparing a tiered Supplemental EIR for the proposed Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project. In accordance with Section 15063 of the CEQA Guidelines, the University of California has determined that a Supplemental EIR is required.

The Project-level analysis for the proposed Project will be tiered from the program-level analysis previously provided in the LRDP EIRs. The Initial Study checklist included in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines lists 20 broad environmental topics that are to be considered when evaluating the potential effects of a proposed project or action. The tiered Initial Study prepared for the proposed Project evaluates the potential environmental impacts for all of these environmental topics. Based on that Project-level analysis and incorporation of all applicable previously adopted LRDP campus programs, practices, and procedures (PPs) and mitigation measures (MMs), the tiered Initial Study adequately addresses the following topics in their entirety: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population/housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. Further, with respect to cultural resources, the tiered Initial Study adequately addresses potential impacts to archaeological resources and human remains. As concluded therein, all Project impacts related to these topics would be consistent with the findings of the LRDP EIRs, and further analysis of these topics in the forthcoming Supplemental EIR is not required.

However, the analysis in the tiered Initial Study also concludes that the program-level analysis in the LRDP EIRs does not adequately address all of the impacts of the proposed Project. As discussed therein, the proposed Project could have a potentially significant impact related to cultural resources, specifically historic resources, due the removal of several existing buildings at Sunset Rec which appear eligible for listing in the California Register. Therefore, this issue will be addressed in the Supplemental EIR. As required by CEQA, the Supplemental EIR will also include an evaluation of alternatives to the proposed Project that could avoid or reduce any significant impacts resulting from the proposed Project.

As the Lead Agency, we request your comments regarding the scope and contents of the Supplemental EIR, including mitigation measures or alternatives to reduce the Project's potential environmental impacts. If you represent a public agency, we request input from your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. Your agency may need to use the Supplemental EIR prepared by the University of California when considering a permit or other approval for the proposed Project.

This NOP has been transmitted to relevant public agencies, organizations, other interested groups and individuals, and the NOP along with the supporting tiered Initial Study are available online at:
<http://www.capitalprograms.ucla.edu/EnvironmentalReview/ProjectsUnderEnvironmentalReview>.

This NOP is being circulated for a 30-day public comment period from **Monday, July 17, 2023 to Wednesday, August 16, 2023**. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, responses to this NOP must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Accordingly, comments regarding the scope of the Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project Supplemental EIR must be received by **5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2023** and may be mailed or emailed to the following address:

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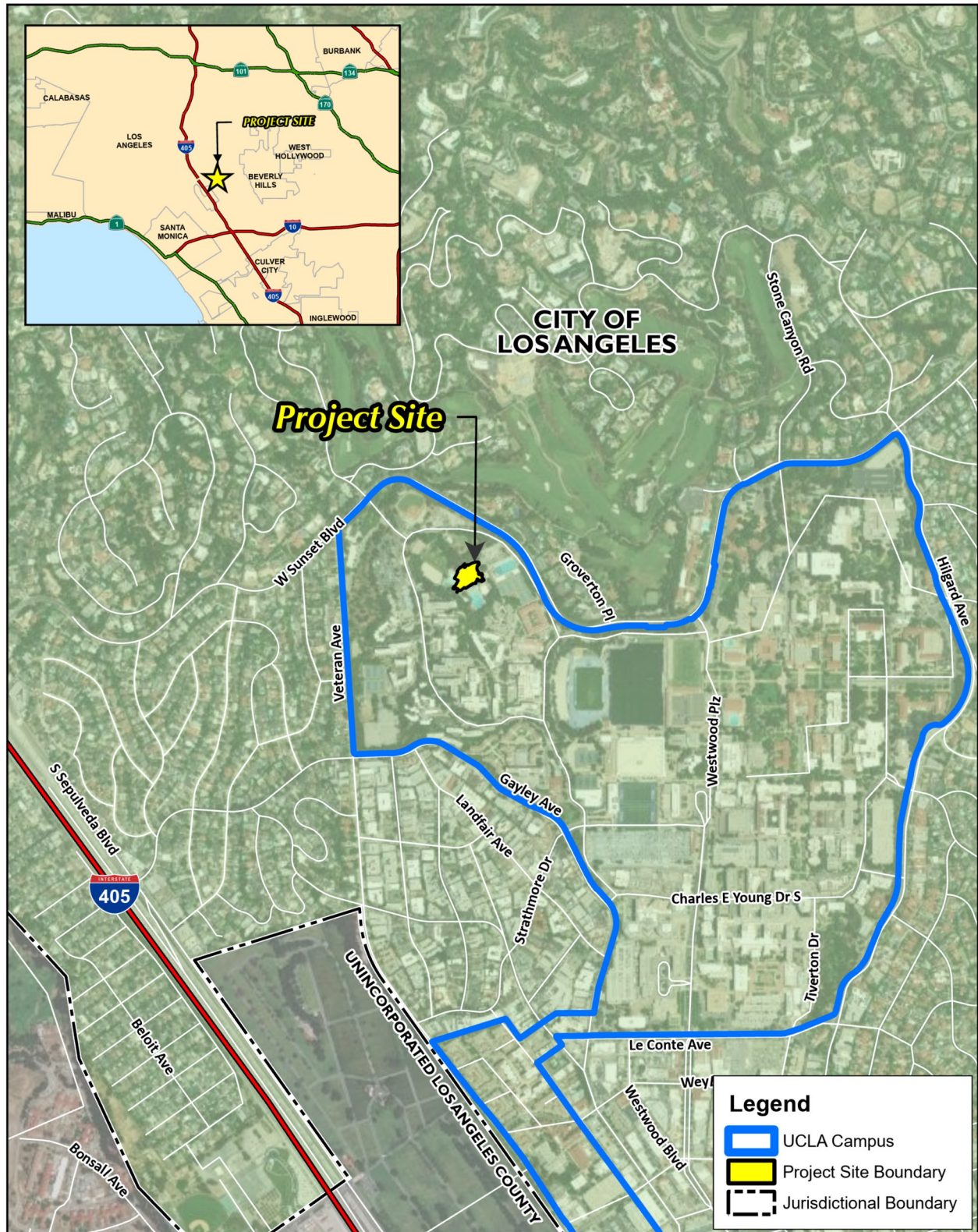
Please designate a contact person in your agency or organization for future correspondence.

A virtual **Public Information and Supplemental EIR Scoping Meeting will be conducted on August 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** No decisions about the proposed Project will be made at the Scoping Meeting. Interested individuals may offer written or oral comments on the proposed scope of the environmental analysis at the public Scoping Meeting. You must register in advance to receive the Zoom link.

- **Zoom registration link:**

<https://ucla.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrfuCprj8uGNMzVqca89aKVpCBXMgxDK7n>

If you have any questions about the environmental review for the proposed Project, please contact Ms. Rogers via the email address provided above or call (310) 923-6747.



Source(s): Esri, LA County (2023)

Figure 1



Regional and Local Vicinity Map



Source(s): Latitude 33 Planning & Engineering (07-11-2023)

Figure 2

