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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC 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
State Clearinghouse No.: 2023070306
Draft SEIR Review Period: November 8, 2023 through January 3, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project (proposed Project), described below. This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Additionally, as detailed below, a public meeting will be held to receive input regarding the proposed Project and the Draft SEIR.

The Draft SEIR is 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. The campus is located in the Westwood community in the City of Los Angeles, approximately 10.6 miles west of downtown Los Angeles and 4.8 miles northeast of the Pacific Ocean.

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.

The new building would replace seven existing buildings/facilities at Sunset Rec, which together comprise approximately 6,982 gsf of floor area plus 5,807 gsf of covered, 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. The existing Sunset Rec buildings to be demolished have been identified as part of the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center Historic District (Sunset Rec Historic District), which is eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources (California Register) and is therefore considered a historic resource 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 an estimated 130,682 gsf remaining in the development 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.

The Project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

Environmental Impacts: Based on the Project-level analysis presented in the tiered Initial Study prepared for the proposed Project and included in Appendix A of the Draft SEIR, with 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 in the tiered Initial Study, 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 Draft SEIR is not required.

The Draft SEIR therefore analyzes the proposed Project's potential impact to cultural resources, specifically historic resources. The proposed Project involves demolition of six of the 10 contributors to the eligible Sunset Rec Historic District. Some of the associated landscape and site elements would also be removed. The demolition of these original built, landscape, and site elements would result in the eligible Sunset Rec Historic District being no longer recognizable or able to convey its significance as the work of Smith and Williams, the original architect for Sunset Rec. Therefore, implementation of the proposed Project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5, resulting in a significant impact pursuant to CEQA. Even with the implementation of Project-specific mitigation measures, the proposed Project's significant impact to a historic resource would not be mitigated to a less than significant level. Accordingly, this impact would be significant and unavoidable. As no significant and unavoidable impacts to historic resources were identified in the LRDP EIRs, a Statement of Overriding Considerations will need to be adopted for this previously unidentified significant impact.

Draft SEIR Public Review: The NOA, Draft SEIR, and Draft SEIR technical appendices, along with the tiered Initial Study and the LRDP EIRs, which are incorporated by reference, are available for review at the following locations:

- **Charles E. Young Research Library** located at 280 Charles E. Young Drive North, Los Angeles (at UCLA)
- **Online at:** <https://www.capitalprograms.ucla.edu/EnvironmentalReview/ProjectsUnderEnvironmentalReview>

These documents will also be available for review by appointment at the Capital Programs building located at 1060 Veteran Avenue during regular business hours. To schedule an appointment please contact Ashley Rogers at ARogers@capnet.ucla.edu.

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the public review period is not less than 45 days and will extend from **November 8, 2023 to January 3, 2024**. Comments on the Draft SEIR must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2024**. Written comments may be emailed to ARogers@capnet.ucla.edu or sent to:

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Written and oral comments regarding the Draft SEIR may also be provided at **a virtual public meeting that will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. You must register in advance to receive the Zoom link.**

- **Zoom registration link:**
<https://ucla.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwodeypqD4tHtdiYVCTtOGMUXxWOTc40TL>

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