

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
PROPOSED FOSTER CITY RECREATION CENTER REBUILD PROJECT

Project Name: Foster City Recreation Center Rebuild Project

Project File Number: UP2023-0003/ CIP 301-678

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Foster City (City), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Foster City Recreation Center Rebuild Project (proposed project).

PROJECT LOCATION: 650 Shell Blvd, Foster city, CA 94404 (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 094-470-130 and 094-470-150). Specifically, the approximately 6-acre project site is located within Leo J. Ryan Park at 650 Shell Boulevard, in the City of Foster City, San Mateo County. The project site is bound by Shell Boulevard to the north, Leo J. Ryan Park to the east and west, and the Foster City Lagoon to the south. The project site is currently developed with the William E. Walker Recreation Center, which is a multi-purpose facility with classrooms and event spaces as well as various other community-oriented uses. Originally constructed in 1974, the William E. Walker Recreation Center is a one-story, approximately 24-foot-tall, 32,000-square-foot building with approximately 18,000 square feet devoted to programming space.

PROPOSED PROJECT: Demolish the existing 32,000-square-foot recreation center and construct the new Foster City Recreation Center in approximately the same location. The new recreation center building would be two stories and a maximum of approximately 40 feet in height and approximately 40,000 square feet in size. The proposed project would also include improvements to Leo J. Ryan Park consisting of new outdoor gathering spaces, new landscaping, and restriped parking lots.

FINDINGS: The Initial Study prepared by the City was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the City has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The Draft Initial Study, MND, and reference documents are available for review online at: www.fostercity.org/ReccenterCEQA. Paper copies of the IS/MND are also available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the City's Community Development Department, located at 610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404. **The public comment period for this Draft IS/MND begins on July 26, 2023 and ends on August 15, 2023.** Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must submit written comments to the Lead Agency's contact listed above.