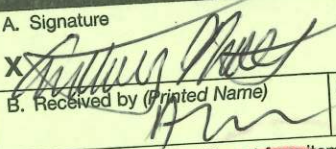



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Re: 2024020305, Washinton Middle School Transformation Project

Dear Mr. Miranda:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, §15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

AB 52

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

- 1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:** Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:
 - a. A brief description of the project.
 - b. The lead agency contact information.
 - c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
 - d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).
- 2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:** A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1(b)).
 - a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).
- 3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe:** The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:
 - a. Alternatives to the project.
 - b. Recommended mitigation measures.
 - c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).
- 4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation:** The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:
 - a. Type of environmental review necessary.
 - b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
 - c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
 - d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).
- 5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process:** With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).
- 6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document:** If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:
 - a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
 - b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- 8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:** Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
- 9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:** If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).
- 10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:**
- Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
 - Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
 - Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
 - Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
 - Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).
- 11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:** An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
- The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
 - The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
 - The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf.

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. **Tribal Consultation:** If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. **No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation.** There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. **Confidentiality:** Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. **Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30331) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:
 - a. A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
 - b. A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - a. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - b. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code § 7050.5, Public Resources Code § 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
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Sincerely,

Andrew Green

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Cultural Resources Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse



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**RE: CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ASSEMBLY BILL 52 (AB 52)
FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

Dear Michael Mirelez,

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) is providing formal notice of the Washington Middle School Transformation Project (Project) in accordance with Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52). The following notification letter is being provided to you because your Tribe, the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, has requested formal notification from the LBUSD for projects proposed within this geographic area and/or because your name was listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) directory as an individual who may have additional knowledge pertaining to tribal cultural resources within this geographic area where the LBUSD is proposing the development of the Project in Los Angeles County, California. In accordance with Section 21080.3.1(d) of the PRC, all responding tribes have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to either request or decline consultation in writing for this Project.

Washington Middle School is located at 1450 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, California, and is situated in a residential area surrounded by housing on all sides of the property (Figure 1 - Project Location & Vicinity Map). The school was originally built in 1935-1936 and accommodates middle school students from grades 6 to 8. The site is approximately five acres in size and encompasses five permanent buildings and one relocatable/portable building. The five permanent buildings are approximately 116,000 sq. ft. in size and include three two-story buildings and two single-story buildings. The relocatable/portable building adds an additional 1,450 sq. ft. to the site. The campus is undergoing modernization to implement the master plan to replace aging buildings with new ones and modernize buildings when feasible. The Proposed Project site is found on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Long Beach*, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, in Township 4 South, Range 13 West (USGS 2021) and within Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 7269-003-900 and 7269-004-902.

The Proposed Project includes the demolition of one relocatable building and five buildings including Administration Building A, Classroom (Science/Shop) Building B, Auditorium Building C, Gymnasium Building D, and Cafeteria Building E. Also to be constructed are three new permanent buildings: a two- to three-story, 102,000 sq. ft. classroom/administration/cafeeteria building, a partial two-story 34,000 square foot gymnasium/locker room/classroom/library building, and a one-story, 14,000 square foot auditorium. New site improvements include a student drop-off, semi-subterranean parking structure, artificial turf soccer field, synthetic track,



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The Proposed Project is expected to occur over a 3-year period, from approximately August 2024 to June 2027. The construction would occur in one phase. Types of excavation will include concrete, asphalt, and earth excavations for installation of units, electrical wiring, plumbing, and ramps. The existing turf field will be excavated approximately 3 feet deep, 195 feet wide, and 315 feet in length during the turf replacement.

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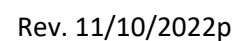
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Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Location and Vicinity Map





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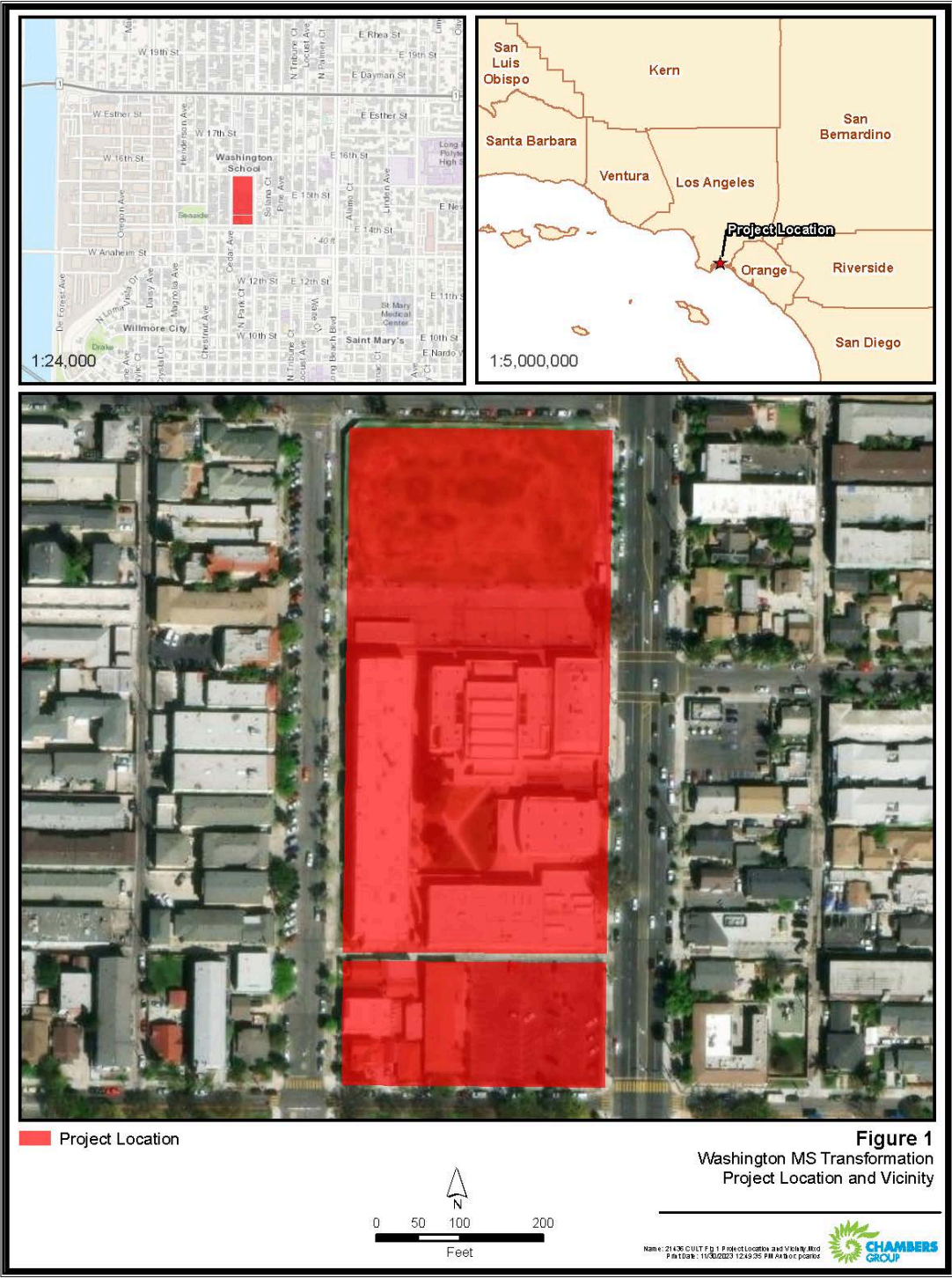
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January 31, 2024

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**RE: CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ASSEMBLY BILL 52 (AB 52)
FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

Dear Michael Mirelez,

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) is providing formal notice of the Washington Middle School Transformation Project (Project) in accordance with Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52). The following notification letter is being provided to you because your Tribe, the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, has requested formal notification from the LBUSD for projects proposed within this geographic area and/or because your name was listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) directory as an individual who may have additional knowledge pertaining to tribal cultural resources within this geographic area where the LBUSD is proposing the development of the Project in Los Angeles County, California. In accordance with Section 21080.3.1(d) of the PRC, all responding tribes have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to either request or decline consultation in writing for this Project.

Washington Middle School is located at 1450 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, California, and is situated in a residential area surrounded by housing on all sides of the property (Figure 1 - Project Location & Vicinity Map). The school was originally built in 1935-1936 and accommodates middle school students from grades 6 to 8. The site is approximately five acres in size and encompasses five permanent buildings and one relocatable/portable building. The five permanent buildings are approximately 116,000 sq. ft. in size and include three two-story buildings and two single-story buildings. The relocatable/portable building adds an additional 1,450 sq. ft. to the site. The campus is undergoing modernization to implement the master plan to replace aging buildings with new ones and modernize buildings when feasible. The Proposed Project site is found on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Long Beach*, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, in Township 4 South, Range 13 West (USGS 2021) and within Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 7269-003-900 and 7269-004-902.

The Proposed Project includes the demolition of one relocatable building and five buildings including Administration Building A, Classroom (Science/Shop) Building B, Auditorium Building C, Gymnasium Building D, and Cafeteria Building E. Also to be constructed are three new permanent buildings: a two- to three-story, 102,000 sq. ft. classroom/administration/cafeeteria building, a partial two-story 34,000 square foot gymnasium/locker room/classroom/library building, and a one-story, 14,000 square foot auditorium. New site improvements include a student drop-off, semi-subterranean parking structure, artificial turf soccer field, synthetic track,



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basketball courts, pickleball court, lunch shelter, planting, irrigation, and outdoor learning environments. LBUSD is the lead agency for the Proposed Project.

The Proposed Project is expected to occur over a 3-year period, from approximately August 2024 to June 2027. The construction would occur in one phase. Types of excavation will include concrete, asphalt, and earth excavations for installation of units, electrical wiring, plumbing, and ramps. The existing turf field will be excavated approximately 3 feet deep, 195 feet wide, and 315 feet in length during the turf replacement.

In accordance with Section 21080.3.1(d) of the PRC, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to either request or decline consultation in writing for this Project.

Please send your written response before March 1, 2024 to David Miranda with the Long Beach Unified School District or by email to Dmiranda1@lbschools.net and copy Talitha Crain at Tcrain@lbschools.net. If the LBUSD does not receive a response within 30 days, the LBUSD will understand that no consultation is requested, consider consultation as concluded, and will proceed with the Proposed Project. Thank you and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

David Miranda

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Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Location and Vicinity Map

