NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE STRATFORD PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Milpitas (City) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Stratford Preparatory School Project (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Location: The approximately 3-acre Project Site is located at 1323 Great Mall Drive in the City of Milpitas in Santa Clara County (Assessor's Parcel Number 086-24-046). The Project Site is bounded by Great Mall Drive to the north, Falcon Drive to the east, Great Mall Parkway to the west, and the existing Stratford School to the south. The Project Site is located approximately 0.70 west of Interstate 680 (I-680), 0.90 miles west of I-880, and 428 feet north of Montague Expressway. Commercial uses surround the Project Site to the north, hotel uses to the east, the existing Stratford Preparatory School to the south, and multi-family residential uses and vacant land to the west. It should be noted that the existing vacant land to the west is currently under construction and is anticipated to operate as a multi-family apartment complex by the time the Project begins operations.

Proposed Project: The applicant proposes a new Stratford School comprised of two buildings and a playfield. The existing office building on-site will be remodeled into a two-story middle school/high school for approximately 500 students. The Project would also demolish the existing surface parking lot to construct a new 7,883 square foot gymnasium building that would be located west of the remodeled existing building. The Project would be equipped with 41 classrooms (general/biochemistry/art/physical engineering), eight offices, four media common rooms, a library, and a theater. The proposed gymnasium building west of the school would be 42 feet in height and would mainly consist of an indoor gymnasium and a row of retractable bleachers on one side only.

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, City staff have concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, have 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 IS/MND is available for review online at:

https://www.milpitas.gov/379/Environmental-Documents-CEQA. Paper copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the City's Planning Department, located at 455 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, CA 95035. Written comments will be accepted from May 29, 2024, 2024 to June 28, 2024. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must submit their comments in writing. Comments on the IS/MND must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 28, 2024, and can be mailed to:

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