



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**CITY OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**Project Name:** Columbus Park Project

**File No.:** ER20-025

**Description:** Public project to demolish all existing park facilities and recreational equipment on-site and construct two new soccer fields, lawn practice areas, a kids' soccer area, a play area, four pickleball courts, one futsal/pickleball/basketball court, and two new horseshoe pitches. The redeveloped park would also include a picnic area, restrooms, a pedestrian paseo, two gravel surface parking lots, a 525-square-foot maintenance building and a storage shed. The project would also vacate Spring Street between West Taylor Street and Ashbury Street, reconfigure Irene, Asbury, and Walnut Streets to a one-way loop road around the site. The project would remove all 105 existing trees and plant 133 new 24-inch box trees.

**Location:** The project site is the existing Columbus Park site, bound by Asbury Street to the north, West Taylor Street to the south, Irene Street to the east, and Walnut Street to the west, in the City of San José.

**Assessor's Parcel No.:** 259-07-115 and 259-08-103

**Council District:** 6

**Applicant Contact Information:** City of San José, Department of Public Works (Attn: Chris Mastrodiscasa); 200 East Santa Clara St, 6th floor, San José, CA 95113; (408)775-5700; [chris.mastrodiscasa@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:chris.mastrodiscasa@sanjoseca.gov)

The City has performed an environmental review of the project. The environmental review examines the nature and extent of any adverse effects on the environment that could occur if the project is approved and implemented. Based on the review, the City has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project. An MND is a statement by the City that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment because the project will include mitigation measures that will reduce identified project impacts to a less than significant level. The project site is present on the list pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

The public is welcome to review and comment on the Draft MND. The public comment period for this Draft MND begins on **Tuesday July 16, 2024 and ends on Monday August 5, 2024**. The Draft MND, Initial Study, and reference documents are available online at: [www.sanjoseca.gov/negativedeclarations](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/negativedeclarations)

The documents are also available for review with an appointment during normal business hours at the City of San Jose Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, located at City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street; or during normal business hours at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Main Library, located at 150 E. San Fernando Street; and the Joyce Ellington Branch Library located at 491 East Empire Street. Please contact Bethelhem Telahun at (408) 535-5624, or by e-mail at [bethelhem.telahun@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bethelhem.telahun@sanjoseca.gov) for appointment request or additional questions, comments, or concerns.

CHRISTOPHER BURTON, Director  
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

July 10, 2024

Date

Deputy

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