



Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN
INITIAL STUDY/ NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 59 ARDEN ROAD PROJECT**

Date: August 14, 2024
To: Public Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
From: City of Berkeley, Land Use Planning Division
Subject: **Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS-ND)**

Pursuant to the *State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*, as most recently amended, this is to advise that the City of Berkeley has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental effects of the project identified below:

Project Title: 59 Arden Road Project

Project Sponsor: Michael Wallman, 59 Arden Road, Berkeley, California 94704

Project Location: The approximately 0.25-acre (11,156-square-foot) project site is located at 59 Arden Road in Berkeley, Alameda County (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 55-1862-37). The project site is generally surrounded by single-family residential uses and is bordered by Arden Road to the east and the Orchard Lane pedestrian path to the north. The project site is accessed via a private driveway located on Arden Road.

Project Description: The proposed project would construct a 114-square-foot parking pad, concrete retaining wall, fence, and gate. No modifications to the existing residential structure are proposed. The proposed parking pad would be located within the 20-foot minimum front setback, required in the Environmental Safety-Residential Zoning District (E-SR), on the eastern side of the parcel. Construction of the proposed parking pad would require widening of the existing 13-foot-wide curb cut at the southwest corner of the project site by 9 feet to 22 feet. The proposed concrete retaining wall would range from 2 feet and 6 inches to 3 feet and 6 inches, in height and would be located along the eastern portion of the parking pad. The concrete retaining wall would be located on both the uphill and downhill slopes of the existing driveway. Based upon the conclusions set forth in the Initial Study, the City of Berkeley proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration. The project site is not on a list of sites as described by Government Code 65962.5 (LUST Site, State Water Resources Control Board).

Public Review Period: A 20-day public review period will begin on August 14, 2024. Written comments must be mailed, submitted in person or via email to the contact person below no later than 5:00 p.m. September 3, 2024.

CEQA Project Status: An IS-ND has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS-ND determined that the proposed project would have no impact and therefore a Negative Declaration is proposed. The Draft IS-ND and all related analysis are available on the City's website by accessing the Zoning tab, entering the permit number "ZP2022-0127," and clicking on Attachments under the Record Info drop down menu:

<https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx>.

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