

Notice of Preparation

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To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: Long Beach Community College District, Liberal Arts College

(Address)

4901 East Carson Street

Long Beach, CA 90808

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Long Beach Community College District will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (☒ is ☐ is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Jeff Connell at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Long Beach Community College Liberal Arts Campus Stadium & Athletic Sports Complex

Project Applicant, if any: _____

Date August 19, 2024

Signature

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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

**Long Beach Community College Liberal Arts Campus Stadium & Athletic Sports Complex Project
Notice of Preparation (NOP)**

The Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes the construction of a new state-of-the-art Stadium & Athletic Sports Complex (SASC) along with existing facility renovations (Proposed Project).

Project Location: The Proposed Project will be located at the Liberal Arts campus at the west side of the current Veterans Memorial Stadium, in Parking Lot M of the Liberal Arts Campus (LAC) at 4901 East Carson Street in Long Beach (City), California (Project site) Figure 1. The LBCC LAC campus is bounded by Harvey Way on the north, Clark Avenue on the east, Skylinks Golf Course on the south, and Faculty Avenue on the west. The Veterans Stadium is located south of the LAC campus between Clark Avenue and Faculty Avenue to the west of the ball fields.

The Proposed Project site is approximately 1 mile northeast of the Long Beach Municipal Airport, 1 mile north of Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway), 3.2 miles northeast of Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway), and 4 miles east of Interstate 710 (Long Beach Freeway).

Existing Conditions: According to the City's zoning map, the Project site is zoned as Institutional Zone (I) (City 2021) and within the City's Land Use District Maps, the Project site is designated as a Regional Serving Facility (RFS).

Existing land uses surrounding the Project site are the existing LAC campus buildings to the north, a Mercedes Benz storage and warehouse facility to the west; LBCCD athletic facilities to the east; and warehouse/industrial facilities and the Skylinks Golf Course to the south.

Description of Project: The Proposed Project includes construction of a new state-of-the-art SASC on an approximately 18-acre site. The SASC would include approximately 180,000 square-feet of new construction, covering a portion of Parking Lot M, west of the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The existing Veterans Stadium will be demolished as part of the Proposed Project, which will include 40,783 square-feet of demolition.

The uses of Buildings Q, R, and S (Veterans Stadium) will all be contained within the SASC.

Existing operations of Buildings Q, R and S of the LAC campus are listed below.

- Building Q: Kinesiology (Physical Education), Small Gym, Women's Locker Room
- Building R: Fitness Center, Main Gym, Hall of Champions, Men's Locker Room, Team Rooms, Physical Education
- Building S: Adaptive Physical Education, Veterans Stadium

The SASC will be used by campus students and staff, and the current events are expected to continue at the new facility. The proposed capacity of the Stadium portion of the SASC will be approximately 10,000 seats, while the proposed Arena will be approximately 2,500 seats.

The SASC facilities shown on Figure 2 will include the following:

- Football/soccer Field

- Track and field
- Stadium restrooms
- Stadium concessions
- Scoreboard
- Athletic training facility
- Hydrotherapy/rehab center
- Basketball/Volleyball Competition gym/practice courts
- Sports medicine/training facility
- Kinesiology classrooms and center
- General District offices
- Student athlete success center
- Feature entry
- Adaptive classrooms
- Hall of Champions

An Initial Study has been completed for the Proposed Project. It is attached to the NOP and located on the LBCCD website: <https://www.lbcc.edu/pod/facilities-master-plans>. The focus of the analysis was to determine if the Proposed Project had additional or more severe impacts than the results of the analysis in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report completed for the 2041 Facilities Master Plan for the LAC Campus in 2019. The following determinations are a summary of the impacts with the greatest affect outcome for each resource area:

- **No Impact:** Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, and Wildfire.
- **Less than Significant Impact:** Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Recreation, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems
- **Less Than Significant With Mitigation:** Geology and Soils and Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- **Potentially Significant:** Cultural Resources

Tribal Resources will be analyzed during the EIR process when AB 52 Tribal Consultation is completed.

Agency/Public Comments: LBCCD will accept written comments from August 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to: Jeff Connell, Long Beach Community College District, 4901 East Carson Street, Long Beach, California 90808. Your comments may also be sent via e-mail to jeffconnell@lbcc.edu (please include the name of the project in the subject heading).



