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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for the WEDGEWORTH K-8 SCHOOL and RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

DATE: February 19, 2021

PROJECT TITLE: Wedgeworth K-8 School and Residential Development Project (SCH No. 2019071040)

LEAD AGENCY: Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

PROJECT LOCATION: 16949 Wedgeworth Drive, Hacienda Heights, Los Angeles County (Assessor's Parcel Number 8209-001-901).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (District), as lead agency, has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the proposed Wedgeworth K-8 School and Residential Development Project pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21165 and the CEQA Guidelines (CA Code of Regulations) Sections 15050 and 15088.5. The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Availability of a RDEIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and to advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the DEIR.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the public review period will commence on **February 19, 2021,** and will close on **April 5, 2021.** The District, as lead agency, requests that responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties respond in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. Pursuant to Public Resourced Code Section 21080.4, responsible and trustee agencies must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than 45 days after receipt. A copy of the RDEIR is available for review at:

- District Website: WWW.HLPSCHOOLS.ORG/WSP
- District Offices: 15959 East Gale Avenue, City of Industry, California 91716-0002 (*Due to COVID-19, in-person review is by **appointment only** and must be scheduled by calling 626-933-3932 and asking for Joel Duarte, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse.*)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is proposing to redevelop a 20-acre project site in phases to construct a new expanded K-8 school serving 1,200 students on 10 acres in Phase 1 and up to 160 residential units in Phase 2. The 20-acre site consists of the existing Wedgeworth Elementary School with a maximum student enrollment capacity of 600 K-5 students, four baseball fields with nighttime lighting for two of the fields, and a vacant lot.

The project site is not on any hazardous materials sites list under Government Code Section 65962.5.

RECIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT EIR: The DEIR was previously circulated for public review from December 5, 2019 to January 21, 2020. Since the circulation of the DEIR, the District identified two replacement field sites as mitigation to reduce significant recreation impacts to less than significant levels (Section 5.7, Recreation). The RDEIR now includes two new alternatives that maintain either 2 or 4 little league fields at Wedgeworth. Additionally, compliance with the revised transportation guidelines pursuant to Senate Bill 743 also became effective on July 1, 2020, and the County of Los Angeles adopted vehicle miles traveled (VMT) methodologies and thresholds to evaluate projects in July 2020 (Section 5.8, Transportation). Due to these changes, project alternatives were modified to reflect the

changes in significance determination (Chapter 7, Alternatives to the Proposed Project). Changes made to the Draft EIR requires the District to recirculate the revised portions of the DEIR for the proposed project.

Reviewers must limit their comments only to the RDEIR, and not the topics reviewed under the previous DEIR. Both sets of comments (DEIR circulated from December 5, 2019 to January 21,2020) and this RDEIR will be included in the Final EIR (FEIR).

The RDEIR analyzes the environmental effects of the proposed project to the degree of specificity required by Section 15146 of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 15126.4(a)(1)(D) for the mitigation measures. The RDEIR identified significant effects on the following environment issues as a result of the proposed project.

- Transportation

The proposed certification of FEIR also includes adoption of Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Consideration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approval of the proposed project.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the RDEIR for consideration by the Board of Education. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your written comments should be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 5:00 PM on April 5, 2021. Only timely received comments will be considered.

Send Responses to: Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
Joel Duarte, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse
15959 East Gale Avenue
City of Industry, California 91716-0002

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: From **February 19, 2021** to **April 5, 2021,** by 5:00 pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:
Please also be informed that the Hacienda La Puente Board of Education will hold a public meeting on May 6, 2021, or soon thereafter, to receive public comments, and consider the EIR and the proposed project actions.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom, the public meeting will be conducted virtually and livestreamed via YouTube. For directions on how to access the YouTube page, register for the virtual meeting or submit requests to speak you can visit the Board of Education page on the District website found at: https://www.hlpschools.org/board