



LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 6 – GYMNASIUM AND AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that the Long Beach Unified School District has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Jordan High School Phase 6 – Gymnasium and Aquatic Center Project (Proposed Project).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project or Projects would be constructed on the existing campus of Jordan High School. Jordan High School is located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805 and is situated in a primarily residential area surrounded by housing on the north and east sides and Houghton Park directly south. The school accommodates students from grades 9-12. The school was built over various phases between 1935 and 1990 and is approximately 26.9 acres in size. There are thirteen (13) permanent buildings and fifty-three (53) interim housing relocatable/portable buildings. The campus has been undergoing modernization starting in 2014 to implement the Master Plan to replace aging buildings with new ones and modernize buildings when feasible.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project proposes to Construct a new aquatic center and a gymnasium building.

The new gymnasium building will be located on the south side of the existing football and track and field, and covers an area of approximately 65,000 square feet. The building will include a completion gymnasium, practice gymnasium, weight room, wrestling room, dance room, fitness room, trainer room, offices, 4 team rooms, locker rooms, restrooms and other ancillary spaces such as storages and custodial rooms.

The proposed aquatic center will be located immediately on the western side of the gymnasium building and will consist of an outdoor competition swimming pool, restrooms, a team room, one pool equipment building, a one-story ticket/storage building and sport lighting. One set of new aluminum bleachers will be located in the most western portion of the aquatic center. Other improvements at the site will include a concrete pool deck, a scoreboard, four (4) stadium lights, concrete and asphalt hardscaped areas, low site walls and new utility lines. The entire aquatic center will have CMU perimeter walls.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The Proposed Project construction is expected to occur over a 28-month period, approximately between September 2024 and January 2027.



POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. On the basis of the Initial Study, District staff has concluded that the Proposed Project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a MND. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, and Tribal Cultural resources would be mitigated to a less than significant level. The MND reflects the independent judgment of the District staff.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The MND is now available for a 30-day public review period. The District has made the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15072. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address, email or fax number noted below. The District will receive written comments on the Draft IS/MND from July 3, 2024 to 5:00 PM on August 5, 2024.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND are available for review at: District's website at <https://www.lbschoolbonds.net/projects-by-school/high-schools/jordan-hs>.

In addition, if you would like an electronic copy or hard copy of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND please reach out to Bernice Ngo at BNgo@lbschools.net.

COMMENTS: Written comments may be submitted to:

Long Beach Unified School District or schoolbonds@lbschools.net or (562) 595-8644 (FAX)
Facilities Development & Planning Branch
Attn: Bernice Ngo, Planning Project Manager
2425 Webster Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90810

Agency responses to this notice should include the name of the Proposed Project "Jordan High School Phase 6 – Gymnasium and Aquatic Center Project" and the contact person representing the commenting agency.

PUBLIC MEETING: Following the public review period, the Final IS/MND will be prepared, and adoption of the Final IS/MND will be considered at the regular meeting of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education.