



LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL 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 Woodrow Wilson High School Aquatic Center Project (Proposed Project).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located at 4400 East 10th Street, Long Beach, in the County of Los Angeles. The campus is bordered by East 10th Street to the north, Park Avenue to the east, East 7th Street to the south, and Bennett Avenue to the west, with Ximeno Avenue running in between the main campus and the western area of the campus with portable classrooms and sports facilities. The Project site is located on approximately 1.6 acres on the west portion of campus, bordered by Bennett Avenue to the west, Ximeno Avenue to the east, tennis courts to the north, and portable classrooms to the south.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project proposes to develop an aquatic center to replace the existing indoor pool at Woodrow Wilson High School, and provide a regulation size pool for water polo games or swim meets, as well as for physical education, parks and recreation, summer programs, and for the Special Olympics. Construction of the Proposed Project's main facilities will include an outdoor swimming pool, bleachers, locker rooms/offices, restrooms, showers, stadium lights, LED scoreboard, parking stalls, wall enclosures, surveillance cameras, and an equipment storage enclosure/room. The Proposed Project will be in use routinely with exception of a few days in the year, as well as accommodating outside group activities that do not conflict with the needs of the school water polo and swim teams.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The Proposed Project construction is expected to occur over a 15-month period, approximately between June 2022 and September 2023.

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, noise, 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 March 18, 2021 to 5:00 PM on April 17, 2021.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND are available for review at: District's website at <http://lbschoolbonds.net/wilson-aquatic.cfm>.

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 Ferdows Fazeli at FFazeli@lbschools.net.

COMMENTS: Written comments may be submitted to:

Long Beach Unified School District or CEQA@lbschools.net or (562) 595-8644 (FAX)

Facilities Development & Planning Branch

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Agency responses to this notice should include the name of the Proposed Project “Wilson High School 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.