

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) OF
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR ST. JAMES
PARK CAPITAL VISION AND PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION PROJECT
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Project Description: The project includes both physical and programmatic changes to St. James Park, an approximately 7.5-acre urban park in downtown San Jose. The project proposes to renovate and revitalize St. James Park by implementing both physical and programmatic changes. The project would result in the demolition and removal of most of the existing improvements at the park, with the exception of the monuments and heritage trees. The physical improvements proposed include:

- Performing Arts Pavilion
- Café and Restroom Building
- Picnic Pavilion and Naglee Picnic Grove
- Two Dog Parks
- McKinley Meadow
- Plaza
- Playground
- Fountain
- Park Office Building
- Security Lighting
- Landscaping
- Perimeter Garden Fencing
- Transportation Network Modifications and Pedestrian Improvements including a Monument Walk
- Utility Improvements

The project proposes to maintain the existing park use (passive park uses and events) and have additional programmatic elements, including events at the Performing Arts Pavilion. The Performing Arts Pavilion could accommodate a variety of events, such as film festivals, concerts, and dance and theatre performances. It is assumed that 50 to 300 events (with up to 72 large concerts/events) would be held annually at the Performing Arts Pavilion, with larger events accommodating up to 5,000 attendees. In addition, the project proposes to allow commercial uses including the proposed café, food, beverage, and merchandise vendors associated with events at the Performing Arts Pavilion, street performers, and a farmer's market, which may require an event or development permit.

Location: St. James Park is located in downtown San José. The approximately 7.5-acre park is square shaped and bounded by East St. James Street to the north, East St. John Street to the south, North 1st Street to the west, and North 3rd Street to the east. North 2nd Street bisects the park.

Council District: 3

File Nos.: PP16-037

The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects on Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Recreation resource areas. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. The project site is not listed on any toxic sites databases.



Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
ROSALYNN HUGHEY, DIRECTOR

The Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of San José's "Active EIRs" website at www.sanjoseca.gov/activeeirs. Usually hard copies would be available at the following locations:

Department of Planning, Building,
and Code Enforcement
200 East Santa Clara St., 3rd Floor
San José, CA 95113
(408) 535-3555

Dr. MLK Jr. Main Library
150 E. San Fernando St.,
San José, CA 95112
(408) 277-4822

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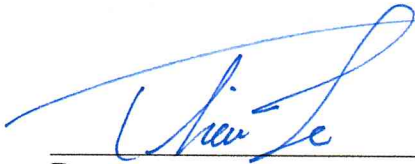
The public review period for this Public Review Draft EIR begins on **May 19, 2020 and ends on July 6, 2020**. Written comments must be received at the Planning Department by **5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020** to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Comments and questions should be referred to Thai-Chau Le in the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement via e-mail: Thai-Chau.Le@sanjoseca.gov, or by regular mail at the mailing address listed for the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, above (send to the attention of Thai-Chau Le).

For the official record, please your written comment letter and reference **File Nos. PP16-037**.

Following the close of the public review period, the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Report that will include responses to comments received during the review period. At least ten days prior to the public hearing on the EIR, the City's responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be sent to those who have commented in writing on the EIR during the public review period.

Rosalynn Hughey, Director
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

Date



Deputy

5/13/2020