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Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Program **Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed** Compton Hub City Specific Planning & Research

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Introduction: The City of Compton will be the Lead Agency preparing the Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) for the Compton Hub City Specific Plan (proposed project). The Program EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address State and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed project. In addition, the Program EIR is intended to disclose all relevant project information to decision-makers and the general public and disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed project. Therefore, interested parties are invited to provide their views on the scope of the Program EIR, which will become part of the record and will be considered in each of the documents.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Compton will serve as the lead agency for preparation of the Program EIR. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Program EIR was prepared in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Location: The Compton Hub City Specific Plan is proposed in the southeast corner of the City of Compton. The Specific Plan area encompasses 1.19 square miles and includes existing residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial uses. The Specific Plan area is loosely bounded by Bennet Street to the north, West Victoria/Apra Streets to the south, Wilmington Avenue to the west, and South Tartar Lane to the east.

Project Description: The Compton Hub City Specific Plan projects approximately one million square feet (sf) of new development (4,800 housing units; 74,348 sf retail; and 76,426 sf office) by the horizon year 2040 in order to envision a new, compact, transit-oriented neighborhood within walking distance of the existing Artesia Blue Line station. This new transit village would be made possible by strategic public access and place-making investments that improve the appearance and safety of the public realm, introduces new open spaces, closes existing gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network (first/last mile), and other site improvements through the redevelopment of multiple opportunity sites adjacent to the station.

Potential Environmental Effects: The following are several key environmental issues that will be addressed in the Program EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

It is important to note that additional issues may be analyzed based upon the input received during the scoping process.

Comment Period: 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 written comments to the address below:

City of Compton Attention: Robert Delgadillo Planning and Economic Development 205 South Willowbrook Avenue

Compton, CA 90220

Comment letters should include the commenter's contact information, and the project title "Compton Hub City Specific Plan."

E-mail comments should be sent to <u>rdelgadillo@comptoncity.org</u> and <u>shuerta@rinconconsultants.com</u>. Email comments should include "Compton Hub City Specific Plan" in the e-mail subject line.

Public Scoping Meeting: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15206, the Compton Hub City Specific Plan project is considered a "Project of Areawide Significance," as it envisions approximately 4,800 dwelling units and more than 150,000 square feet of commercial and retail area. Therefore, the City of Compton will hold a public scoping meeting during a special Planning Commission meeting on April 10, 2019 beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the City Council chambers located at 205 South Willowbrook, Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Robert Delgadillo at the City of Compton (310) 605-5500 or Susanne Huerta at Rincon Consultants (213) 788-4842, ext. 104.

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