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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHOLE SITE MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

April 5, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Diego Unified School District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Montgomery Middle School Whole Site Modernization Project (proposed project).

Project Title: Montgomery Middle School Whole Site Modernization Project

Project Applicant: San Diego Unified School District

Project Location: The project site is located at Montgomery Middle School, situated on an approximately 15-acre, District-owned site located at 2470 Ulric Street in the central part of the City of San Diego, California. The site is not listed on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Description: The proposed project includes improvements to existing facilities to provide for a safe and contemporary learning environment in accordance with Propositions S and Z. These improvements include modernizing existing permanent buildings, updating existing facilities and paths of travel for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, as well as other campus-wide security improvements. Ground disturbing activities would be limited to installation of fencing and a chiller plant, improvement of existing pathways, and the relocation of an existing transformer. The project would not result in the development of any new classrooms or other facility space, and therefore there would be no increase the current student capacity at the school. The modernization improvements would be completed as funding is available over multiple years, and they are not scheduled to begin until 2020.

Unmitigable Significant Environmental Effects: No significant and unmitigable impacts were identified.

Mitigable Significant Environmental Effects: Significant impacts were identified for cultural (historical) resources and tribal resources, however, feasible mitigation has been identified that would reduce impacts to below a level of significance.

Document Availability: Copies of the IS/MND are available during operating hours at:

- District Facilities Planning and Construction, 4860 Ruffner Street, Annex 5, San Diego CA 92111;
- Montgomery Middle School, 2470 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111
- Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111
- The District website at <http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews>

Public Review Period: The public review period of the MND begins on April 5, 2019 and ends on May 6, 2019. Written comments may be sent by email to environmental@sandi.net or mailed to: Paul Garcia, CEQA Project Coordinator, Facilities Planning and Construction, 4860 Ruffner Street, Annex Room 5, San Diego CA 92111. **All comments must be received by 5:00pm on May 6, 2019.**

District Board Hearing: Additional information concerning the proposed project will be posted on the District's website: <http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews>. The Board of Education will consider this item during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the District website to find the meeting date and time at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/sandi/Board.nsf/Public>. The Board meeting will be held at the Eugene Brucker Education Center Auditorium, 4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA

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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2019049029

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Lead Agency: San Diego Unified School District

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Project Location: San Diego

San Diego

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences):

Montgomery Middle School is an existing school situated on an approximately 15-acre, District-owned site located at 2470 Ulric Street in the central part of the City of San Diego, California. The school is within the Linda Vista community, approximately 0.6 miles west of State Route (SR) 163 and 2 miles east of Interstate 5 (I-5). The Montgomery Middle School Modernization Project (proposed project) includes improvements to existing facilities to provide for a safe and contemporary learning environment in accordance with Propositions S and Z. These improvements include modernizing existing permanent buildings, updating existing facilities and paths of travel for ADA compliance, as well as other campus-wide security improvements. The project would not result in the development of any new classrooms or other facility space, and there would be no increase the current student capacity at the school. The modernization improvements would be completed as funding is available over multiple years, and are scheduled to begin in 2019.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would potentially impact cultural resources and tribal cultural resources. A historical resource is considered to be present within the project site. Montgomery Middle School is associated with the construction of residential suburbs due to the population boom associated with the thriving San Diego Naval Station and defense industry during World War II that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history at the local level. Additionally, Montgomery Middle School is eligible for its architectural associations as a notable work of the prominent Southern California Architecture firm of Kistner and Curtis and as a distinctive example of a Moderne style school campus. For these reasons, a historical resource is considered to be present within the project site. To mitigate cultural resource impacts, a Qualified Preservation Professional shall be retained to develop a plan of action for avoidance and protection of historic materials in coordination with the client. Additionally, the Qualified Preservation Professional shall review the final plans for all new proposed construction to ensure conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards) and prepare a report. With implementation of this mitigation, impacts to cultural resources would be reduced to a less than significant level.

As for tribal cultural resources, Jamul Indian Village requested a Kumeyaay Native American monitor for all ground disturbing activities associated with the installation of the new chiller plant and the relocation of the electrical transformer. With implementation of this mitigation, impacts to tribal cultural resources would be reduced to a less than significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of controversy will be identified for the proposed project during the 30-day public review period in response to information published in this NOI and IS/MND.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Division of State Architects