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California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Preparation

TO: Property Owners, Responsible Agencies & Interested Parties
FROM: City of Ontario, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, CA 91764
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ontario will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are summarized herein. A copy of the Initial Study is attached and/or available at City Hall, Planning Department.

The proposed project is, is not, considered a project of statewide, regional, or area-wide significance. The proposed project will, will not, affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation. A scoping meeting will, will not, be held by the lead agency. A project scoping meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM at:

Ontario Police Department Community Room
2500 South Archibald Avenue
Ontario, CA 91761

Please send your comments, including contact information, to Richard Ayala, Senior Planner, Ontario Planning Department, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, CA 91764, (909)395-2036 or ravala@ontarioca.gov no later than **Monday, May 13, 2019**.

Project Title/File No.: Merrill Commerce Center Specific Plan

Project Location: The Merrill Commerce Center Specific Plan is identified as approximately 376.3 acres in the City of Ontario, San Bernardino County. The project site is bounded by Eucalyptus Avenue to the north, Merrill Avenue to the south, Carpenter Avenue to the east, and the Grove Avenue to the west. The surrounding land uses are agricultural, industrial/business park, and dairy farms.

Project Description: The Merrill Commerce Center Specific Plan proposes development and operation of up to 7,014,000 square feet of high-cube fulfillment center warehouse uses and up to 1,441,000 square feet of business park uses (total of 8,455,000 square feet of development) on approximately 376.3 acres.

Environmental Issues: Based on the Initial Study prepared for the Project, the following environmental topics will be analyzed further within the forthcoming EIR:

- Agricultural Resources;
- Air Quality;
- Biological Resources;
- Cultural Resources;
- Geology and Soils;
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions (including Energy);
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials;
- Hydrology/Water Quality;
- Land Use;
- Noise;

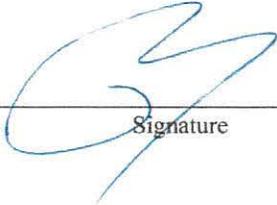
- Population/Housing;
- Transportation;
- Tribal Cultural Resources; and
- Utilities/Service Systems.

Project Sponsors:

Merrill Commerce Center East LLC/Merrill Commerce Center West LLC, 3546 Concourse Street, Suite 100, Ontario, CA 91764; Contact: Thomas Donahue

Liberty Property Limited Partnership, 650 East Swedesford Road, Suite 400, Wayne, PA 19087; Contact: Kenneth Chang

Consulting firm retained to prepare Draft EIR: Applied Planning, Inc, 11762 De Palma Road, 1-C 310, Corona, CA 92883; Contact: Ross Geller (909) 937-0333



Signature

Senior Planner

Title

April 11, 2019

Date