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Memorandum

Date: March 18, 2020
To: All Reviewing Agencies
From: Scott Morgan, Director
Re: SCH # **2019070447**
Point Molate Mixed-Use Development Project

Pursuant to the attached letter, the Lead Agency has *extended* the review period for the above referenced project to **April 16, 2020** to accommodate the review process. All other project information remains the same.

cc: Lina Velasco
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**UPDATED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR)
FOR THE POINT MOLATE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT, CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION**

DATE: March 17, 2020

TO: Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse, County Clerk, and Affected Agencies (via Hand Delivery and Certified Mail) and Adjacent Property Owners and Interested Parties (via US Mail and City website)

FROM: City of Richmond

LEAD AGENCY: City of Richmond
Planning Division
450 Civic Center Plaza
P.O. Box 4046
Richmond, CA 94804-1630

CONTACT: Lina Velasco, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Update to the Notice of Availability of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)

A. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

A Notice of Availability of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Development Project was previously distributed to agencies and interested parties which stated a 45-day public review and comment period on February 21, 2020. This notice is to announce that the comment period, which was set to end on April 6, 2020, has been extended by 10 days to 5 p.m. on April 16, 2020, to allow the public and agencies a total of 55 days to submit comments.

Please mail or email your written comments on the Draft SEIR no later than **5 p.m. on April 16, 2020** to:

Lina Velasco, Community Development Director
City of Richmond Planning Division
450 Civic Center Plaza-2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804
admin@pointmolateseir.com

In addition, oral comments of up to 3 minutes may be submitted via the City of Richmond's public comment phone line for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Development Project Draft SEIR. To leave a verbal comment, please call (916) 301-4141 and follow the prompts.

B. DRAFT SEIR AVAILABILITY

As stated in the Notice of Availability dated February 21, 2020, the Draft SEIR is available for review online at: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3757/Point-Molate-Mixed-Use-Project>. If you have any trouble accessing the document online, please call Soco Montore at (510) 620-6705.

Copies are also available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Richmond Public Libraries:
 - Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804
 - West Side Branch 135 Washington Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801 (Point Richmond)

- City of Richmond Planning Division, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, 94804 (The Planning Division public counter is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A digital copy of all documents incorporated by reference and cited in the SEIR is also available at the City of Richmond Planning Division.)

Should these facilities be closed in response to the unique and continuing public safety challenge presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the numerous public health orders suggesting or requiring that public gatherings be limited, please call Soco Montore at (510) 620-6705 for information on how to review the Draft SEIR during the public review period.

C. CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Further notice is hereby given that in response to the unique and continuing public safety challenge presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the numerous public health orders suggesting or requiring that public gatherings be limited, the City of Richmond is **cancelling** the public meeting to receive public comments on the Draft SEIR for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Project from the previously-scheduled Planning Commission hearing on March 19, 2020.

Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15202(a), "[the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")] does not require formal hearings at any stage of the environmental review process. Public comments may be restricted to written communication." As such, in an abundance of caution and to comply with public health orders, the City has decided to cancel the in-person public meeting scheduled to receive comments and public input on the Draft SEIR for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Project. Instead, as discussed above, the City has **extended** the comment period deadline on the Draft SEIR by 10 days to **Thursday, April 16, 2020**. The City has also set up a hotline for submitting oral comments for up to 3 minutes that will be transcribed for inclusion in the Final SEIR.