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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

DATE: December 3, 2020

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: City of Claremont

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for The Village South Specific Plan (State Clearinghouse No. 2019080072).

The City of Claremont (City) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing The Village South Specific Plan. This NOA has been prepared and distributed by the City to solicit written comments from responsible and trustee agencies, from the state agencies, and interested organizations and individuals on the content of the Draft EIR. The City is requesting input regarding the content of the environmental information to be addressed in the Draft EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Village South Specific Plan (VSSP) area encompasses 24 acres within the City of Claremont that are bounded by Indian Hill Boulevard on the east, Arrow Highway on the south, Bucknell Avenue on the west, and Santa Fe Street on the north, as well as the parcels immediately fronting the east side of Indian Hill Boulevard between Arrow Highway and Santa Fe Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed VSSP would provide a vision, policies, standards, guidelines, and an implementation plan for public and private improvements for transit-oriented, mixed use development within the Plan Area. Future development within the VSSP is envisioned as an expansion of Claremont Village, based on the Plan Area's adjacency to the Claremont Village, the existing Claremont Metrolink Passenger Rail station, and the planned LA Metro Gold Line station.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS EVALUATED IN THE DRAFT EIR: A maximum development capacity that is allowed by the Specific Plan and considered likely to occur has been analyzed in the EIR. The EIR evaluated the potential of the project to impact Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities.

AVAILABILITY OF THE NOA AND DRAFT EIR: A copy of the Draft EIR and its Appendices are available on the City's website at https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/government/departments-divisions/planning-division/ceqadocuments.

DRAFT EIR REVIEW PERIOD: December 4, 2020 – January 18, 2021

The City will consider all written comments regarding the contents of the Draft EIR that are submitted by 4:00 PM, January 18, 2021. Please direct written comments to:

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