NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the Davenport Park Expansion Project

This serves as the City of Long Beach's (City) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Davenport Park Expansion Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project:

Davenport Park Expansion Project

Project Location:

The project site is located at 5550 North Paramount Boulevard in Long Beach, California. The project site involves a portion of the existing Davenport Park and abutting parcels proposed for the park expansion, which are identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 7157-006-902, -903, -904, and -905.

Lead Agency:

City of Long Beach, 411 West Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

Project Description:

The project proposes to expand Davenport Park, located directly east of the project site at 2910 East 55th Way, to an abutting undeveloped parcel. The existing site and the adjacent 5.5-acre Davenport Park site were formerly occupied by a municipal waste landfill and later by the Cal Coast Packing Crating Company. The industrial use is no longer in operation on the site, and the landfill has since been closed and capped in compliance with the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle) Closed, Illegal, and Abandoned Disposal Site (CIA) program and the CalRecycle Solid Waste Cleanup Program (Assembly Bill [AB] 2136). The existing site is characterized by the presence of scattered vegetation and soil.

The proposed project would expand the existing 5.5-acre Davenport Park by approximately 6 acres, for total park size of approximately 11.5 acres. Features proposed as part of the park expansion would include a sports field located on the central and western portion of the site, four sets of three-level bleachers on each side of the sports field, six fitness equipment pads, a skate park, parking spaces on the northern portion of the site, and shaded picnic facilities. The park would include landscaping, irrigation, walking paths, seating areas, and trash receptacles. In addition, security lighting would be provided throughout the project site.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, City of Long Beach 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802;
- Billie Jean King Main Library, 200 West Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802;
- Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805; and
- City of Long Beach website at: http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration contact:

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Development Services Department, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

Public Review Period:

Begins - November 7, 2019

Ends - December 6, 2019

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed IS/MND must be submitted in writing (mail or email) and *received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above*, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Ms. Maryanne Cronin, City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, City of Long Beach 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Project Location Map

