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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Nimoy Theater Renovation Project
Project Location: 1262 Westwood Boulevard, City of Los Angeles
County: Los Angeles

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and University of California Procedures for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study for the above-named Project has been prepared. Based upon the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for this Project.

The proposed Project involves the renovation of the existing Crest Theater into the Nimoy Theater for The Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA (CAP UCLA). The Project site is located at 1262 Westwood Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles. The Crest Theater is a single-screen theater that was built in 1940, and last closed in 2016. It was designated a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM; No. 919) by the City of Los Angeles in 2008. The proposed Nimoy Theater is intended as an intimate venue for up to 299 patrons with artists performing in many genres. The proposed Project would restore the theater to its original role as a venue for live performance. Interior renovations would occur in the lobby and second floor above the lobby, in the auditorium, and in the back-of-house. Interior renovations would include, but not be limited to, an expanded lobby for pre- and post-performance events; an updated refreshment counter and guest facilities; new seating and theatrical production systems; and a backstage green room with artist support spaces. The proposed Project would add approximately 1,420 gross square feet (gsf) (from 9,175 gsf to 10,595 gsf). At the primary exterior (west) façade facing Westwood Boulevard, the proposed Project would incorporate a new design at the street level to engage neighbors and passers-by, and restore the forms of the existing marquee, blade sign and façade. In addition, the proposed Project would involve the installation of building systems to meet University of California seismic standards, to comply with current energy codes, and to comply with life safety standards and provide an accessible experience for all patrons.

The Project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

It has been determined that with incorporation of mitigation measures, the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project. The Project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the enclosed Draft Initial Study. Copies of the Draft Initial Study and documents incorporated by reference are available for review at the address below, on campus at the **Charles E. Young Research Library** located at 280 Charles E. Young Drive North, Los Angeles, or on the web:

<http://www.capitalprograms.ucla.edu/EnvironmentalReview/ProjectsUnderEnvironmentalReview>

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the 30-day public review period will extend from **November 19, 2019 to December 18, 2019**. Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2019**. Submit your comments to jdamico@capnet.ucla.edu or send written comments to:

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Written and oral comments regarding the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be submitted at a **public hearing that will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2019**, at the UCLA Capital Programs Building, Room 128H, located at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. D'Amico via the email address provided above, or call (310) 267-4756.