

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE  
NORTON SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE ACADEMY PROJECT**

TO: Responsible and Interested  
Parties – Distribution List

FROM: City of San Bernardino  
Planning Division  
290 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92401

**November 18, 2019**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, the City of San Bernardino (City) (as lead agency) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the proposed Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) Project located at northwest corner of Waterman Avenue and Valley Street, in the City of San Bernardino (General Plan Amendment 19-01, Development Code Amendment (Zoning Map Amendment) 19-05, Subdivision 19-03 (Tentative Parcel Map 20120), and Conditional Use Permit 19-10). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible and interested parties with information about the project details regarding the public comment period, document availability, and public meetings.

**Project Title:** Norton Science and Language Academy  
**Project Applicant:** Lewis Center for Educational Research and County of San Bernardino – Preschool Services Department

**Project Description:**

The Project includes the following two components:

NSLA Facility

The proposed NSLA Project would involve the construction of a charter school for children from transitional kinder (TK) through 12th grade. The project would include eleven structures composed of multi-purpose rooms, gym and classrooms, totaling approximately 89,890 square feet of building square foot development on approximately 18 acres. The school would include the following associated amenities: soccer and track and field, outdoor basketball courts, indoor gym, outdoor play areas, parking, and landscaping.

Head Start/Preschool Facility

The proposed Head Start/Preschool facility would involve the construction of a County of San Bernardino owned and operated facility. The facility would include an approximately 17,179 square foot facility and approximately 14,564 square feet of outdoor play area, on 2.20 acres. The Head Start/Preschool facility would be located on the northwest corner of the project site and would be a standalone facility; it would include its own site driveways and vehicle parking stalls.



Together the NSLA Facility and the Head Start/Preschool Facility are the “proposed Project.” The proposed Project requires the approval of General Plan Amendment 19-01, Development Code Amendment 19-05, Subdivision 19-03 (Tentative Parcel Map 20120), Conditional Use Permit 19-10, and adoption of an MND pursuant to CEQA. Note: Approval of the Conditional Use Permit is not required for the County’s Head Start/Preschool.

California Government Code section 65962.5

The Project site is not part of a Cortese List, and is not located on a California Department of Toxic Substances list.

**Project Location:**

The proposed Project is in the northwest corner of Waterman Avenue and Valley Street of the City of San Bernardino, located north of Valley Street, south of Rialto Avenue, east of Allen Street, and west of Waterman Avenue. Direct access to the Project site is provided via Valley Street and Allen Street. Regional access is provided by Interstate 215 and Interstate 10, located within 1.2 miles and 2.2 miles from the site, respectively.

The total Project area encompasses approximately 18 acres of vacant and disturbed land. The site has been subject to severe disturbances related to grading and demolition of former residential developments. The site is generally covered by low-growing annual grasses, scrub-type plants, and four trees along the western property line. The site is comprised of the following 16 parcels:

**Project Site Assessor’s Parcel Numbers**

Parcels			
0136-261-11	0136-261-26	0136-261-36	0136-261-43
0136-261-23	0136-261-27	0136-261-37	0136-261-44
0136-261-24	0136-261-28	0136-261-41	0136-261-50
0136-261-25	0136-261-29	0136-261-42	0136-261-57

Upon approval of the project, all 16 parcels would be consolidated into the following three parcels:

- Parcel 1: Head Start/Preschool Facility (2.20 acres)
- Parcel 2: Sidewalk Right-of-Way (0.20 acres)
- Parcel 3: NSLA Facility (15.66 acres)

**Public Comment Period:**

The 30-day public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on November 20, 2019 and closes on December 19, 2019. Please submit comments **no later than** 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2019 to Travis Martin, Associate Planner, at the address above (290 North D Street) or by email at [martin\\_tr@sbcity.org](mailto:martin_tr@sbcity.org).

**Document Availability:**

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at the following locations:

- **City of San Bernardino Website:**  
[http://sbcity.org/cityhall/community\\_n\\_economic\\_development/planning/environmental\\_documents.asp](http://sbcity.org/cityhall/community_n_economic_development/planning/environmental_documents.asp)
- **City of San Bernardino Planning Division**  
201 North E Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92401
- **Feldheim Library**  
555 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

The City has tentatively scheduled the Project for a Development and Environmental Review Committee (D/ERC) meeting on December 11, 2019 at 10:00 am, and for a Planning Commission hearing on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm. If you require special accommodations for either of these meetings, or have any other questions, please contact Travis Martin at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.