

RESOLUTION NO. 20012101
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE WEST VALLEY - MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
DETERMINING THAT THE WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

VISUAL ARTS BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS CATEOGRICALLY EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the West Valley-Mission Community College District recognizes that the Visual Arts Building (“VAB”) Replacement Project at West Valley College will have significant educational service benefits to the District; to West Valley College students, faculty, and employees; and to the community; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2012, the West Valley – Mission Community College District secured adequate funding for the VAB Replacement project from local bond Measure C to proceed with the planning and implementation of the VAB Replacement Project in conjunction with the District’s Facilities Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the VAB Replacement Project is consistent with the West Valley College Long-Range Development Plan/Master Plan (“LRDP”) and its goal for campus improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LRDP Final Environmental Impact Report (“FEIR”), as certified in September 2005, addressed planned campus improvement projects and acknowledged that further environmental review would be required for specific projects when more detailed plans become available; and

WHEREAS, the West Valley-Mission Community College District has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*), and the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 *et seq.*) to the approval of the VAB Replacement Project as described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified the appropriate categorical exemption (Class 2) that addresses projects such as the VAB Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered whether there are any known facts associated with the VAB Replacement Project or its location that, pursuant to section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, would give rise to circumstances or considerations that disallow reliance on these categorical exemptions, and has determined that no such facts exist; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined, more specifically, (i) that the on-campus location of the VAB Replacement Project is not a “particularly sensitive environment” within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, subdivision (a); (ii) that the VAB Replacement Project, combined with successive projects of the same type in the same location, will not create significant cumulative impact; (iii) that there are no unusual circumstances creating a reasonable possibility that the VAB Replacement Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; (iv) that the VAB Replacement Project will not result in damages to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; (v) that the location for the VAB Replacement Project is not on a hazardous waste site included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and (vi) that the VAB Replacement Project will not cause any substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource; and

WHEREAS, the District has also considered whether the VAB Replacement Project would cause any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and has determined that no such effects would occur; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the VAB Replacement Project is consistent with the City of Saratoga's General Plan or zoning designations for the West Valley College site; and

WHEREAS, the location of the VAB Replacement Project is located within the City of Saratoga and is substantially surrounded by urban land uses; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the on-campus location of the VAB Replacement Project can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley - Mission Community College District as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and Board hereby so finds.
2. The Board finds that the VAB Replacement Project on West Valley College campus described in Exhibit A is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to the following exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 allows for replacement or reconstruction, which identifies exemptions for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The reconstructed Visual Arts building envisioned for this project would serve the same purpose as existing art studios and art labs facilities, but updated to current and future standards for an improved educational experience.
3. The Board directs the Chancellor or his designees to file the required CEQA Notice of Exemption ("NOE") with the State Office of Planning and Research.

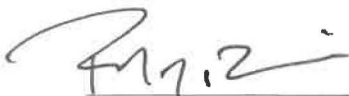
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley - Mission Community College District this 21st day of January, 2020, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: 7
 NOES: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0
 ABSENT: 0



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees