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Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report 1868 and 1870 Ogden Drive

To: Office of Planning and Research, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: City of Burlingame, 501 Primrose Road, Burlingame, CA 94010

The City of Burlingame is the Lead Agency preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project at 1868 and 1870 Ogden Drive in Burlingame. The project description and probable environmental effects that will be analyzed in the Draft EIR for this project are described below. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) requests comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your area of interest, or to your agency's statutory responsibilities regarding the proposed project. Public agencies may use this EIR when considering subsequent approvals related to this proposed project.

Due to the time limit mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date within 30 days after receipt of this notice, but no later than August 10, 2020. Please include your name and contact information, and direct your response to:

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Comments should focus on possible impacts on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project in light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors.

Project Location and Existing Conditions: The project site is a single parcel within north Burlingame, approximately 0.5 mile from the Millbrae Multimodal Transit Center, which provides Caltrain, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), and additional transit and shuttle services. The project site is located on the east side of Ogden Drive with the majority of the lot being covered by impervious surfaces.¹ There is minimal landscaping with grass, bushes, and some trees located in the front of the existing building. The project site is bounded by office buildings and supporting parking lots to the north and east. There is a residential apartment building located south and adjacent to the project site and other residential apartment buildings are located across Ogden Drive, west of the project site. In addition, Mills High School is located approximately 300 feet from the project site. Figure 1 depicts the location of the project site.

¹ For the purposes of describing the Project site, Ogden Drive is assumed to run in a north-south direction and Trousdale Drive in an east-west direction.

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Project Description: All existing features associated with the project site would be removed, including the one-story office building. The project would include construction of a six-story, 69-foot-high residential building with 120 residential units and with 150 parking spaces located at two levels (one below-grade and one at-grade). The residential units would include 35 studio units, 30 one-bedroom units, and 55 two-bedroom units. Six of these residential units would be below market rate (BMR) units. The project would include 150 parking tandem spaces and 81 bicycle parking spaces for residents and 12 bicycle parking spaces for guests. The project would also include a public plaza, common open space, and private open space. The basement of the proposed project would include vehicle and bicycle parking; the ground floor of the building would include vehicle and bicycle parking, a lobby, community space, and public plaza; the second floor of the building would include residential units and residential community space; the third floor would include residential units and a common deck; and the fourth to sixth floors would include residential units. Figure 2 provides a depiction of the proposed site plan.

Probable Environmental Effects: The EIR will evaluate the proposed project for environmental effects during construction as well as operation. However, based on preliminary review, the following topics will be scoped out of the EIR: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, archeological resources and tribal cultural resources, biological resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. It is anticipated that the proposed project will have an impact to a historical resource due to past events that occurred at the existing building. Where significant impacts for the proposed project are identified, the EIR will develop and propose mitigation measures to avoid or reduce the impact but it may not be possible to fully avoid identified impacts. The impacts of the proposed project in conjunction with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects will also be considered.

The Draft EIR will also examine a reasonable range of alternatives to the project, including the CEQA-mandated No Project Alternative and other potential alternatives that may be capable of reducing or avoiding potential environmental effects.

Signature: Catherine Keylon
Catherine Keylon, Senior Planner, City of Burlingame

Date: July 10, 2020



