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California Emergency Management Agency	Parks & Recreation, Department of		
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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



NOTICE OF PREPARATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

January 13, 2021

PROJECT NAME: One San Pedro Specific Plan

LEAD AGENCY: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

APPLICANT: One San Pedro (collectively)

PROJECT ADDRESS: 275 West First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90731

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: San Pedro Community Plan Area

LA COUNCIL DISTRICT: 15 – Buscaino

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 13, 2021 – February 12, 2021

SCOPING MEETING: 10:00 A.M., February 6, 2021. See below for additional information.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), which is the Lead Agency under CEQA (CEQA Lead Agency) for the proposed project, will be preparing a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the proposed One San Pedro Specific Plan (Project). Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq., the Lead Agency has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project and decides whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), acting through the City of Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Development (HCID) as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Lead Agency and Responsible Entity in accordance with Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 58, is preparing the Environmental Impact Statement in compliance with NEPA.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, HACLA has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide the public, nearby residents/businesses and property owners, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with information regarding the Project and its potential environmental effects.

The CEQA Lead Agency requests your written comments on the scope and content of the EIR/EIS, including mitigation measures or project alternatives to reduce potential environmental impacts from the project. Comments must be submitted in writing according to directions below. If you represent a public agency, HACLA seeks written comments as to the scope and content of the environmental information in the EIR/EIS that are germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the project. Your agency may need to use the EIR/EIS when considering your permit or other necessary approvals for the project.

A Public Scoping Meeting will be held to receive input regarding environmental areas of concern and topics the EIR/EIS should study. No decisions about the Project are made at the Public Scoping Meeting. Additional project details, meeting information, and instructions for public comment submittal are listed below.

PROJECT LOCATION AND EXISTING ON-SITE USES:

The Project is located at 275 West First Street in the City of Los Angeles, CA 90731 in the community of San Pedro (project site). The project site is approximately 21 acres in size and is currently developed with an existing 478-unit public housing complex known as "Rancho San Pedro", which was initially developed in 1942 with subsequent development in 1955. The existing access to the project site is from local surface streets surrounding the site, which

include Santa Cruz Street to the north, Harbor Boulevard to the east, 3rd Street to the south, and Mesa Street to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Development of the proposed project would occur in multiple phases. Initial phases would focus on replacement and expansion of the aging housing stock with the later phases dedicated to expansion of affordable units, community amenities, and services. The proposed phasing would be planned to minimize disturbance to current residents. The project would pursue a "build-first" approach to the greatest extent possible. When residents must be relocated, HACLA adheres to all of the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. For purposes of the environmental analysis and to provide a conservative analysis of environmental impacts., overall construction is estimated to take approximately 14 years, with construction activities occurring from 2024 to 2037. The opening year for the first constructed buildings is expected to occur in 2025. See attached Figure 1 – Conceptual Site Plan.

The proposed project involves the redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro complex with a Specific Plan in order to improve the physical condition of the community and increase housing stock and amenities for residents. The proposed project would include demolition of the existing 478-unit Rancho San Pedro (in phases) complex, including 8,000 square feet (sf) of amenities, services and administration, and construction of new housing with a total of up to 1,390 multi-family residential units for mixed-income households, 85,000 sf of services, amenities and administration, and 45,000 sf of commercial/retail uses. Each building would have its own onsite parking garage with secured access limited to residents. In addition to secured parking garages, no zoning code on-street parking within and around the site would also be maximized, including expanding available diagonal parking where available. This would include reconfiguring on-street curb parking, transitioning from parallel to diagonal parking on some blocks. The proposed project would maintain the existing street grid and block configuration, with the exception of Beacon Street and the intersecting portion of Second Street, where a new pedestrian plaza is proposed. Site access would be similar to the existing conditions.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

- (1) Adoption of Master Development Agreement, Disposition and Development Agreements, Ground Leases, and Relocation Plan by HACLA;
- (2) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Part 58 Compliance necessary for Demolition/Disposition and Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Conversion of the existing Rancho San Pedro development from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and potential federal funding for the Project;
- (3) Certification of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS);
- (4) Adoption of the One San Pedro Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Phased Vesting Tentative Tract Map, and Zone and Height District change by the City of Los Angeles;
- (5) Haul route approval from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (if required);
- (6) Permit for removal of street trees from the Los Angeles Board of Public Works (if required);
- (7) Approval of a Water Supply Assessment; and
- (8) Other discretionary and ministerial permits and approvals that may be deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, demolition, temporary street closure permits, grading permits, excavation permits, foundation permits, building permits, and sign permits in order to execute and implement the Project.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed project could have potentially significant environmental impacts in the following topic areas, which will be addressed in the EIR/EIS:

Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy, Environmental Justice (NEPA), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities/Service Systems.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: A Public Scoping Meeting will be held in an online format using Zoom to share information regarding the project and the environmental review process and to receive written public comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the EIR/EIS. Staff, environmental consultants, and project representatives will be available, and a brief presentation is scheduled. HACLA encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend this meeting. Written comments may be submitted during the project review period, but there will be no verbal comments or public testimony taken at the Public Scoping Meeting. No decisions about the project will be made at the Public Scoping Meeting. A separate public hearing on the underlying project approvals will be scheduled after the completion of the Draft EIR/EIS.

The date, time, and location of the Public Scoping Meeting are as follows:

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via:

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REVIEW AND COMMENTS:

If you have questions about this Notice of Preparation, please contact Jessica Frazier at (213) 219-1401 or jessica.frazier@hacla.org.

In an effort to broaden community outreach, this notice has been translated into Spanish and is available on the HACLA website at https://home.hacla.org/. Puede obtener información en español sobre esta reunión llamando a Jocelyn Aldana al (213) 252-1037. In the event of any inconsistency between this notice in English and a translated notice, this notice shall prevail.

HACLA will consider all written comments regarding the potential environmental impacts of the project and issues to be addressed in the EIR/EIS. If you wish to submit comments, please reference the project name above, and submit them in writing by February 12, 2021. Written comments will also be accepted at the Public Scoping Meeting described above.

Please direct comments to:

Mail: Jessica E. Frazier, MBA | Development Officer
Strategic Development
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
2600 Wilshire Blvd | 3rd Floor | Los Angeles, CA 90057

■:213-252-4215 | 1:213-219-1401 | □:jessica.frazier@hacla.org

ACCOMMODATIONS: As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Public Scoping Meeting is a virtual meeting and multi-language translation will be provided. HACLA wants the meeting to be open to those with Limited English Proficiency and Individuals with Disabilities. In order to ensure HACLA is able to effectively communicate with individuals in another language or with disabilities, including individuals with hearing, vision or speech impairments, HACLA will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services, where necessary. Examples of auxiliary aids and services include amplification headsets, language interpreters, note-takers, transcription services, written materials and large print materials. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request for an auxiliary aid or service at least 72 hours prior to the meeting/event. Requests should be directed to Jocelyn Aldana at (213) 252-1037 or by email Jocelyn.aldana@hacla.org.

Attachments:

Figure 1- Conceptual Site Plan

Puede obtener información en español sobre esta reunión llamando a Jocelyn Aldana al (213) 252-1037

Figure 1 Rancho San Pedro Redevelopment Conceptual Site Plan



AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The City of Los Angeles, through the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), is providing notice of its intent to prepare a combined Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (EIR/EIS) for the One San Pedro Redevelopment Project (project) located in Los Angeles, CA. The proposed action is subject to compliance with NEPA because the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is proposing a HUD Section 18 demolition/disposition and the developer is planning to use Project Based Section 8 Vouchers. HACLA will consider a Disposition and Development Agreement with the developer. This Notice of Intent to prepare an EIR/EIS represents the beginning of the public scoping process. Following the scoping meeting referenced below, a Draft EIR/EIS will be prepared and ultimately circulated.

ADDRESSES: Comments relating to the scope of the EIR/EIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact persons listed below during the 30-day comment period. Any person or agency interested in receiving a notice and wishing to comment on the Draft EIR/EIS should contact the persons listed below. Documents are available at the following websites: http://hcidla.lacity.org/NEPA-review and www.onesanpedro.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jinderpal Singh Bhandal, Environmental Supervisor, Finance & Development Division, HCID, (213) 808-8558, Jinderpal.Bhandal@lacity.org. Comments and questions can also be directed to Jessica Frazier, Development Officer, Strategic Development, HACLA, jessica.frazier@hacla.org, telephone number: (213) 252-6120.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public will be invited to participate in the review of the Draft EIR/EIS. Release of the Draft EIR/EIS will be announced through public mailings as well as the local news media. All interested Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, groups, and the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIR/EIS. If you are an agency with jurisdiction by law over natural or other public resources affected by the project, HCID needs to know what environmental information germane to your statutory responsibilities should be included in the EIR/EIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project site is located in the Barton Hill neighborhood with the historic Downtown San Pedro located two blocks to the south and the San Pedro Waterfront to the east. The Port of Los Angeles (managed by the Los Angeles Harbor Department) lies to the east, and toward the north, north of the SR 47 (Vincent Thomas Bridge).

The majority of the surrounding Barton Hill neighborhood has a low-density residential character with single-family homes, though numerous properties host a main home on the front of the lot and an accessory dwelling unit to the rear. Additionally, there are a few vintage bungalow courts, small lot properties, and duplexes. The residential character of Barton Hill becomes denser with two- and three-story multifamily buildings around the Rancho San Pedro border. Other affordable housing developments to the immediate north and southwest of the project site host medium residential density development, with an increase in building scale towards Pacific Avenue to the west and Downtown San Pedro to the south. Immediately to the south between Rancho San Pedro and the Downtown core of 6th and 7th Street are a collection of civic and institutional buildings, including the Harbor Department Administration Building, Port Police Headquarters, Port of Los Angeles Charter High School, and The Port of Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR AGENCY ACTION: Rancho San Pedro is seventy to eighty years old and the structures are reaching their useful life expectancy. The buildings were constructed in a style, form and function typical of public housing developments at that time and suffer from monotonous building design, repetitive building pattern, long street frontages, and lack of through streets. These design deficiencies result in indefensible space and security issues, inadequately sized units, and accessibility issues, among other things. As the Greater Los Angeles region is experiencing a crisis of housing affordability, resulting in over-crowding conditions and homelessness, there is also the added imperative to use the large publicly owned property to expand affordable housing supply.

In 2015, HACLA, in cooperation with Los Angeles City Council District 15 and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, commissioned a feasibility study to determine the highest and best use and development potential of the Rancho San Pedro public housing property. The study outlines potential strategies to maximize the value of the property to the public and concludes that replacing and expanding the available housing – both affordable as well as market-rate – would be the highest and best use of the public property with the primary objective to replace the existing affordable housing located at Rancho San Pedro for those currently residing there.

The location, size of the property, and potential redevelopment scale also provides the capacity to layer additional community benefits into redevelopment. These have been identified within the San Pedro Redevelopment Plan, as well as by residents of Rancho San Pedro.

The project would thrive as a revitalized, mixed-income neighborhood that builds on its existing assets and creates new, high-quality housing options. Adjacent to the waterfront and downtown, the project would be a model for other revitalization efforts, complete with cultural, community, and economic activity. It would be a safe neighborhood with new parks and recreational opportunities, walking and biking streets, and a variety of housing and supportive service options.

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located at 275 West First Street in the City of Los Angeles in the community of San Pedro. The project site is approximately 21 acres in size and is currently developed with an existing 478-unit public housing complex known as "Rancho San Pedro," which was initially developed in 1942 with subsequent development in 1955. The existing access to the project site is from local surface streets surrounding the site, which include Santa Cruz Street to the north, Harbor Boulevard to the east, 3rd Street to the south, and Mesa Street to the west.

Development of the proposed project would occur in multiple phases. Initial phases would focus on replacement and expansion of the aging housing stock with the later phases dedicated to expansion of affordable units, homeownership, community amenities, and services. The proposed phasing would be planned to minimize disturbance to current residents. The project would pursue a "build-first" approach to the greatest extent possible. When residents must be relocated, HACLA adheres to all of the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. For purposes of the environmental analysis and to provide a conservative analysis of environmental impacts, overall construction is estimated to take approximately 14 years, with construction activities occurring from 2024 to 2037. The opening year for the first constructed buildings is expected to occur in 2025.

The proposed project involves the redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro complex with a Specific Plan in order to improve the physical condition of the community and increase housing stock and amenities for residents. The proposed project would include demolition of the existing 478-unit Rancho San Pedro complex, including 8,000 square feet (sf) of amenities, services and administration, and construction of new housing (in phases) with a total of up to 1,390 multi-family residential units for mixed-income households, 85,000 sf of services, amenities and administration, and 45,000 sf of commercial/retail uses. Each building would have its own onsite parking garage with secured access limited to residents. In addition to secured parking garages, on-street parking within and

around the site would also be maximized for guests and customers, including expanding available diagonal parking where available. This would include reconfiguring on-street curb parking, transitioning from parallel to diagonal parking on some blocks. The proposed project would maintain the existing street grid and block configuration, with the exception of Beacon Street and the intersecting portion of Second Street, where a new pedestrian plaza is proposed. Site access would be similar to the existing conditions.

The project will require the following approvals: (1) Adoption of Master Development Agreement, Disposition and Development Agreements, Ground Leases, and Relocation Plan by HACLA; (2) NEPA Part 58 Compliance necessary for Demolition/Disposition and Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Conversion of the existing Rancho San Pedro development from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and potential federal funding for the project; (3) Certification of the EIR/EIS; (4) Adoption of the One San Pedro Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Phased Vesting Tentative Tract Map, and Zone and Height District change by the City of Los Angeles; (5) Haul route approval from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (if required); (6) Permit for removal of street trees from the Los Angeles Board of Public Works (if required); (7) Approval of a Water Supply Assessment; and (8) Other discretionary and ministerial permits and approvals that may be deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, demolition permits for structures and trees, temporary street closure permits, grading permits, excavation permits, foundation permits, building permits, and sign permits in order to execute and implement the project.

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION: Consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1502.14) implementing NEPA, the EIS will examine a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that are potentially feasible. As required by NEPA, the alternatives will be evaluated at the same level of detail as the proposed project. As a result of the scoping efforts to date, the alternatives currently proposed for evaluation in the EIS include:

- (1) No Project/Action Alternative. This required alternative would evaluate the environmental impacts if the proposed project were not constructed and existing conditions remain unchanged.
- (2) Preferred Alternative. This alternative would implement the proposed project described above in this notice under Project Name and Description, including the demolition of the existing 478 housing units and the construction of up to 1,390 multi-family residential units for mixed-income households, 85,000 sf of services, amenities and administration, and 45,000 sf of commercial/retail uses.
- (3) A range of other reasonable alternatives (to be identified) based on input received during the scoping process will be considered in the EIR/EIS. These may include, an alternative where existing buildings will be rehabilitated pursuant to the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation instead of being demolished and reconstructed; a decreased intensity alternative where the number of housing units, services, amenities and administration, and commercial/retail uses would be decreased; a modified site plan alternative where the layout and location of the buildings and critical infrastructure is modified; or an increased intensity alternative where the number of housing units, services, amenities and administration, and commercial/retail uses would be increased.
- (4) The following alternatives are infeasible and/or would not meet the purposes and needs described in this notice, and thus will not be considered: an off-site alternative as it would be financially infeasible to purchase another site of the same size in the same general geographic area; a non-residential alternative as California is experiencing a housing crisis, which has highlighted the severe deficiency of affordable housing; an alternative that reduces the number of existing housing units because of the areas significant housing need; and an alternative where the site is abandoned as it is crucial to providing affordable housing for current residents of the site and to meeting regional affordable housing needs.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The proposed project could have potentially significant environmental impacts in the following topic areas, which will be addressed in the EIR/EIS: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy, Environmental Justice, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities/Service Systems.

The scoping process also includes the initiation of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process. We invite comments from all interested parties about the potential impacts this project may have on historic properties, cultural resources, or biological and natural resources, as well as the impacts these resources may have on the project. We invite all interested parties to participate in the scoping meeting.

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LEAD AGENCIES: HCID is the responsible entity (RE) and lead agency for this project's EIS in accordance with 24 CFR part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities." As a RE, HCID assumes the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise apply to HUD under NEPA. Section 26 of the United States Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 1437x) allows units of general local government to assume NEPA responsibilities in projects involving Section 18 demolition/disposition and Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers. The project may use CDBG and HOME funds. If so, Section 104(g) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(g)) and Section 288 of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12838) allow CDBG recipients and HOME jurisdictions, respectively, to assume NEPA responsibilities for CDBG and HOME projects.

In addition, HACLA is the CEQA lead agency and is responsible for preparing an EIR. Questions may be directed to the individuals named in this notice above under the heading FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

This is to be a combined environmental document, an EIR/EIS, prepared under the State of California CEQA (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq. and 14 California Code of Regulations 15000 et seq.), and an EIS, prepared under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321) and implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and HUD (24 CFR part 58).

The project involves funding from HUD that qualifies as an "undertaking" subject to the existing Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the City of Los Angeles, the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Historic Properties Affected by use of Community Development Block Grants; Rental Rehabilitation Block Grants; McKinney Act Homeless Programs including the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing for the Homeless and Handicapped, and Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless; Home Investment Partnership Funds, and the Shelter Plus Care Program for compliance with 36 CFR part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. HCID will be initiating the Section 106 consultation process with the SHPO through the PA.