

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE 2118 MILVIA STREET PROJECT

Project Title:	Berkeley City College 2118 Milvia Street Project
Project Location:	2118 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704
Project Sponsor:	Peralta Community College District
Date of Public Notice:	June 28, 2021
Public Review Period:	June 28, 2021 – July 28, 2021
Date of Board of Trustees Meeting:	September 14, 2021
Location of Public Hearing:	Peralta Community College District, 333 East 8 th Street, Oakland, CA 94606

Project Description: The proposed project would involve demolition of the existing structure at 2118 Milvia Street and construction of a new six-story structure as part of Berkeley City College. The proposed structure would have a total floor area of approximately 60,000 gross square feet of:

- general education facilities (anthropology lab, art studio, classrooms, communications lab, and storage),
- faculty facilities (offices and support),
- administrative offices (offices, reception area, storage, workrooms, work stations),
- outdoor meeting area (rooftop patio, staging, and storage),
- student services and learning communities (health center, mental wellness, veterans center, multicultural resource center, undocumented community resource center, bookstore, student lounge, and meeting/quiet rooms),
- learning resource center (offices, study area, open area, computer lab, and storage),
- building services (building entrance and operations), and
- informal meeting and gathering space on each floor.

The proposed structure would be 90 feet in height to the top of the roof, with an additional 15 feet to the top of the solar panels. The project site is not listed databases compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5.

Environmental Review: An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for review and action by the District. The IS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. Based on the results of the IS prepared according to CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been

prepared. The Project has been modified to incorporate mitigation measures identified in the IS that will reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level.

Public Review: The Draft IS/MND is available for public review on the Build Peralta website at: <u>https://build.peralta.edu/</u> and the Berkeley City College website: <u>https://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/</u>.

All comments received will be considered by the District prior to finalizing the IS/MND and making a decision on the Project. Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on July 28, 2021 and sent to:

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