**Notice of Availability (NOA)**

**for the**

**Los Altos School District**

**Site No. 10 School Project**

**Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2022070275)**

DATE: March 18, 2024

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Los Altos School District

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Los Altos School District (LASD) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), consistent with Articles 7 through 10 of the *CEQA Guidelines*, for the Los Altos School District Site No. 10 School Project. LASD requests your comments on the adequacy of the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIR, in accordance with Section 15087 of the *CEQA Guidelines*. Copies of the Draft EIR are available on the LASD website (under the District’s link) at <https://www.lasdschools.org/District/12362-CEQA.html>, at the Los Altos Public Library at 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022, and at the Los Altos School District Administrative Office (address below).

As specified by the *CEQA Guidelines*, the Draft EIR will be circulated for a 45-day public review period. LASD welcomes public input during this period. Due to the time limits mandated by State of California law, your written comments must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 5 PM the close of the public review period on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

**RESPONDING TO THIS NOA:** Responses to this NOA and any related questions or comments regarding the scope or content of the Draft EIR must be directed in writing to **Mr. Erik Walukiewicz, Asst. Superintendent Business Services, Los Altos School District, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA 94024, or by email to** ewalukiewicz@lasdschools.org.

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received at the above mailing or e-mail address by no later than **Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5 PM.** Please reference the project as “Site No. 10 EIR” in all correspondence.

LASD will consider certification of the EIR at their meeting of **June 24, 2024 at 7 PM** to be located in the District Board Room at 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA 94024.

**Project Description**

The Los Altos School District (LASD) is preparing an EIR for a new school campus, to be located on a site at the San Antonio Center shopping mall at the intersection of California Street and Showers Drive in Mountain View. With the project, LASD would develop its tenth school campus, which may serve a range of grades and student populations over time. As LASD serves grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 8, the only format that is ruled out is high school. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that LASD conduct environmental review of the project, which has the potential to result in physical change in the environment. LASD is the “Lead Agency” for the project and is the public agency with the principal responsibility for approving and carrying out the project.

The four existing commercial buildings on the project site would be demolished and the parking lots and landscape areas thoroughly regraded, repaved, and replanted. The proposed school facilities that would be built on the site would include classroom, library, administration, and multi-purpose buildings that are planned for change and expansion. The EIR evaluates a student population of 900 students.

Under the agreement between LASD and the City of Mountain View (City), 2.2 acres of the 11.7‑acre site would be conveyed to the City for future development of a City neighborhood park. Because of the commitment to joint community use for the recreational facilities on the site, the school would have a compact footprint and be developed in a two-story building type. The gym and library and meeting space would be independently accessible from the perimeter to allow for extended hours for these potential community uses. Classrooms would be housed in a two-story building. The total building area at full buildout would be approximately 89,570 square feet. This EIR evaluates the full buildout square footage. About 137,940 square feet of existing commercial buildings would be removed.

Separate vehicle entries, parking, and drop-off areas would be provided for the new school. Car access would be from Pacchetti Way along the property line that runs along the future park site and the athletic field, leading to the school parking area. Two exits would be provided: one on California Street and one on Pacchetti Way. There would be no direct entry from California Street except for emergency vehicles. Approximately 51 parking spaces would be provided, four of which would be handicapped-accessible (under the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA]). The site would be laid out to allow overflow event parking on the blacktop playground adjacent to the parking area.

**Potential Environmental Impacts**

All potential impacts identified for the project could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. Mitigation measures are recommended for the following topics: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils/seismicity, hydrology and water quality, and tribal cultural resources.