

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MORNINGSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SITE UPGRADE AND WOODWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEMOLITION PROJECT

February 21, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inglewood Unified School District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Morningside High School Site Upgrade and Woodworth Elementary School Demolition Project (Proposed Project).

Project Title: Morningside High School Site Upgrade and Woodworth Elementary School Demolition Project

Project Applicant: Inglewood Unified School District

Project Location: The project site is located at Morningside High School and Woodworth Elementary School, situated on approximately 54-acres of District-owned land located in the southeastern portion of the City of Inglewood, within Los Angeles County, California. The site is not listed on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The existing Morningside High School campus is approximately 48 acres located entirely within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 4030-033-901 and the existing Woodworth Elementary School campus is approximately 6 acres located within APN 4030-033-903.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would involve improvements to the existing Morningside High School campus and demolition of the existing vacant Woodworth Elementary School campus (collectively referred to as the existing Project Site or existing campuses), including demolition of 14 buildings and hardscape on the Woodworth Elementary School campus and demolition of 13 buildings and hardscape (including 12 tennis courts and 6 basketball courts) and replacement of one of the demolished buildings on the Morningside High School campus. The Woodworth Elementary School campus is currently vacant after operations were merged with Monroe Middle School in 2019, creating the Woodworth-Monroe TK-8 Academy. The Proposed Project would also adjust the boundaries of Morningside High School campus, reducing the campus by 17-acres, and would construct new facilities within the proposed Morningside High School campus including a relocated track and football/soccer field (with expanded seating at the bleachers), tennis courts, basketball courts, shotput and discus areas, a softball field, and a baseball field. Stadium lighting, electronic scoreboards, and public announcement (PA) systems are proposed at the football field, softball field, and baseball field. The Proposed Project would also include a ticketing and concessions building, a visitor team storage and restroom building, and a home team storage and restroom building. The Proposed Project also includes improvements to modernize the Morningside High School campus, including exterior improvements to the existing canopies and walkways, doors, windows, and interior improvements to existing Building U (Auditorium), Building H (Shop Class), and Building L (Classroom). Additionally, proposed circulation improvements include an expansion of the existing northwest parking lot and fire lane, a new parking lot near the proposed baseball field and a new parking lot at the proposed football field, an expanded internal pedestrian walkways leading to a proposed safe dispersal area, and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessible features. Landscaping and utility improvements would also be included throughout the proposed Morningside High School campus. The Proposed Project would not create additional capacity that would increase the number of students or staff present at Morningside High School, but would provide infrastructure improvements for the existing student body and staff. Project construction is anticipated to begin Summer of 2023 and would occur for a duration of 24 months with a 5-day work week.

Unmitigable Significant Environmental Effects: No significant and unmitigable impacts were identified.

Mitigable Significant Environmental Effects: Significant impacts were identified for aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, and mandatory findings of significance, however, feasible mitigation has been identified that would reduce impacts in each of these areas to below a level of significance.

Document Availability: Copies of the IS/MND are available during operating hours at:

- District Facilities Planning and Construction, 401 South Inglewood Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301
- The District website at https://www.inglewoodusd.com/

Public Review Period: The public review period of the MND begins on February 21, 2023 and ends on March 23, 2023. Written comments may be sent by email to jordan.miles@inglewoodusd.com or mailed to: Jordan Miles, Deputy Chief Facilities Planning & Construction Officer, 401 South Inglewood Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301. **All comments must be received by 5:00pm on March 23, 2023.**

District Board Hearing: Additional information concerning the Proposed Project will be posted on the District's website: https://www.inglewoodusd.com/. The Board of Education will consider this item during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the District website to find the meeting date and time at Board - Inglewood Unified School District (inglewoodusd.com). The Board meeting will be held in the Dr. Ernest Shaw Board Room of the Inglewood Unified School District, 401 S. Inglewood Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301.