Los Angeles Unified School District

NOTICE OF INTENT
to Adopt a Negative Declaration

DATE: March 14, 2017
TO: Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties
PROJECT TITLE: Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (proposed project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment and a Negative Declaration (ND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The site is located at 13000 Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles, in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed project consists of site-wide upgrades and modernizations to the existing Venice High School campus. Specifically, the proposed project would include demolition of some structures that are beyond repair; construction of new buildings; improvements to the existing campus facilities; upgrades to infrastructure and utilities; and various site-wide upgrades per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA; 42 U.S. Code Chapter 126). The site is not on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (i.e., Cortese List).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the ND and supporting Initial Study are available during operating hours at:

- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety, 333 South Beaudry Ave., 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 241-3417 (by appointment)
- Venice High School Library, 13000 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066, (310) 577-4200
- Mar Vista Branch Library, 12006 Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90066, (310) 821-1769

The CEQA document is also available on the LAUSD website at http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period for the ND begins on March 14, 2017 and ends on April 12, 2017. Written comments may be sent by e-mail to CEQA-comments@lausd.net (please include the “Venice HS Comp Mod Project” in the subject heading) or mailed to:

LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attn: Ms. Eimon Smith, CEQA Project Manager
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on April 12, 2017.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on March 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Venice High School, 13000 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

LAUSD BOARD HEARING: Additional information concerning the proposed project will be posted on the District’s OEHS website: http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa. The LAUSD Board of Education will consider this item during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD website to find the meeting date and time at http://laschoolboard.org. The Board meeting will be held in the Board Room at the District Headquarters located at 333 South Beaudry Avenue in Los Angeles, CA.