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Los Angeles, CA 90017

Project Title:

Sun Valley High School Clear Vision Studio Project

Project Location – Specific:

The Sun Valley High School Clear Vision Studio Project (Project) will be located on the 20.72-acre Sun Valley High School (HS) campus (Campus). Sun Valley HS is located at 9171 Telfair Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352. The Campus consist of two discontinuous parcels located on opposite sides of Allegheny Street. The larger (northernmost) parcel is generally bounded by Haddon Avenue to the southwest, Allegheny Street to the southeast, Telfair Avenue to the northeast, and Sheldon Street to the northwest. The smaller (southernmost) parcel is generally bound by Allegheny Street to the northwest, Kewen Avenue to the northeast, Hershey Street to the southeast, and Oneida Avenue to the southwest. The surrounding area is generally comprised of residential uses. The Project will primarily occur in Building A, which is located in the larger (northernmost) portion of the Campus.

Project Location – City:

Los Angeles

Project Location – County:

Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will take place in Building A, a 5,993.07 square foot permanent classroom building located on the larger parcel. The Project will consist of the conversion of several rooms in Building A to a studio with rooms that will support media arts (e.g., visual and recording arts) technology. It will convert Room #17 into a new sound recording room, control room, storage, and lounge; Room #18 into a new movie and screening room; and Room #19 into a new computer editing room. The Project will also include sound walls, acoustic panels, painting, new finishes, and new compatible equipment throughout these spaces. No increases in student enrollment, capacity, or intensity of use are proposed as part of this Project.

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Our Vision: To eliminate all environmental, health, and safety risks at schools.*



The purpose of this Project is to provide media arts facilities for the Sun Valley HS Campus. The Project will be implemented pursuant to all applicable State, federal, and local regulations and all applicable LAUSD specifications, standards, and/or guidelines, including those in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the updated Standard Conditions of Approval for District Construction, Upgrade, and Improvements Projects as adopted by the Board of Education in February 2019 (SC).¹ LAUSD's SCs, design guidelines, and best management practices are intended to be incorporated into the Project design in order to avoid or limit potential adverse impacts associated with the District's projects. The beneficiaries of this Project are the Sun Valley HS students, faculty, staff, families, school supporters, and the community at large (as applicable) who may request access to the Campus facilities and grounds pursuant to the Civic Center Act (CA Ed. Code Sections 38130-38139).

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:

Los Angeles Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Los Angeles Unified School District

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- Ministerial [Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268²]:
- Declared Emergency [PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a)]:
- Emergency Project [PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c)]:
- Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):
 - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities*
 - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction*
 - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*
- Statutory Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 - Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The Project will take place in Building A. It will convert Room #17 into a new sound recording room, Room #18 into a new movie and screening room, and Room #19 into a new computer editing room. Sun Valley HS has an existing visual media and performing arts program for its students; the Project will provide new facilities and supplemental equipment for this existing program. The Project will not generate growth and will not present a new or expanded use of the Campus. Therefore, the Project fulfills the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

¹ LAUSD OEHS, "Standard Conditions of Approval for District Construction, Upgrade, and Improvements Projects," Adopted by the Board of Education on February 5, 2019.
² CEQA Guidelines can be found at California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 - Section 15387.

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2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time;*

The Project will not be expected to result in significant cumulative environmental impacts. As an active school campus, it is anticipated that projects such as maintenance activities or upgrades will occur on the Campus in the future. However, there are currently no known successive projects of the same type or scale planned for the Campus. As it stands, the Project will not result in potentially significant impacts. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that would have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will take place in Building A. It will convert existing classrooms into media rooms. The Project does not constitute an expansion of use. There will be no ground-disturbing activities associated with the studio installation and the other components of the Project. If construction activities require import or export of soils and materials, the Office of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) must be notified to provide oversight to ensure that these activities are conducted in compliance with the requirements of District Specification 01 4524,⁶ relevant provisions of South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1466, and other applicable environmental agency rules and requirements. Furthermore, as set forth in SC-CUL-13, SC-CUL-15, SC-CUL-18, and SC-TCR-1, construction activities must be stopped immediately and OEHS notified upon discovery of subsurface features, such as buried resources (i.e., paleontological, archaeological, and tribal cultural resources), tanks or seepage pits or stained/odoriferous soils.⁷

4. *The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway;*

The Project site is located approximately 11.7 miles west of Angeles Crest Highway, the nearest officially designated State scenic highway.⁸ The Project will not be visible from Angeles Crest Highway. Therefore, the Project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project will occur on an existing school campus which is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.⁹ Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

⁶ http://www.laschools.org/documents/file?file_id=219798234&show_all_versions_p=t

⁷ LAUSD OEHS, "School Upgrade Program Final Environmental Impact Report," <http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>, Adopted by the Board of Education on November 10, 2015 and Standard Conditions of Approval as adopted by the Board of Education on February 5, 2019.

⁸ Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, http://gis.planning.lacounty.gov/GIS-NET3_Public/Viewer.html, accessed November 2019.

⁹ California Department of Toxic Substances Control. DTSC Databases. Available at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/>. Accessed November 2019.

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6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

Sun Valley HS opened in 1957. While Sun Valley HS does meet the 45 year-criterion for consideration as a historic resource, the LAUSD Historic Preservation Specialist has determined that the campus is not eligible as a historic resource. As such, the Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.

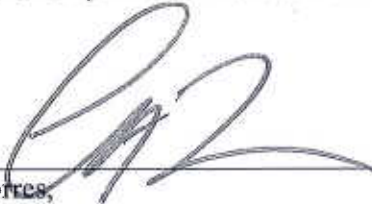
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