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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION *Jefferson Middle School Gymnasium Project*

Public Notice: Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, Torrance Unified School District (District), as lead agency, intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigation Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Jefferson Middle School Gymnasium Project.

Project Title: Jefferson Middle School Gymnasium Project

Project Location: The 0.35-acre project site is proposed at the southeast corner of the Jefferson Middle School campus handball and basketball hardcourts, near Carson Street. The school is at 21717 Talisman Street in the City of Torrance.

Project Description: The proposed project is construction and operation of a new gymnasium on the Jefferson Middle School campus. The facility would be approximately 7,500 square feet, with pull-out bleachers for seating up to 300 spectators.

The proposed facility would not significantly change the existing operations at Jefferson Middle School, which would continue to operate under the current schedule. The gymnasium would supplement the school's physical education program with new locker facilities and an indoor multiuse basketball and volleyball court. Although no joint-use programs are proposed for the gymnasium, the facility would be available for community use through the Civic Center Act.

Environmental Documentation: The District has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with CEQA to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of this Initial Study, the District has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore prepared a MND. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the District.

The project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project is not considered a project of statewide, regional, or area-wide significance. A scoping meeting will not be held by the lead agency.

Public Review: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, may submit comments in response to this notice no later than 30 days after receipt. The Notice of Intent (NOI) and accompanying Initial Study are available for a 30-day public review period beginning June 30, 2015, and ending July 29, 2015.

A copy of the Initial Study and supporting documents are available for review at:

- § Torrance Unified School District Administration, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501
- § Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503
- § The District's website at <http://www.tusd.org/>

Public Comments: Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than July 29, 2015, and should be directed to the attention of Donald Stabler, Deputy Superintendent, at the address below:

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Torrance Unified School District
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Public Meeting: Submitted comments will be considered by the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education prior to their decision regarding the adoption of the IS/MND and approval of the proposed project, slated for the regular board meeting to be held on September 15, 2015, at 7:30 PM or soon thereafter at the District Board Room in the Educational Materials Building (EMB) at 2336 Plaza del Amo, Torrance. Please contact TUSD at 310.972.6500 to confirm the date and time.