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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION *North High School Auditorium 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 North High School Auditorium Project.

Project Title: North High School Auditorium Project

Project Location: The project site comprises two general areas in the southeast quadrant of the North High School campus at 3620 West 182nd Street in the City of Torrance.

Project Description: The proposed project is construction and operation of a new auditorium on the North High School campus that would be developed in the general area of the northernmost tennis courts and adjacent 47 parking stalls along Yukon Avenue. The three displaced tennis courts would be relocated, replacing a portion of an existing turf ball field. The auditorium would be 13,900 square feet, with seating for up to 550 spectators, including 494 fixed seats.

Development of the proposed auditorium would not significantly change the operations of the school, which already offers a performing arts program and holds day- and nighttime performances and events in another school facility. Because this facility accommodates seating for about 500, the proposed auditorium, with 550 spectator seats, could increase event attendance by up to 50 spectators. However, the project does not include new classrooms and consequently does not change the school's enrollment capacity or other operations. Although no joint-use programs are proposed for the auditorium, 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
- § North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90504
- § 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:

Donald Stabler
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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.