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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 1ST AND BROADWAY CIVIC CENTER PARK PROJECT (WO: E1907807)

-- State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) - Pending Assignment by OPR --

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING: The project site is located at the northeast corner of 1st Street and Broadway in the Civic Center area of downtown Los Angeles. The address is at 126 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90012. The project site is generally bound by Los Angeles County's Grand Park adjacent on the north, Spring Street on the east, 1st Street on the south, and Broadway on the west. The project site is currently a vacant dirt lot that is fenced in to restrict access. The area immediately surrounding the project site is completely urbanized and developed with Grand Park and a Los Angeles County courthouse to the north, the Los Angeles City Hall and City Hall Park to the east, the Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters to the southeast, office buildings and the Times Mirror building (formerly the Los Angeles Times building) to the south, the Los Angeles Federal Courthouse to the southwest, and the Los Angeles Law Library to the west. Figure 1 shows the project location.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In 2013, the City of Los Angeles acquired the project site from the State of California, with the intent to seek development opportunities that would reduce blight, and increase the health and safety at the site. The acquisition process included site demolition, and hazardous materials remediation and abatement activities. The project site is currently a vacant dirt lot that is used as a surface parking facility and holds occasional special events. The proposed project includes construction of a 1.96-acre park, featuring both landscaped and hardscaped areas to accommodate a wide variety of park activities, programs, and events, at the northeast corner of West 1st Street and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles. The proposed project would also include a new two-story, 19,200-square-foot building for restaurant uses. Other site improvements would include a bicycle parking area, outdoor seating areas, landscaping with a variety of plants and trees for public enjoyment, walking pathways and passive recreational uses, and new lighting. The intent of the proposed project is to create a world-class iconic park at the core of Los Angeles' Civic Center area. Construction of the proposed project would last for approximately two years beginning in Summer/Fall 2019 and concluding in Summer/Fall 2021.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a thirty (30) day public review period, beginning on January 3, 2019 and ending on February 4, 2019. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

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- Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles Street, CA 90012
- Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Council District 14 Office, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 465, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the document may also be obtained by contacting Talmage Maxwell Jordan of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5754, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website at: <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2019 by mailing, emailing (please include "**First and Broadway Civic Center Park Comments**" in the subject line), faxing to (213) 847-0656, or hand delivery to:

Talmage Maxwell Jordan (talmage.jordan@lacity.org)
 City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
 Bureau of Engineering
 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting will be held during the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm

Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters
 Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium
 100 W. 1st Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012



Figure 1
 Project Location