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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Parties

**From:** City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Subject:** **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project**

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is the Lead Agency under the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)* and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project. The City is proposing to demolish the Celes King III Indoor Pool building and pool (Celes King III Pool) and convert the site into a community front lawn and playground area.

The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with *California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b)*. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering any permit or other approval that your agency must issue for the proposed project. In addition, the City requests comments from other interested parties, stakeholders, and the general public on the scope of the environmental issues related to the proposed project.

The project site is located in the southeast quadrant of the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex at 5001 Rodeo Road in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community of the City of Los Angeles. The project site is bounded by a paved surface parking lot to the west, a tennis shop to the north, tennis courts to the east, and Rodeo Road to the south. Generally, the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex is bounded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Expo Line light rail transit system to the north (along Exposition Boulevard), Dorsey High School to the east, residential land uses to the south across Rodeo Road, and commercial uses to the west. Regional access to the project area is provided via Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 405 (I-405). The project site is served by Rodeo Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the south, La Brea Avenue to the west, Exposition Boulevard to the north, and Farmdale Avenue to the east. Figures 1 and 2 attached show the regional location and the project site, respectively.

Implementation of the proposed project would include conducting required hazardous materials abatement, draining water from the existing Celes King III Pool, and demolishing the Celes King III Pool building. Following demolition, construction activities would include infill of the pool pit, rough grading of



the site, utility installations, landscaping and hardscaping, and installation of playground and shade structures.

An analysis of potential environmental effects is provided in the Initial Study Checklist prepared for the Proposed Project. Potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project may include:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, the EIR will include an evaluation of the No Project Alternative, as well as a discussion of a reasonable range of alternatives. Potential alternatives will be analyzed at a lower degree of detail than the proposed project.

The Initial Study Checklist is available for review at the following locations:

- Baldwin Hills Branch Library, 2906 S La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90016
- Jefferson/Wright Memorial Branch Library, 2211 W Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Council District 10 Office, 1819 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the Initial Study Checklist may also be obtained by contacting James R Tebbetts of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5732 and can also be accessed online at: <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

### Comments

Comments will be accepted from June 21, 2018 to July 20, 2018. Please send your comments by mail to:

James R Tebbetts, Environmental Specialist II  
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Engineering, EMG  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [James.Tebbetts@lacity.org](mailto:James.Tebbetts@lacity.org) (please include **“Celes King III Pool Comments”** in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.

## Scoping Meeting

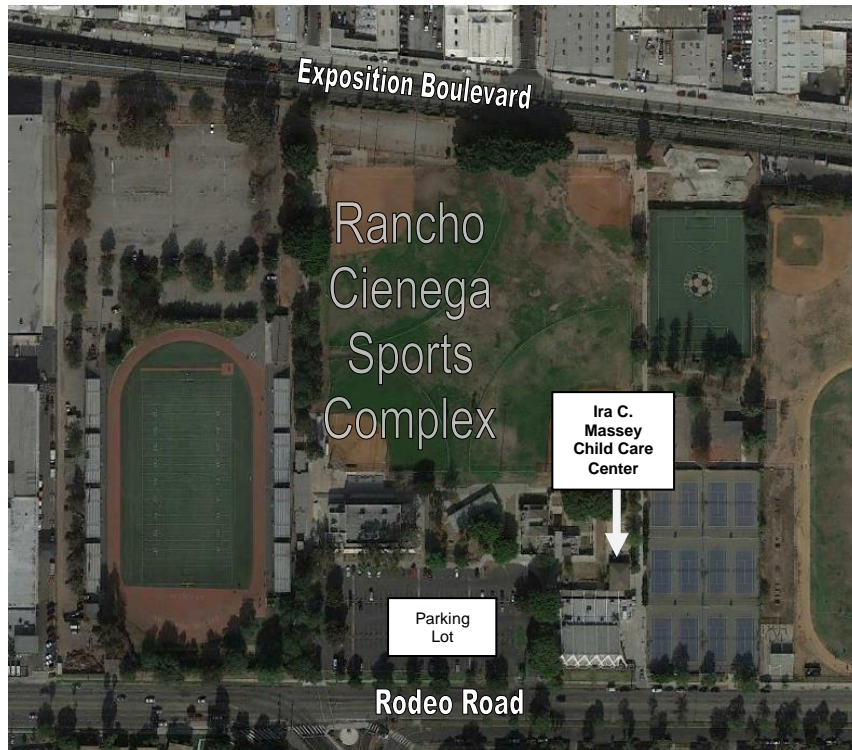
A scoping meeting will be held to obtain input on the scope of the contents of the EIR, as well as to present information on the proposed project design. This meeting will be held at the following date, time and location:

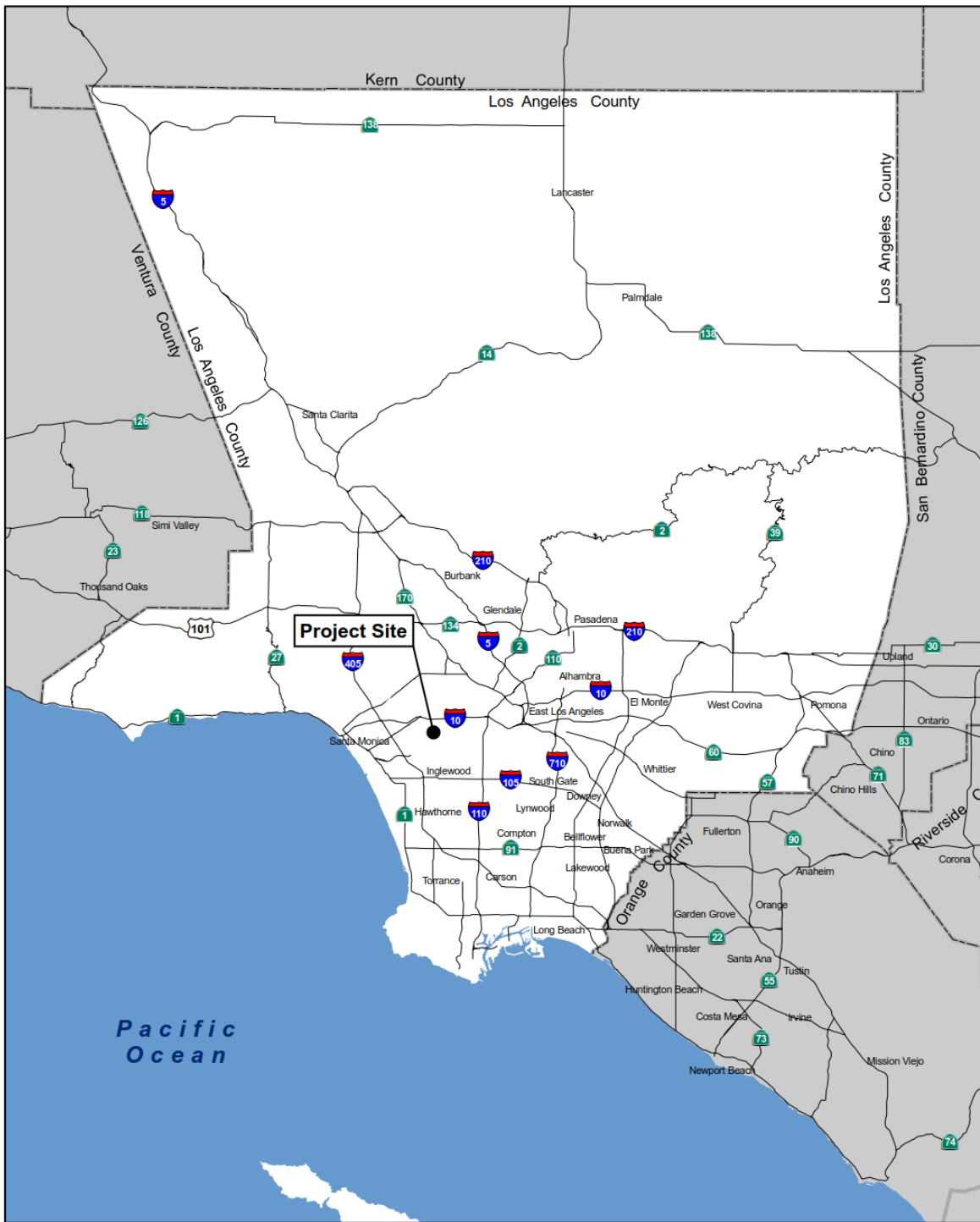
**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

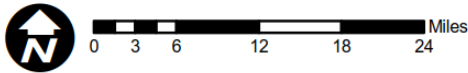
Rancho Cienega Sports Complex  
Ira C. Massey Child Care Center  
5001 Rodeo Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

## Scoping Meeting Location

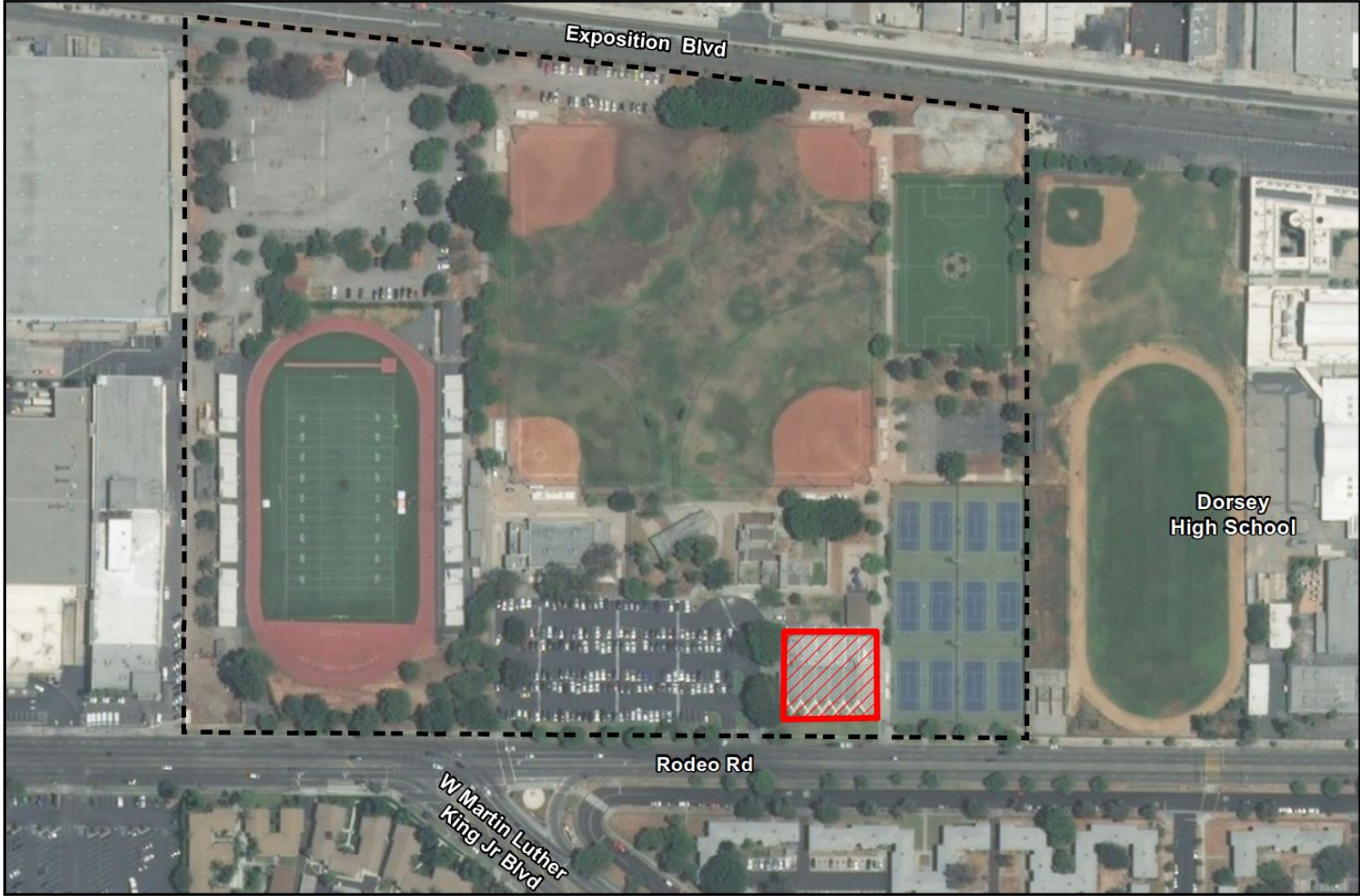




Source: Esri Maps & Data, 2018





**Figure 1**  
**Regional Map**



Source: Esri 2018.



-  Celes King III Pool
-  Rancho Cienega Sports Complex

**Figure 2**  
**Project Location Map**