

**PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN
NOTICE OF REVIEW PERIOD FOR
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for
50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, California**

To: Public Agencies and Concerned
Citizens/Interested Parties

From: Palo Alto Unified School District
25 Churchill Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Project Applicant: Palo Alto Unified School District

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the Palo Alto Unified School District ("PAUSD"), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The review period has been extended to **November 19, 2009**.

Project Location: The project site is located at 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, California. The parcel is located southeast of the intersection of Embarcadero Road and El Camino Real.

Project Description: The proposed project features construction of new buildings and other structures; renovation of some existing buildings; utility and infrastructure improvements; landscaping enhancements; and pedestrian/bicycle/vehicular circulation improvements. Group 1 projects include improvements to athletic fields. Group 2 projects include a two-story classroom building, and a two-story media arts complex. Group 3 projects include a new 600-seat theater with support facilities, renovation of the existing Library, a 150-seat lecture hall in Building 300A, and a new weight training and fitness center. Please refer to the project descriptions within the Initial Study document for further information on unfunded projects.

Potential Environmental Impacts: Some potentially significant impacts were identified related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, utilities, and services systems. Each of these impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level if the identified mitigation measures are implemented. PAUSD has agreed to implement the mitigation measures and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, thereby decreasing these impacts to less than significant.

Public Review Period: The public review period for the Draft Initial Study extends through November 19, 2009.

Location Where Documents Can Be Reviewed: PAUSD has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. These documents are available for review at 1) the Palo Alto Unified School District Main Office, 25 Churchill, Building D, Palo Alto, CA 94306, and 2) on the PAUSD website.

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received, *in writing*,
by the end of the review period, November 19, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Submit comments to Tom Hodges
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