

December 16, 2013

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Scott Johnson, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY-DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SACRAMENTO ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS CENTER & RELATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (P13-065) (SCH#: 2013042031)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Entertainment and Sports Center (ESC) Downtown project site is generally bounded by 3rd Street to the west and 7th Street to the east. J and L Streets are the north and south boundaries of the Downtown project site respectively. In addition, there are potential sites for up to six (6) digital billboards that are on City-owned property along freeways around the City of Sacramento. The entirety of the project is within the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

COMMENT PERIOD: December 16, 2013 to January 31, 2014 (Comment period ends - 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2014).

EIR PUBLIC WORKSHOP: December 18, 2013; 6:00 PM at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA, City Hall Lobby.

PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EIR: January 23, 2014 Planning and Design Commission Meeting, 5:30 PM, at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA, City Hall, City Council Chambers.

As Lead Agency, the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services, has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Entertainment and Sports Center & Related Development project. The document is now available for public review and comment. You may obtain a CD copy of the document at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00am and 4:00pm (except holidays). The document is also available for review at the downtown Central Library. Additionally, as required by Public Resources Code section 21168.6.6, this NOA, the Draft EIR, and all other documents submitted to or relied upon for the preparation of the DEIR and all public comments received will be available at the City's Community Development Department, Environmental documents webpage at the following link:

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports.aspx>

These documents can also be linked to through the City's Arena webpage at the following link:

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Arena/Project-Process>

The Entertainment and Sports Center Project (proposed project) would be located on the Downtown project site and would include incremental demolition of up to 857,943 square feet of the existing Downtown Plaza buildings and the below-grade parking garages, and the construction and operation of an approximately 780,000 square foot, 17,500 seat entertainment and sports center (ESC), and up to 1,500,000 square feet of office, retail, housing and hotel uses at the ESC Project Site. The ESC is intended to replace the existing Sleep Train Arena in North Natomas as a regional center for sports and entertainment events, and would include a practice and training facility and administrative offices for the Kings. Upon opening of the Proposed Project, the existing Sleep Train Arena and adjacent practice facility would be closed. The ESC Project also includes a comprehensive signage program at the Downtown project site, as well as up to six (6) digital billboards at other locations within Sacramento. The Proposed Project may be developed in one or more phases, with the ESC being developed in the first phase for opening by September 2016.

The issues discussed within the EIR are those that have been identified as potentially significant impacts including: Aesthetics, Light and Glare; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Climate Change; Hazards and

Hazardous Materials; Noise and Vibration; Public Services; Transportation and Circulation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Growth Inducement and Urban Decay. Mitigation is included in the EIR to reduce most impacts to less-than-significant levels; however, significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified for the following areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Cultural Resources; Noise and Vibration; Transportation and Circulation; and Utilities and Service Systems.

The Draft EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period from December 16, 2013 to January 31, 2014. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be received by the Environmental Planning Services NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm, Friday January 31, 2014.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor
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This EIR is subject to section 21168.6.6 of the Public Resources Code (Senate Bill 743), which provides, among other things, that the lead agency need not consider certain comments filed after the close of the public comment period for the Draft EIR. Any judicial action challenging the certification of the EIR or the approval of the project described in the EIR is subject to the procedures set forth in section 21168.6.6 of the Public Resources Code. In compliance with Public Resources Code section 21168.6.6, the City will be hosting a public workshop to inform the public of the key analyses and conclusions of the Draft EIR for the Proposed Project. A public hearing before the City Planning and Design Commission will also be held to receive testimony on the Draft EIR. A transcript of the hearing will be included as an appendix to the Final EIR.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sacramento City Hall Lobby located at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The Planning and Design Commission Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Sacramento City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Scott Johnson (916) 808-5842. Thank you.