

November 9, 2017

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Scott Johnson, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY-DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION & 15TH/K STREET HOTEL PROJECTS**

PROJECT LOCATION: The Sacramento Convention Center (SCC) project site is generally bounded by J Street to the north, 15th Street to the east, 13th Street to the west, and K Street and the Community Center Theater to the south. The 15th/K Street Hotel (Hotel) project site is bound by K Street to the north, 15th Street to the east, Kayak Alley to the south, and an existing office building to the west.

COMMENT PERIOD: November 15, 2017 to January 2, 2018 (Comment period ends - 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 2, 2018).

As Lead Agency, the City of Sacramento has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sacramento Convention Center Renovation and Expansion & 15th/K Street Hotel projects (Proposed Projects). The document is now available for public review and comment at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (except weekends and holidays). An electronic copy of the document is available for review at the downtown Central Library. The document is available at the City's Community Development Department, environmental documents webpage at the following link:

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

The Sacramento Convention Center (SCC) project would include demolition of approximately 105,200 square feet (sf) of existing convention center space in the western side of the Convention Center and approximately 15,863 sf of existing commercial office space in the Panattoni Building along 15th Street. The SCC project would include the following modifications to the existing SCC facility: 65,514 square feet of additional event space (exhibit halls, meeting rooms, and ballrooms); 12,581 square feet of additional pre-function space (e.g., lobbies, landings); 306 square foot increase of retail space; 6,508 square foot reduction of outdoor terrace space; and 36,254 square feet of additional support space (e.g., administrative office, kitchen, store rooms).

The 15th/K Street Hotel project would include demolition of the existing surface parking lot and subsequent construction of an approximately 24-story, 350-room hotel. The proposed hotel would consist of approximately 170,000 square feet of hotel space; approximately 130,000 square feet of hotel supportive amenities such as lobbies, registration areas, and restrooms including 6,000 square feet of restaurant space, and an outdoor pool area on an upper level; 70,000 square feet of meeting space; 65,000 square feet of parking space anticipated to provide approximately 200 on-site parking spaces on two subterranean floors; 15,000 square feet of service and loading facilities; and a pedestrian bridge that would span K Street, connecting above-ground level floors of both the hotel and the proposed SCC lobby.

This Draft EIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 to disclose the potential environmental consequences of implementing the Proposed Projects. The Draft EIR (SCH# 2017082008) has been prepared in conformance with CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section

21000, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, et seq.) to disclose the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Projects.

The issues discussed within the Draft EIR include: Land Use and Employment; Aesthetics, Light and Glare; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Energy Demand and Conservation; Global Climate Change; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise and Vibration; Transportation and Circulation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Growth Inducement and Urban Decay. Mitigation is included in the Draft EIR to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels; however, significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified for the following areas: Air Quality; Cultural Resources; Noise and Vibration; and Transportation and Circulation.

The Draft EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period from November 15, 2017 to January 2, 2018. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be received by Environmental Planning Services **NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 2, 2018** (note: public counter hours are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (except weekends and holidays)).

Written comments should be submitted to:

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

Thank you.