DATE: January 31, 2020

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF SUBSEQUENT PROJECT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN: AD HOC ORDINANCE STREAMLINING THE PLANNING ENTITLEMENT PROCESS (M19-004)

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days beginning February 3, 2020 and ending March 4, 2020.

The City of Sacramento, Department of Community Development, Environmental Planning Services has determined, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15177, that the Ad Hoc Ordinance Streamlining the Planning Entitlement Process is a subsequent project within the scope of the Master EIR for the City of Sacramento 2035 General Plan, certified by the City as lead agency on March 3, 2015, and that no additional environmental review for the project is required. The City has prepared an Initial Study for the project and has determined that the project would not result in any additional significant environmental effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR. No new additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

The project includes Title 17 text amendments to amend various portions of the Planning and Development Code to streamline the development review process. The 2035 General Plan focused on updating policies and programs to reflect changed conditions and priorities, streamline development review and implementation, and address new State laws. The proposed amendments support these priorities and are a subsequent action under the 2035 General Plan Master EIR as “amendments to the…City Code to achieve consistency with the adopted General Plan.” (MEIR, § 2.7.6.). The amendments include delegating approval authority for some entitlements from the Planning and Design Commission to the Director-level (Zoning Administrator, Design Director, Preservation Director) and eliminating some Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirements altogether. The Planning and Design Commission would continue to hear and make recommendations on all legislative entitlements, appeals of Director-level decisions, some CUP’s, and recommendations to City Council on all policy matters.

A copy of the Initial Study is attached to this Notice. The Master EIR is available for review on the City’s web site at: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports. The document is also available for review at the offices of the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, California during public counter hours and at the offices of the Sacramento County Clerk Recorder.

Comments regarding the project may be submitted to:

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Comments must be submitted no later than March 4, 2020.