

Los Angeles Unified School District

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA NEW LEARNING CENTER #1 (AMBASSADOR HOTEL SITE)

**3400 Wilshire Boulevard
City of Los Angeles**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 12, 2003 AT 10:00AM
VIRGIL MIDDLE SCHOOL
152 NORTH VERMONT AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90004**

NOTICE

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above project. The DEIR is available for review. A DEIR is a detailed informational document that analyzes a proposed project's potentially significant environmental effects. A DEIR also identifies ways to reduce environmental effects and reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The purpose of the proposed Central Los Angeles Area New Learning Center #1, located at the Ambassador Hotel site, is to provide integrated educational facilities for children in grades K-12. The project will meet the growing demand for K-12 seats and relieve overcrowding at existing Belmont High School, Los Angeles High School, Berendo Middle School, Virgil Middle School and Hoover Elementary School. The proposed Learning Center site is generally bound by Wilshire Boulevard on the north, South Catalina Street on the east, West 8th Street on the south, and Mariposa Avenue on the west. LAUSD proposes to provide 2,154 high school seats, 1,392 middle school seats and 825 elementary school seats to accommodate a total of 4,371 students on campus at one-time. The Learning Center facilities would include approximately 460,393 sq. ft. of building space, and would include 56 middle school classrooms, 91 high school classrooms and shared facilities such as an auditorium, library, football stadium, combined

basketball/volleyball and tennis courts and outdoor pool. In addition, the proposed Learning Center would include a 36-room elementary school and an underground parking garage for 434 vehicles.

The site is identified on the UST database list, which is a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Potentially significant, unavoidable impacts related to air quality during construction; cultural resources; noise during project construction and operations and transportation of 4,674 people to the area during operations are expected as a result of the project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The public review period for the DEIR begins on June 17, 2003 and ends on August 1, 2003. The DEIR is available for review at the following locations:

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
Office of Communications
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 1st Floor, Los Angeles

Office of Environmental Health & Safety
355 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles

Los Angeles Central Library
630 W. Fifth Street, Los Angeles

Memorial Branch Library
4625 W. Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles

Pio-Pico Koreatown Branch Library
694 South Oxford Street, Los Angeles

Wilshire Branch Library
149 N. Saint Andrews Place, Los Angeles

Los Angeles High School
4650 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles

Belmont Senior High School
1575 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles

Berendo Middle School
1157 S. Berendo Street, Los Angeles

Virgil Middle School
151152 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles

Hoover Elementary School
2726 Francis Avenue, Los Angeles

www.laschools.org
Facilities Services Division Website
For assistance call (213) 633-8976

Note: Individual members of the community who wish to purchase copies of the document may do so at the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety for \$50.00 per copy to cover reproduction costs.

PUBLIC MEETING

LAUSD will receive public comments regarding the EIR at a Public Meeting on July 12, 2003 at 10:00am. The Public Meeting will be held at Virgil Middle School.

COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted to LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, Attention: Cecilia Masson, 355 South Grand Avenue, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 90071 or submitted at the Public Meeting. Your comments may also be sent by FAX: (213) 633-7100. **All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2003.**

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education will consider the approval of the certification of the EIR for the project at its regular meeting on **October 28, 2003 at or about 1:00 p.m.** If the meeting on October 28, 2003 is cancelled, the matter will be heard at the next scheduled regular meeting. If you wish to address the Board regarding this project, you must first register by calling the Executive Officer of the Board at (213) 241-7002 no later than 10:00 a.m. on October 28, 2003. Board rules limit the number of speakers to seven on this matter. Prior to October 28, 2003 Board meeting, this matter will also be heard by the Board's Facilities Committee on October 21, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. No prior sign-up for addressing the Committee is necessary.