

**FOR RELEASE ON Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**NOTICE OF INTENT to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Panama Street K-8 School (proposed project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended.

**PROJECT LOCATION and DESCRIPTION:** The site is at 12870 and 12908 Panama Street (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APNs] 4223-008-003 [12870] and 4223-008-004 [12908]) in the community of Del Rey, in the City of Los Angeles, in Los Angeles County, California. Regional access to the site is from Marina Expressway via Culver Boulevard.

The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of a charter school facility for 532 Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on an approximately 2.1-acre site. The school campus would have a classroom building, administration building and multipurpose building, along with lunch shelters, three play yards, and an underground parking lot.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the MND and supporting Initial Study are available for review at:

- LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Ave., 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. (213) 241-3417 (by appointment).
- Ocean Charter School, Westchester Campus, 7400 West Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. (310) 348-9050.
- Ocean Charter School, Mar Vista Campus, 12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066. (310) 827-5511.
- Mar Vista Branch Library, 12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066. (310) 390-3454.
- Westchester Loyola Village Library, 7114 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. (310) 348-1096.
- Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90094. (310) 437-6680.

The CEQA document is also available on the LAUSD website at <http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa> and on the Ocean Charter Schools website at <http://oceancs.org/>

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The public review period for the MND begins on November 10, 2016 and ends on December 12, 2016. Written comments may be sent by e-mail to [CEQA-comments@lausd.net](mailto:CEQA-comments@lausd.net) (*please include the name of the project in the subject heading*) or mailed to: LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Attn: Ms. Eimon Smith, CEQA Project Manager, 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. All comments must be received by 4:00 pm on December 12, 2016. For more information about the project contact Jim Bush at (916) 846-1902 or Stephanie Edwards at 310-827-5511.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** OCS will hold a public meeting on November 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Del Rey Square, 11976 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066. (310) 390-5420. Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties are welcome to attend.

**LAUSD BOARD HEARING:** Additional information concerning the proposed project will be posted on the District's OEHS website: <http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>. The LAUSD Board of Education will consider this item during a scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD website to find the meeting date and time at <http://laschoolboard.org>. The Board meeting will be held in the Board Room at the District Headquarters at 333 South Beaudry Avenue in Los Angeles, CA. Agencies, organizations, and interested parties are welcome to attend.