

County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CATE SCHOOL MASTER PLAN CUP REVISION Case Nos. 15EIR-00000-00001 / 13RVP-00000-00009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Applicant proposes to update the Cate School campus master plan and revise its CUP (89-CP-062 as amended) with the development of new dormitories, student facilities, and on-campus faculty residences.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located east of Lillingston Canyon Road and north of Highway 192 in the foothills of Carpinteria, APNs 001-040-008, -010, -011 in the Carpinteria area, First Supervisorial District.

PUBLIC COMMENT Santa Barbara County Planning and Development (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 15EIR-00000-00001. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on **Thursday April 21 at 5:00 p.m. at the Planning Commission Hearing Room located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara** and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on **Monday, May 9 at 5 p.m.**

PROJECT DETAILS: Cate School operates under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which governs operation of the school. The existing CUP provides a student enrollment cap of 280 students. The proposed Project would revise the existing CUP for Cate School to allow for (1) expansion and renovation of existing educational and administrative facilities over the life of the Master Plan, including 26,582 square feet (sf) of demolition, 180,861 sf of new construction, and 41,402 sf of renovation; (2) an enrollment increase from 280 students to 300 students; (3) revisions to the existing onsite childcare center operation to open enrollment to the local community, as long as 60 percent of enrolled children are affiliated with Cate School; and (4) authorization to use the existing portable Public Address (PA) system for sporting events and school functions. Although the proposed Project would result in amendments to the CUP that would allow for new development and changes to Cate School operations, the proposed Project would not alter the existing permitted campus use as a private high school and boarding facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS P&D has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (15EIR-00000-00001) pursuant to the requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. The EIR has been prepared due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects as a result of proposed project implementation. The Draft EIR, which identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for the proposed project, identifies no significant and unavoidable (Class I) impacts on the environment from the proposed project. The Draft EIR identifies significant but mitigable (Class II) impacts in the following areas: **Air Quality, Fire Protection, Noise, Aesthetics/Visual Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Historical Resources, Public Facilities, Recreation, Transportation/Circulation, and Water Resources/Flooding.** If the project description changes, then P&D will require a re-evaluation to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the Draft EIR is not attached, the Draft EIR may be obtained and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara, and on our website at: www.sbcountyplanning.org/environmental/active.cfm. Draft documents are also available for review at the Downtown Branch of the Santa Barbara Library at 40 E. Anapamu St.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Joyce Gerber, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101, phone (805) 568-3518, fax (805) 568-2030, jgerber@countyofsb.org prior to the close of public comment on **Monday May 9, 2016** at 5 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as air quality, fire protection, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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