

Notice of Availability of a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Melrose Triangle Project

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21091 and 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15105 and 15087(a), notice is hereby given that a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated DEIR) (SCH No: 2004081014) for the Melrose Triangle project (proposed project) is available for public review during the public comment period January 2, 2014–February 17, 2014.

Preparation of an EIR for the proposed project began in 2004. In 2004, the original project proposed a mixed-use commercial and residential development including art and wine storage, parking, and associated improvements on six aboveground floors and six subterranean levels. In 2012, the Applicant revised the original project in response to comments received during the Draft EIR public review period for the original project and because the City subsequently adopted an updated General Plan. Therefore, the City determined that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, and a Recirculated Draft EIR was required to more fully evaluate the potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from the proposed project. As a result, the City of West Hollywood (City) has prepared the Recirculated DEIR to analyze the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project, to discuss alternatives, and to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will minimize, offset, or otherwise reduce or avoid those environmental impacts.

The project site is a triangular parcel located near the western boundary of the City, and is adjacent to the City of Beverly Hills. The project site is currently developed with several businesses with addresses that range from [603-633 N. Almont Dr.](#), [9040-9098 Santa Monica Blvd](#), and [9001-9035 Melrose Ave](#). The project site is bounded by Santa Monica Boulevard to the north, Almont Drive to the east, Melrose Avenue to the south, and Doheny Drive to the west. The proposed project would demolish existing buildings on the project site and construct a mixed-use commercial and residential development consisting of three buildings. Portions of three buildings would surround a broad paseo running through the center of the project site, which would allow pedestrian access between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue.

The Recirculated DEIR examines the potentially significant impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Geology and Soils, Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services and Utilities, Recreation, and Transportation and Circulation. The proposed project would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to Transportation and Circulation due to impacts at four intersections near the project site and Cultural and Paleontological Resources due to the demolition of the building located at 9080 Santa Monica Boulevard.

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the Recirculated DEIR during the public comment period (January 2, 2014–February 17, 2014). Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, the City will not respond to comments received during the previous circulation period; however, all new comments submitted in response to the Recirculated DEIR will receive written responses to be included in the Final EIR. **Written comments on the Recirculated DEIR must be submitted no later than February 17, 2014, to the address below.**

RECIRCULATED DEIR REVIEWING LOCATIONS

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