

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE  
DRAKE PARK SOCCER FIELD PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Long Beach has completed an Initial Study for the Drake Park Soccer Field Project, located in the Willmore area, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, California. The project site is located east of the Los Angeles River and Interstate 710 (I-710) and is accessible from Anaheim Street, Loma Vista Drive, and De Forest Avenue. The project site is currently designated Mixed Use on the City's General Plan Land Use Map. According to the City's Zoning Map, the project site is located within Subarea 1 of Planned Development (PD-10), which allows for medium-density residential land uses. Existing Drake Park facilities located adjacent to the project site are zoned as Subarea 3, Drake Park, allowing specifically for Drake Park uses. Therefore, the proposed project would require a zone change from PD-10 Subarea 1 to PD-10 Subarea 3. The project site is not located on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The 8.75-acre project site is currently vacant and undeveloped. The proposed project includes a linear park characterized by an 8-foot wide pedestrian trail running through the project site from the northeast to southwest. The proposed project includes development of one striped soccer field, large landscaped open space/passive park areas, a pedestrian walking trail, restroom facilities, and parking. The proposed project would incorporate the adjacent Loma Vista Park by removing the existing park's chain-link fence along the northeastern portion of the project site. In addition, the proposed project would require the use of a portion of a City-owned parking lot near the northwestern area of the project site to accommodate passive park space. Implementation of the proposed project would occur over several phases, with construction occurring over the course of approximately 12 months.

On the basis of the Initial Study and supporting analyses, the City of Long Beach, as Lead Agency, has concluded that the project, with mitigation incorporated, will not have a significant effect on the environment and has, therefore, prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Copies of the Initial Study and MND are on file at the address below and are available for public review. **The 30-day public comment period for the project shall begin on Thursday, February 28, 2013, and comments will be received until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013.** Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments in writing to the address below prior to this date.

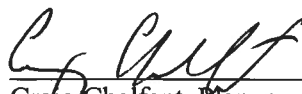
At the regular **Planning Commission meeting to be held on April 18, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at the City of Long Beach Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA, 90802**, the Planning Commission will consider the project and the Draft MND. If the Planning Commission finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Comments and questions should be addressed to: Craig Chalfant, City of Long Beach, Planning Bureau, Long Beach Development Services Department, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802, phone (562) 570-6368, or email at: [craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov](mailto:craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov)

The MND is also available on the internet at:

[www.lbds.info/planning/environmental\\_planning/environmental\\_reports.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp)

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