



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** (MND) has been prepared for the proposed John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Auditorium Replacement Project (proposed project). The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT TITLE: John Adams Middle School Auditorium Replacement Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the northwestern portion of the JAMS campus, located at 2425 16th Street in the City of Santa Monica. The project site is bordered by Pearl Street to the north, 17th Street to the east, and the rest of the JAMS campus to the south and west. The JAMS campus is listed under Government Code section 65962.5 on a hazardous materials database (the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Hazardous Waste Manifests Database) for disposing materials containing polychlorinated biphenyls; inorganic solid waste; household waste; and asbestos containing waste. Based on the off-site disposal of the wastes identified, this listing is not considered an environmental concern.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve replacing and augmenting existing performing arts buildings at the JAMS campus. The existing auditorium at JAMS has been closed since 2014 due to structural safety concerns. The proposed project would involve construction of a new performing arts center at the site of the existing auditorium and music building. The proposed project would address the existing structural safety concerns at the auditorium and would also expand the performing arts space available on the site to meet existing school needs. The proposed performing arts center would be developed over the course of several phases, the first of which would involve renovating the existing music building, removing the existing auditorium, and reconstructing a new auditorium. The second phase would involve constructing a rehearsal building, and the third phase would involve replacing the music building.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The public review and comment period for the MND is from March 20, 2018, to April 18, 2018 (comment letters must be received by 5:00 pm on April 18, 2018).

The MND and all documents appended therein are available for review at the District’s Facility Improvement Projects office (2828 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California 90405) by contacting Kathy Staib at 310-450-8338 ext. 79380 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MND and all documents appended therein are also available for review at the following locations: the District offices (1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, California 90404) and the District’s webpage (<http://fip.smmusd.org/sites-jams.html>).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Only written comments shall be accepted, and all comments need to be addressed to *Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, California 90404*. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Carey Upton of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District at 310-399-5865 x79383 or cupton@smmusd.org.



Signature

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Date