



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Responsible, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties
FROM: Peter Goldstein, San Francisco Community College District
DATE: October 6, 2006
RE: **Notice of Preparation of a Subsequent Draft Environmental Impact Report**

The San Francisco Community College District (SFCCD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the project identified below.

State Clearinghouse No. 98031039: City College of San Francisco Chinatown/ North Beach Campus- A Draft EIR for a City College Chinatown / North Beach Campus was published on April 23, 1998. The 1998 EIR project included Lots 4, 5, and 12 in Assessor's Block 195, in Chinatown in San Francisco. The 1998 EIR included plans for classrooms, laboratories, an auditorium, multi-purpose room, administration and faculty offices, a library, and a childcare center, and parking, totaling about 158,000 gross square feet. The Initial Study found that Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Energy, Hydrology, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, and Utilities and Service Systems would not require review in the EIR. The issues addressed in the EIR included Land Use and Zoning, Aesthetics, Historical and Architectural Resources, Transportation, Geology and Soils, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials.

The 1998 EIR was certified by the Community College District Board of Trustees, but the project was not implemented.

The SFCCD has revised its plans to construct a City College Chinatown / North Beach campus. The proposed project would be constructed on Lots 9 and 10 on the same block as the 1998 EIR, and includes similar uses as analyzed in the 1998 EIR. The proposed project includes a 17-story, 238-foot tall building at Washington and Kearny Street. The building would contain classrooms, offices, lounges, meeting rooms, a library, student center, and a multipurpose room with approximately 82,662 assigned square footage (assigned square footage includes only the space that has been allocated for a particular use and does not include accessory space, such as hallways and restrooms). The SFCCD will retain ownership of Lot 5 for possible future use. The SFCCD has sold Lots 4 and 12.

The SFCCD has determined that the revisions to the Chinatown / North Beach Campus project require the preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The SEIR will cover the same topics as the 1998 EIR, and will also analyze with wind and shadow impacts.

The Notice of Preparation of a Draft SEIR for the above-referenced project is being sent to you because you have expressed an interest in the proposed project, or because you have been identified by the SFCCD as potentially having an interest in the project. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the SEIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project.

Written comments on the scope of the SEIR will be accepted until the close of business on November 6, 2006.* Written comments should be sent to:

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Please include the name of a contact person in your agency. Thank you.

* This date has been extended to December 15, 2006. Please see the Letter from the Chancellor sent November 14, 2006.

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