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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT

CITY OF INGLEWOOD

To: California Office of Planning and Research
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Other Interest

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft
Project: Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center

Lead Agency: City of Inglewood

Date: December 27, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Inglewood (City or Inglewood) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),

Pursuant to Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, responses must be received by the City no later than the end of the public review period, which commences on Friday, December 27, 2019, and ends on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments on the Draft EIR that you have any questions or comments regarding the Project should be submitted to:

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A legal notice will be published in Inglewood Today on January 2, 2020.

Project Location

The Project Site is located in the southwestern portion of the City of Inglewood within Los Angeles County, approximately 17 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. The main portion of the Project Site (the Arena Site) is approximately 17 acres and is bounded by West Century Boulevard to the north, West 103rd Street to the east, South Doty Avenue to the south, and West 102nd Street to the west. The Project Site includes three additional areas: the West 103rd Street area, which is bounded by West 103rd Street to the north, South Prairie Avenue to the east, and West 102nd Street to the south; the East Transportation Center area, which is bounded by West 102nd Street to the north, West 103rd Street to the east, and West 102nd Street to the south; and the Well Relocation Site on an approximately 10-acre area bounded by West 102nd Street to the north, West 103rd Street to the east, and West 102nd Street to the south. The Project Site is located immediately to the south of the Hollywood Park Specific Plan (HPSP) area.

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Project Description

The Proposed Project is a Public/Private partnership between Murphy's Bowl LLC, a private applicant, and the City and would provide for 18,000 fixed seats for National Basketball Association (NBA) games. The arena could also be configured with up to 500 additional seats for sporting events. The Arena Structure would include an approximately 85,000-sf team practice and athletic training facility. Development on the Arena Site would also include an outdoor plaza with approximately 80,000 sf of circulation and gathering space to accommodate community and youth-oriented programming, and an outdoor stage. A parking garage with 650 spaces would be located within the Arena Site and would be relocated to the Well Relocation Site as part of the Proposed Project.

The LA Clippers currently play their games at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, and the LA Clippers' team office and athletic training facilities are located in Playa Vista neighborhood within of Los Angeles, at 6854 South Centinela Avenue. Up to 100,000 attendees are expected to attend events at the proposed arena.

Annually, it is expected that the LA Clippers would host up to five preseason games in October; 41 regular season games for the LA Clippers; and other events such as concerts, family shows, conventions and corporate or civic events, and non-LA Clippers sporting events would be held at the arena (average of 300 attendees) to full Arena capacity.

A six-story parking structure containing 3,110 parking spaces would be located within the West Parking Garage Site. A 17-foot wide pedestrian bridge would provide pedestrian access between the second floor of the parking garage to the second floor of the westernmost building on the East Transportation and Hotel Site.

The East Transportation and Hotel Site would include a parking garage (365 spaces) and transportation hub to accommodate drop-off. The Proposed Project would also include a limited-service hotel use with up to 150 rooms on an approximately 100,000-sf site, a fitness room, a guest laundry facility, a market pantry, and/or an outdoor gathering area. The hotel would be approximately 100,000-sf in size.

Circulation improvements including driveways, signals, a crosswalk, bicycle parking, relocation of two bus stops, improved lighting, and other improvements would be included in the Proposed Project. A portion of West 102nd Street between South Prairie Avenue and South Doty Avenue would be vacated and included in the West Parking Garage Site. The primary vehicular access to the Project Site would be provided along the major corridor, West 102nd Street. For other large events, the Proposed Project would provide shuttle service that would connect the Project Site to the Metro Green Line. The shuttle would drop off and pick up attendees at the proposed shuttle pick-up and drop-off location on the west side of the Arena Site.

The Proposed Project would also include identification and advertising signage, graphic display panels or systems, potential lighting, and other improvements.

The EIR also considered the potential environmental impacts associated with two Project Variants to circulation infrastructure. Two Project Variants are proposed in order to provide flexibility to allow the City to approve them as part of the Proposed Project, if desired. The Project Variants include circulation, streetscape improvements, and sustainability features as the Proposed Project.

Environmental Topics Evaluated/Potentially Significant Impacts

The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts that would be generated by the Proposed Project in relation to the following topics: Air Quality & Climate Change; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology & Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards & Hazardous Materials; Hydrology & Water Quality; Land Use & Planning; Noise & Vibration; and Utilities & Service Systems. Potentially significant impacts have been identified in these topics except for Energy Demand. The Draft EIR evaluates seven project alternatives: No Project, Reduced Project Size, City Services Center Alternative Site, Baldwin Hill Alternative Site, and other alternatives.

The Project Site was included on the following list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code: (1) Well No. 6, 3901 West 102nd Street, Site 1, Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, 3901 West 102nd Street, DTSC Hazardous Waste Manifest database; (2) Well No. 1NA, German Car Repair, 10220 South Prairie Avenue, 199C-1992 historical EDR (proprietary) auto databases (further review determined to be outside of project boundary); and (3) Omega Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, 3822 West Century Boulevard, EDR (proprietary) auto databases (further review determined to be outside of project boundary).

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Internet Website: <http://www.ibecproject.com>

<http://www.losangeles.gov/1036/Murphys-Bowl-Proposed-NBA-Arena>