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New Glendale Courthouse Project Draft EIR

in the City of Glendale in Los Angeles County, California

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (Recirculated Sections)

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PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

April 3, 2012 THROUGH May 17, 2012

Recirculation of Chapter 4.3, *Cultural Resources*, Chapter 6, *Alternatives to the Proposed Project*, Appendix C3 (Site Feasibility Report and Site Feasibility Investigation), and Draft EIR Errata.

This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of this NOA is to inform interested parties that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the staff agency of the Judicial Council of California, has determined that a limited recirculation of the August 2011 Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed New Glendale Courthouse Project is necessary to allow public comment on revisions to **Chapter 4.3, Cultural Resources, Chapter 6, Alternatives to the Proposed Project**, the new technical memo prepared by ZGF Architects (**Appendix C3**), and a **Draft EIR Errata**.

In response to comments on the originally circulated Draft EIR, the AOC conducted additional investigations regarding the feasibility of various preservation alternatives. This study was prepared by ZGF Architects (Project architect), and is also available for review. Although this study did not result in any changes to fundamental Draft EIR conclusions, it does present additional information regarding the current Glendale Courthouse seismic and operational deficiencies, as well as more detailed discussion of preservation alternatives. In an abundance of caution, and to foster full public involvement, the AOC has elected to recirculate Draft EIR sections affected by this new study. Therefore, the re-circulated Draft EIR will consist of only **Chapter 4.3, Cultural Resources, Chapter 6 Alternatives to the Proposed Project, and Appendix C3, Site Feasibility Report (November 2010) and Site Feasibility Investigation (March 2012)**. The AOC has also attached a **Draft EIR Errata**, to indicate minor corrections to other EIR sections in light of the new ZGF study (Appendix C3). Written comments will be accepted on the issues addressed in the re-circulated document only. Written comments submitted on the original Draft EIR do not need to be re-submitted. Responses to all comments will be presented in the Final EIR. To request additional information on the Draft EIR, please contact the AOC at the address and/or phone number provided below.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION (NO CHANGES SINCE RELEASE OF DRAFT EIR)

The proposed project is located at the intersection of east Broadway and Glendale Avenue at the eastern end of the downtown district. The proposed project includes the construction of a five-story (maximum), approximately 110,000-square-foot courthouse with a basement. The majority of the site needed for the new courthouse is where the existing courthouse is located at 600 East Broadway in Glendale, CA 91206, and is already owned by the AOC. A small site behind the existing courthouse at 124 South Isabel Street will also be acquired for the related parking. The Jewel City Bowl site, located at 135 South Glendale Avenue, is no

longer being considered for acquisition. The new courthouse would be constructed in the same location and behind the existing courthouse. The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing annex, sally port, and much of the existing building, while attempting to preserve the historical elements of the existing building.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The proposed project has the potential to result in the following significant project or cumulative impacts: Air Quality (air quality plan consistency, short-term construction emissions, and exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations) and Cultural Resources (historic resources).

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to 1) inform you that revisions to the Draft EIR are available for your review; 2) notify you where you can obtain a copy; and 3) inform you of how you can provide comments on the document.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

The AOC encourages your participation. To request additional information or to provide written comments on the re-circulated chapters of the Draft EIR, please contact:

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All comments must be postmarked by 5 PM on May 17, 2012. The deadline for e-mailed comments is also 5 PM on May 17, 2012.

You may download the re-circulated chapters of the Draft EIR, in addition to the original Draft EIR, from the following website: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-la-glendale.htm>

A copy of the re-circulated chapters in addition to the original Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations:

City of Glendale	Glendale Central Library
Community Development Department	222 East Harvard Street
633 East Broadway, Room 103	Glendale, CA 91205
Glendale, CA 91206	

NEXT STEPS IN CEQA PROCESS

Following the public review period of the re-circulated chapters, the AOC will prepare responses to comments received during both 45-day review periods (the original Draft EIR and re-circulated chapters). The responses to comments, together with the Draft EIR and Errata, will constitute the “Final” EIR. The AOC will make the Final EIR available for public review at least 10 days prior to AOC consideration of Final EIR certification and project approval (appropriate notice will be provided for Final EIR availability, consistent with CEQA, and similar to noticing provided for the Recirculated Draft EIR sections).