Notice of Intent to Adopt an
Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: September 13, 2018
To: Public Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
From: City of Burlingame, Parks and Recreation Department
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, as most recently amended, this is to advise that the City of Burlingame has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental effects of the project identified below:

Project Title: Burlingame Community Center Project

Applicant: City of Burlingame, Parks and Recreation Department

Project Location: The project site is located in the southeastern portion of Washington Park in the City of Burlingame (City), within San Mateo County. The approximately 2.41-acre project site (a portion of Assessor’s Parcel Number [APN] 029-141-030) is located at 850 Burlingame Avenue and is bound by Washington Park and the former Gunst Estate grounds to the north, residential uses to the east, Burlingame Avenue to the south, and the Burlingame Lions Club and Washington Park to the west.

Project Description: The existing Burlingame Recreation Center would be demolished and the new Burlingame Community Center would be constructed in approximately the same location with a different footprint. The new Community Center building would be two stories in height and approximately 35,700 square feet in size. The existing playground adjacent to the existing Community Center would be moved north to accommodate the proposed location for the new Community Center and address the City’s request for the playground to be further away from the street. A surface parking lot and a below-ground level parking garage would be constructed in the eastern corner of the project site. In total, 84 parking spaces would be provided, with approximately 40 parking spaces in the below-ground level and 44 spaces in the surface parking lot.

Based upon the conclusions set forth in the Initial Study, the City of Burlingame proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is not on a list of sites as described by Government Code 65962.5 (Cleanup Program Site, State Water Resources Control Board).

Public Review Period: A 20-day public review period will begin on September 13, 2018. Written comments must be mailed, submitted in person or via email to the contact person below no later than 5:00 p.m. October 3, 2018.

CEQA Project Status: An Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS-MND determined that the proposed project would have no impact and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed. The Draft IS-MND and all related analysis are available for review at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue; Burlingame City Hall Community Development Department - Planning Division, 501 Primrose Road, Burlingame; and Burlingame Main Library, 480 Primrose Road, and on the City’s website at www.burlingame.org/communitycentermnd.

Public Hearing: The City Council will consider the proposed project and IS-MND at a public meeting tentatively scheduled for November 19 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Burlingame City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Primrose Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

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