

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Project Title: North District Development Plan
Lead Agency: University of California
Project Location: **University of California, Riverside (UC Riverside)**
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County: Riverside County

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Pursuant to Sections 15085 and 15087 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, and Public Resources Code Section 21092, the University of California as the Lead Agency is circulating a **Revised** Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for public comment on the North District Development Plan (NDD Plan).

The proposed NDD Plan would provide up to 5,200 student beds on the East Campus on an approximately 51-acre site located in the northeastern portion of the campus. The NDD Plan includes Phase 1, which involves the construction of about 1,500 student beds and associated facilities by 2021 and a future phase(s), which involves the construction of up to 3,700 student beds and associated facilities. The project site is developed with Canyon Crest Family Student Housing that was occupied by student families until 2017 and is currently vacant. The site is designated for *Family, Apartment Housing and Related Support, Residence Hall and Related Support, Athletics and Recreation, and Parking* in the UC Riverside 2005 Long Range Development Plan.

At this time, project-level details are available only for Phase 1 development. With respect to the future phase(s) of development, the NDD Plan provides a development program and a land use diagram, but does not have details with respect to specific buildings. Future phase(s) will be subject to additional environmental review.

Environmental Review and Comment

In December 2018, the University published the North District Development Plan Draft EIR, which was circulated for agency and public comment for an initial period of 45 days that ended on February 1, 2019. During the time that the Draft EIR was circulating the University has advanced the design of the project. Other changes to the project include modifications to the proposed emergency evacuation plan for the site, slight changes to the numbers of beds planned for each phase, and changes to the sustainability and energy use narrative. Also during the Draft EIR circulation period, the University

received numerous comments requesting, among other things, additional analysis and clarification regarding the noise impacts; potential impacts to local recreational facilities; clarification regarding the project's traffic impacts; and the evaluation of additional alternatives to the proposed project. In view of the project description changes and comments received, especially related to energy use, noise, traffic, recreation, and alternatives, the University has determined that it will publish a Revised Draft EIR for the revised project for agency and public review. This Revised Draft EIR replaces in full the previously published Draft EIR. CEQA does not require a lead agency to respond to comments received on a Draft EIR when the previously published Draft EIR is replaced by a Revised Draft EIR.

As this Revised Draft EIR replaces in full the previously published Draft EIR, reviewers are requested to submit new comments on this RDEIR.

Public Review Period: **February 28, 2019** through **April 15, 2019**.

The RDEIR addresses environmental impacts in the following resource areas: aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities, and other CEQA considerations.

A copy of the RDEIR is available for viewing at the address noted above, or for downloading on the UCR Campus Planning website at <http://cpp.ucr.edu/environmental/ceqadocs.html>.

The 45-day public review period for the RDEIR begins on **February 28, 2019** and ends on **April 15, 2019**. Your comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM** on **April 15, 2019**. Your name should be included with your comments. Please send your comments to the attention of Tricia D. Thrasher at the address noted above. Comments can also be submitted via email to the following address: CEQA@ucr.edu. **Email comments must also be received no later than 5:00 PM on April 15, 2019.**

The University will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **April 4, 2019** to take written and oral comments on the RDEIR. The hearing will be held at Bannockburn Village, Conference Room J-102 located at 3615 Canyon Crest Drive, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

If you have any questions regarding this NOC/NOA, please contact Tricia D. Thrasher at the above address or via email at CEQA@ucr.edu.