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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
ALTA BATES SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER,
SUMMIT CAMPUS SEISMIC UPGRADE AND MASTER PLAN**

The Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning and Zoning Division, is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Summit Campus Seismic Upgrade and Master Plan as described below, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The EIR will address the potential physical, environmental effects for each of the environmental topics outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City has **not** prepared an Initial Study.

The City of Oakland is the Lead Agency for the project and is the public agency with the greatest responsibility for approving the project or carrying it out. This notice is being sent to Responsible Agencies and other interested parties. Responsible Agencies are those public agencies, besides the City of Oakland, that also have a role in approving or carrying out the project. When the Draft EIR is published, it will be sent to all Responsible Agencies and to others who respond to this NOP or who otherwise indicate that they would like to receive a copy.

Responses to this NOP and any questions or comments should be directed in writing to: Scott Gregory, Contract Planner, c/o Gary Patton, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning, City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3330, Oakland, CA 94612; (510) 535-6690 (phone); (510) 535-6699 (fax); or e-mailed to sgregory@lamphier-gregory.com. Comments on the NOP must be received at the above mailing or e-mail address **by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2009**. Please reference **case number ER090001** in all correspondence. In addition, comments may be provided at the EIR Scoping Meeting to be held before the City Planning Commission. Comments should focus on discussing possible impacts on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the project in light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The City of Oakland Planning Commission will conduct a public scoping hearing on the Draft EIR for the project on February 18th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Hearing Room #1, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

PROJECT TITLE: Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Summit Campus Seismic Upgrade and Master Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is generally bounded by 30th Street (south), Webster Street (east), 34th Street (north), and Telegraph Avenue and Elm Street (west) in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, California. The project site consists of the following 17 parcels, identified by Assessor's Parcel

Numbers: 009-074-601-200, 009-074-601-904, 009-074-602-103, 009-074-602-300, 009-074-602-400, 009-074-602-600, 009-074-602-800, 009-074-602-900, 009-074-603-100, 009-074-603-200, 009-074-603-300, 009-074-603-400, 009-074-603-500, 009-074-603-600, 009-074-603-700, 009-074-603-800, and 009-074-900-105.

PROJECT SPONSOR: Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, a Sutter Health Affiliate

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed project site is the location of the existing Summit Campus of the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center located on Pill Hill, which is approximately bounded by Telegraph Avenue, Webster Street, 30th Street and 34th Street, where hospital and related medical uses have been established for several decades. The proposed development will occur on parcels currently occupied by acute care hospital uses, administrative and medical offices and surface parking lots located within the existing campus boundaries. Adjacent land uses are mainly institutional and commercial uses. Sites listed on the Cortese list have been identified within the project site area; however, the listings for these sites have been closed. Buildings that are older than 50 years and within the project site will be evaluated for historic significance.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The main purpose of the project is to perform a seismic upgrade of the acute care patient facilities in the Merritt Pavilion, so as to meet and exceed the seismic safety requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1953. Potential future phases of the project would include the construction of new medical office buildings, classrooms and other facilities on the Summit Campus to enhance its cohesiveness and capacity to serve the community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Sponsor proposes to upgrade existing facilities and construct new facilities in a phased master plan. Phase 1 of the project (see attached **Figure 1**) entails construction of a new and upgraded patient care pavilion (primarily a replacement acute care hospital tower and relocated emergency department), which will bring the acute care patient facilities of the Summit Campus (project site) into compliance with the seismic safety requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1953. Phase 1 will also construct a new parking structure onsite. Phase 1 is expected to be complete by year 2013 to comply with the schedule requirements of SB 1953.

Future phases (see attached **Figure 2**) would develop a new medical office building (MOB), new space for the Samuel Merritt College (a fully accredited health sciences institution), a fitness center, street level retail space, and substantial green space throughout the project site. The project will result in a net increase in building floor area on the Summit Campus of approximately 384,100 square feet and an increase in approximately 806 parking spaces. Future phases are expected to be completed prior to year 2030.

Specifics of the project are set forth on the attached **Table 1** and corresponding **Figure 3**.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

It is anticipated that the proposed project may have environmental impacts on aesthetics, traffic/circulation, air quality, and noise. It is anticipated that the project will not have environmental impacts on cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use, plans, and policies; population and housing; public services; recreation, utilities and service systems; and cumulative growth. Nevertheless, these environmental factors will be analyzed in the EIR.

The Draft EIR will also examine a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project, including the CEQA-mandated No Project Alternative, and other potential alternatives that may be capable of reducing or avoiding potential environmental effects.

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Attachments:

