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**COMBINED NOTICE OF RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY EXPANSION
PROJECT**

PROJECT TITLE: Mountain View Cemetery Expansion Project
CASE NO. ER15-001
PROJECT SPONSOR: Mountain View Cemetery Association, Jeff Lindeman
PROJECT LOCATION: 5000 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland; APN 048A700200302

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Mountain View Cemetery seeks development of portions of the less developed upper one-third of the cemetery to accommodate projected future need for additional burial sites. The proposed project includes development plans for three separate but interrelated development plots on the Cemetery property, all of which are entirely within the City of Oakland and the cemetery property. Each of the new development sites will be connected to the others by extensions of existing on-site roadways. The intent of the project is to develop new burial lots that are moderately flat, but which provide a gentle pitch to the west, offering panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay and skyline. The environmental review process is consistent with CEQA and local requirements, as further detailed below.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared for the project under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et. seq.* The DEIR analyzes potentially significant environmental impacts in the following environmental categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Historic Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality and Noise. The Draft EIR does not identify any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts potentially resulting from the proposed project. Copies of the DEIR are available for review or distribution to interested parties at no charge at the Department of Planning and Building, Bureau of Planning, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 2114, Oakland, CA 94612, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Draft EIR may also be reviewed at the following websites: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PBN/OurServices/Application/DOWD009157.htm> and <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/PBN/OurOrganization/PlanningZoning/OAK05886>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Draft EIR for the project on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Sgt. Mark Dunakin Hearing Room 1, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612.

The Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board will conduct a public hearing on the Draft EIR for the project on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Sgt. Mark Dunakin Hearing Room 1, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612.

The City of Oakland is hereby releasing this Draft EIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for public review. Members of the public are invited to comment on the EIR and the project. There is no fee for commenting, and all comments received will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the EIR and making a decision on the project. Comments on the Draft EIR should focus on the sufficiency of the EIR in 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. Comments may be made at the public hearings described above or in writing. Please address all written comments to Catherine Payne, Planner IV, City of Oakland, Department of Planning and Building, Bureau of Planning, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 2114, Oakland, CA 94612; (510) 238-6168 (phone); (510) 238-4730 (fax); or by e-mail at cpayne@oaklandnet.com. Comments should be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016. Please reference case number ER15-001 in all correspondence. If you challenge the environmental document or project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Planning Commission and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board public hearings described above, or in written correspondence received by the Department of Planning and Building on or prior to 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016. After all comments are received, a Final EIR will be prepared and the Planning Commission will consider certification of the Final EIR and render a decision/make a recommendation on the project at a later meeting date to be scheduled. For further information, please contact Catherine Payne, Planner IV at (510) 238-6168 or at cpayne@oaklandnet.com.

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