



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Date of Notice: **June 10, 2016**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A

DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego Planning Department has prepared a draft PEIR for the following project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The draft PEIR and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City of San Diego Planning Department website under the heading “Draft CEQA Documents” and can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/ceqa>

The DEIR public notice has also been placed on the City Clerk website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/notices/index.shtml>

Typically the review period for an EIR is 45 days; however in accordance with Municipal Code Section 128.0307 and in response to a written request made by Uptown Planners, the recognized Community Planning Group for Uptown, the review period has been extended to 60 days.

Your comments must be received by August 8, 2016 to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send your written comments to the following address: **Kurtis Steinert, Senior Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 1010 Second Avenue, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92101** or e-mail your comments to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov with the Project Name and Number in the subject line. Please note only written comments, received either via US Mail, hand-delivered, or via email, will be considered official comments in the Final EIR.

PROJECT NAME: Uptown Community Plan Update

PROJECT No. 380611 / SCH No. *Pending*

COMMUNITY AREA: Uptown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed update for the Uptown Community Plan would be consistent with and incorporate relevant policies from the 2008 City of San Diego General Plan, as well as provide a long-range, comprehensive policy framework for growth and development in the Uptown community. The Uptown Community Plan was originally adopted in 1975 and subsequently updated in 1988. The Uptown Community Plan was last amended in 2008.

The Uptown Community Plan Update (CPU) can be found on the Planning Department’s website at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown>

The proposed Uptown CPU provides detailed policy direction to implement the General Plan with respect to the distribution and arrangement of land uses (public and private), the local street and transit network, the prioritization and provision of public facilities, community and site specific urban design guidelines, and recommendations to preserve and enhance natural open space and historic and cultural resources within the Uptown community.

CPU implementation requires adoption of the Uptown Community Plan, amendments to the General Plan to incorporate the CPU as a component of the General Plan Land Use Element, adoption of a Land Development Code (LDC) ordinance that would rezone the Planned District Ordinance (PDO) areas within the CPU area with Citywide zones within the LDC and repeal the existing Mid-City Communities PDO, the West Lewis Street PDO, and Interim Height Ordinance. The project would also amend the mapped boundaries of the Uptown Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone (CPIOZ) to include CPIOZ-Type A and CPIOZ-Type B areas that would limit building heights. A comprehensive update to the existing Impact Fee Study (IFS) (formerly known as the Public Facilities Financing Plan) is also proposed for adoption resulting in a new IFS for the Uptown community.

Uptown Community Plan Update

The Uptown Community Plan area consists of approximately 2,700 acres and lies just north of Downtown San Diego. It is bounded on the north by Mission Valley, on the east by Park Boulevard, and on the west and south by Old Town San Diego and Interstate 5. The Uptown community is located on a level mesa that is divided by numerous canyons and bordered by two major parks, Presidio and Balboa. The CPU area includes the neighborhoods of Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, the Medical Complex, University Heights, and Bankers Hill/Park West.

Applicant: City of San Diego, Planning Department

Recommended Finding: The draft PEIR concludes that the proposed project would result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: **Transportation/Circulation, Noise, Historical Resources, and Paleontological Resources**. All other impacts analyzed in this EIR were found to be less than significant.

Availability in Alternative Format: To request the this Notice or the City's letter detailing the required scope of work (EIR Scoping Letter) in alternative format, call the Planning Department at (619) 235-5200 (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

Additional Information: For environmental review information, contact Kurtis Steinert at (619) 235-5206. The Draft EIR and supporting documents may be reviewed, or purchased for the cost of reproduction, at the Planning Department. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Project Manager, Tait Galloway, at (619) 533-4550.

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