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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Lead Agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:

Lead Agency: Palm Springs Unified School District

Project Name: Palm Springs High School Seismic Upgrades and Modernization Improvements

Project Description: The Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) is proposing to implement various seismic upgrades and modernization improvements on the Palm Springs High School (PSHS) campus (proposed Project). Of those buildings that would undergo seismic upgrades and modernization improvements as part of the proposed Project include the: (1) library; (2) gymnasium; and (3) cafeteria. The proposed Project would include the renovation of these 3 buildings to meet current seismic standards modernization improvements, as well as the construction of a new 7,400-square-foot mini-gym within the cafeteria and the addition of a 1,950-square-foot lobby on the northeast corner of the gymnasium. Lastly, the proposed Project would involve various hardscape and landscaping improvements across the PSHS campus to improve existing drainage conditions. Implementation of the proposed Project would provide the PSHS campus with a range of upgraded and modern facilities that meet current standards. Construction of the proposed Project would take approximately 24 months, with a commencement date of spring 2020 and an estimated completion date of summer 2022. Occupancy of the upgraded and modernized facilities would occur by the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Project Location: The PSHS campus is located at 2401 East Baristo Road and immediately adjoins the Desert Learning Academy (DLA) campus on a joint campus. The PSHS-DLA joint campus is bound by East Baristo Road to the north, South Farrell Drive to the east, East Ramon Road to the south, and South Pavilion Way to the west. The Project site, which consists PSHS portion of the campus, is currently comprised of approximately 20 buildings situated across a total area of approximately 43 acres.

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

- The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
- The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
- The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
- The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
- A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.
- A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review online at www.pseud.us and at the Lead Agency's office, located at 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Lead Agency Address: 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

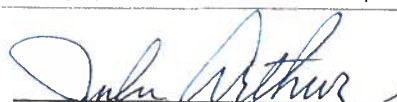
The review period for this project starts on Thursday, October 3, 2019 and ends on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Comments will be received until Monday, November 4, 2019. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested. The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:

Date: November 26, 2019 **Time:** 6:00 PM

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

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