

CITY OF ALBANY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN PROJECT

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), The City of Albany has prepared an Initial Study to determine if the proposed St. Mary's College High School Project might have a significant effect on the environment. Based on that study the City, acting as Lead Agency under CEQA, has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION:
Begins November 14, 2008 and ends December 8, 2008, at 5:00 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING: November 25, 2008, 7:30 P.M.
PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide members of the public an opportunity to address the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. No action on the proposed project will be taken at this Public Hearing. It is anticipated that the Commission will take action on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed project in early 2009.

Availability of Documents: The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, the supporting Initial Study and the proposed Master Plan are available for review at:

- Community Development Department, 979 San Pablo Avenue, during regular business hours: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM, Mondays; 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesdays-Thursdays; 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Fridays.
- Albany Library, 1247 Marin Avenue (phone 510-526-3720 for hours.)

Inquiries and written comments may be addressed to: Jeff Bond, Planning and Building Manager, Community Development Department, 979 San Pablo Avenue, Albany CA 94706. E-mail address: jbond@albanyca.org.

Project name: St. Mary's College High School Master Plan

Project sponsor: St. Mary's College High School

Location: 1600 Posen Avenue, Albany CA (mailing address 1294 Albina Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94706)

Project background and description: St. Mary's College High School is an existing co-educational high school serving 630 students on a 12.5-acre site. The school is seeking modifications to an existing conditional use permit to allow an expansion of campus facilities to a maximum of 141,147 gross square feet, including (no increase in enrollment is proposed as part of the project):

- New performing arts music building
- Expansion of athletic training and offices
- Renovation and expansion of Shea Student Center
- New multi-use building, primarily for performing arts use
- Renovation and expansion of existing St. Josephs Hall
- New 200-seat school chapel
- Construction of a new classroom building
- Renovation of Cronin Hall, including reinstatement of one classroom in Cronin Hall removed from service per existing conditional use permit
- Renovation of Murphy Hall classrooms into offices
- Expansion of on-campus parking and circulation

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