

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Las Encinas 2007

Master Development Plan

The City of Pasadena is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Las Encinas Hospital 2007 Master Development Plan. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

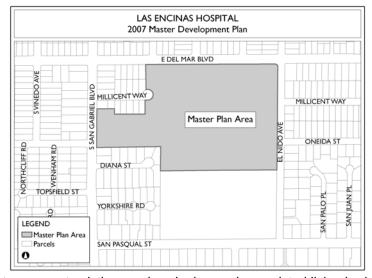
**AGENCIES:** The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Las Encinas Hospital 2007 Master Development Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 2900 East Del Mar Boulevard in the City of Pasadena (see Figure 1, Location Map). The site is bound by Del Mar Boulevard to the north, El Nido Avenue to the east, residential uses to the south, and San Gabriel Boulevard to the west. Regional access to the project site is provided by Interstate 210 (I-210, Foothill Freeway) located approximately 0.6 mile to the north and State Route 110 (SR 110, Pasadena Freeway) located approximately 2.5 miles to the west.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In anticipation of the needs of the City of Pasadena and surrounding communities,



the 2007 Master Development Plan seeks to augment existing services by increasing assisted living beds from the current 9 beds to a total of 81 beds and increasing independent living units from 85 existing to 230 total units. The proposed project would provide expanded medical (psychiatric) office space from the existing 15 units (14,174 square feet) to 31 total office units (an additional 45,407 square feet). In addition, a new psychiatric hospital would be constructed to consolidate psychiatric patient care in a single, secure facility affording greater security to the neighborhood and modern facilities for staff and patient care. The new psychiatric hospital would accommodate 120 total beds, increasing the number of beds by an additional 30 beds. The new psychiatric hospital would also consolidate adolescent care facilities. Residential Treatment programs and Chemical Dependency would be consolidated from the 68 existing beds located in six different buildings to accommodate 38 beds in a single facility (Gables

Building 7), a reduction of 30 beds. Adolescent psychiatry would be consolidated into a single building accommodating 28 beds in the central portion of the campus south of the existing hospital building. Approximately 18 existing buildings are proposed to be removed.

**SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** No impacts to agricultural resources, biological resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, and recreation would occur as a result of the proposed project. Impacts to aesthetics and hydrology/water quality would be less than significant, and impacts to air quality, biological resources, noise, public services/utilities, and traffic would be less than significant with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures. The proposed project would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to cultural resources.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The City has determined to make this Notice of Availability and the Draft EIR available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The comment period for the Notice of Availability and Draft EIR begins December 29, 2008 and ends on February 11, 2009.

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to:

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**DRAFT EIR MEETINGS:** The City will take comment on the Draft EIR at the following meetings in January 2009:

Commission	Date	Time	Location
Transportation Advisory	January 9	7:30 am	221 E. Walnut St., Ste. #210, Conference Room
Historic Preservation	January 20	6:00 pm	Pasadena Conference Center, Room 212
			300 East Green Street
Design	January 26	6:00 pm	Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.
Planning	January 28	6:15 pm	Pasadena City Hall; City Council Chambers (Room
_			S249); 100 N Garfield Ave in Pasadena

You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Notice of Availability and Draft EIR are available for public review at the locations listed below. The materials are available for review during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Department of Planning and Development address listed above and the following locations:

- Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Avenue
- Lamanda Branch Library at 140 S. Altadena Drive

The Draft EIR is also available for review on the Internet at the City's website at http://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/environmental/Environmental\_Home.asp.

If you require additional information please contact Scott Reimers at (626) 744-6710 or submit questions and comments by fax at (626) 396-7267.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: The project site is not listed on any Hazardous Materials or waste databases pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.