



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Land Acquisition of 6841–6845 Atlantic Avenue

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the City of Long Beach (City) is the Lead Agency for the land acquisition of 6841–6845 Atlantic Avenue (project). Based on the Initial Study prepared for the project, the City has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) pursuant to CEQA, *State CEQA Guidelines*, and the City's Local CEQA Guidelines. The City is distributing this Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOI) to agencies that have permit authority over the project, interested groups, and organizations in accordance with CEQA.

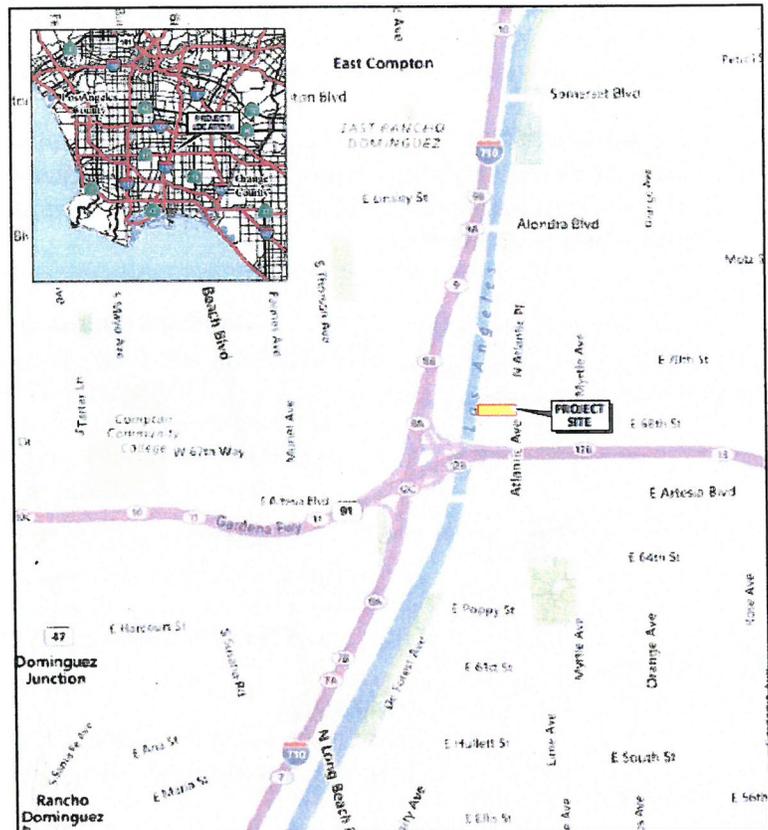
Notice is hereby given that a Draft ND for the project is available for public review during the public comment period (August 6, 2018 through September 5, 2018). The City has prepared the Draft ND to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the project.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach,
Development Services/Planning Bureau

Project Title: Land Acquisition of
6841–6845 Atlantic Avenue

Project Location: Assessor Parcel Nos.
7116-019-029 and 7116-019-036.
6841–6845 Atlantic Avenue,
Long Beach, California 90805.

Project Description: The project involves the City of Long Beach's potential acquisition of a 2.285-acre, privately owned property. The project site has a land use designation of Restricted Industrial (9R) and is zoned Light Industrial (IL). The project site is generally flat and is currently developed with four existing buildings, including one liquor store, two larger structures, and one residential dwelling. The existing commercial/industrial buildings total approximately 23,325 square feet. Current uses include a liquor store, a temporary winter shelter operated by the City, a training/certification business, a legally permitted residential occupant, a cellular tower, and truck parking. It is anticipated that the existing uses on site would continue to operate as they currently do under existing conditions.



The project involves the City's acquisition of the project site and is considered a planning action. At this time, the project does not include any physical improvements, such as demolition or construction, or other actions requiring approval. The City is contemplating the future operation of a permanent shelter (up to 140 beds) on the project site, but there are no specific development plans at this time. Future individual projects subject to discretionary approval would be subject to separate environmental review on a project-specific basis, in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the *State CEQA Guidelines*.

The City anticipates the use of Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purchase of the property, and possibly for future improvements envisioned for the site. Because Federal funds would be used for a portion of the purchase, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is required. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would be the lead agency under NEPA. A HUD Statutory Worksheet converting to exempt, pursuant Part 58.35(a)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations, is the appropriate NEPA documentation for the project.

The project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

ND: The ND examines the potential impacts generated by the project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the ND during the public comment period (August 6, 2018 through September 5, 2018). **Written comments on the ND must be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 5, 2018, to the address below.**

Address Comments to:

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ND REVIEWING LOCATIONS

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Long Beach, California 90805