



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1e

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2022

**Subject:** **Approve Resolution No. 3257: St. Hope Public School 7 (PS 7) Modernization Project**

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Facilities Support Services

**Recommendation:** Receive for review the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), including the public comments received, and the Mitigation Reporting Program (MRP) for the St. Hope Public School 7 (PS7) Modernization Project. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the adoption of such a resolution for the planning and modernization of PS 7. Resolution No. 3257 is attached for your approval.

**Background/Rationale:** The PS 7 project will include the renovation of the existing multi-purpose room, demolition of 10 older classrooms and removal of 6 classrooms located in four older portable units. In turn, 31 new modular classrooms would be installed, which will result in a net increase of 15 classrooms. Additionally, the front entrance and internal access ways and parking will be reconfigured to better address student drop-off and pick-up and to address roadway congestion on Strawberry Lane. Lastly, deteriorated hardscape and asphalt areas will be removed, and updated hardscape, landscaping and play field areas will be created.

The proposed project is subject to review under CEQA. For every non-exempt public project, CEQA generally requires the Lead Agency to prepare an Initial Study in order to determine the level of environmental review that is required for CEQA compliance. If the Initial Study indicates that the project will not result in significant environmental impacts, the Lead Agency may adopt a “negative declaration” rather than preparing a full Environmental Impact Report (Pub. Res. Code Section 21080 (c)). If the Initial Study reveals substantial evidence that significant environmental impacts might occur, but also identifies mitigation measures that reduce those impacts to a level of less than significant, the lead agency may satisfy CEQA obligations with a “Mitigated Negative Declaration” (Pub. Res. Code Section 21064.5 & Section 21080 (d)).

Consistent with this process, an Initial Study was prepared which determined that the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts, but that the mitigation measures would

reduce those impacts to a level of less than significant. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared. In compliance with CEQA Guidelines 15072 & 15073, the District provided notice of and circulated the MND for public review. The Notice of Availability was published in the Sacramento Bee and mailed to residents immediately adjacent to the PS 7 school site at 5201 Strawberry Lane.

The District received 51 letters of comment which are included in the attached Summary of Comments for the Board's review. Of these 48 letters were received from the community stating support for the project and asking the Board to approve the project and MND. None of these letters raised issues related to the adequacy of the MND under CEQA and therefore a written response to the comment is not required by CEQA. Three letters from public agencies were received which required a response. These letters provide additional information regarding regulations related to the project, but do not change the conclusions of the MND.

The MND, the Appendices, the Mitigation Reporting Program (MRP), and the Errata outlining typographical errors and clarifications within the MND represents the proposed final environmental document for the Project. The approval of Resolution 3257 will for the MND, along with the MRP will satisfy the District's obligation under CEQA and is a prerequisite to final District approval of the Project.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**LCAP Goal(s):** Operational Excellence

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3257
2. Mitigated Negative Declaration for the St. Hope Public School 7 (PS 7) Modernization Project and Technical Appendix for MND Link: [https://www.scusd.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ps7\\_camera\\_draft\\_2\\_with\\_new\\_webpage.pdf?1641507984](https://www.scusd.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ps7_camera_draft_2_with_new_webpage.pdf?1641507984)
3. Mitigation Reporting Program
4. Public Comments and Responses
5. Errata document outlining typographical errors and clarifications within the MND

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> N/A <b>Submitted by:</b> Rose F. Ramos, Chief Business &amp; Operations Officer Nathaniel Browning, Director of Facilities <b>Approved by:</b> Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION NO. 3257**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING THE  
MITIGATION REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY  
RELOCATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Sacramento City Unified School District (the "District") has received a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study (“MND”) dated January 10, 2022, prepared for the St. Hope Public School 7 Modernization Project (“Project”) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15000 et seq.);

**WHEREAS**, the Project consists of modernizing the Public School 7 (PS 7) site;

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of the initial study (“IS”), the District has determined that there will not be significant environmental effects in this case because revisions in the proposed Project, in the form of mitigation measures, were made by the project proponent (the District) prior to the release of the document for public review, and will avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a less than significant level making the preparation of a MND appropriate;

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2022, the District published the Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt the MND in the Sacramento Bee;

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2022, the District posted the Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt the MND and the MND in its entirety on the District’s website;

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2022, the District also filed a Notice of Completion with the State Clearinghouse allowing the State to circulate copies of the MND to any affected State agencies for comment;

**WHEREAS**, the public comment period on the MND commenced on January 10, 2022, and ended on February 10, 2022, following said notice to the public and all public agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the District received 51 written comments on the MND from the public and reviewing public agencies during the public review period and any comment that raised an issue related to the adequacy of the environmental document was responded to;

**WHEREAS**, such comments and responses thereto have been incorporated into the MND through a Summary of Comments;

**WHEREAS**, all actions required to be taken by applicable law relating to the preparation, circulation, and review of the MND have been taken;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed and considered the MND (including the Appendices, the Summary of Comments and Responses) and has evaluated and considered the

comments received from persons who have reviewed the MND and any written responses thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed and considered the mitigation measures identified in the MND and listed in the Mitigation Reporting Program (“MRP”) set forth in Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts and findings regarding the Project set forth in this Resolution are supported by substantial evidence in the administrative record and by the MND; and

**WHEREAS**, the MND has identified all significant environmental effects of the Project and all significant and known potentially significant impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the MND has described reasonable mitigation measures that will reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the MND reflects the Board’s independent judgment and analysis on the potential for environmental impacts from the Project

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education at the meeting held on March 17, 2022 the following:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: For every non-exempt public project, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) generally requires the lead agency to prepare an initial study in order to determine the level of environmental review required for CEQA compliance. If the initial study indicates that the project will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts, the lead agency may adopt a “negative declaration” (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(c)). If the initial study reveals substantial evidence that significant environmental impacts might occur, but also identifies mitigation measures that reduce those impacts to a level of less than significant, the lead agency may satisfy CEQA obligations with a “Mitigated Negative Declaration” (Pub. Res. Code §§ 21064.5 & 21080(d)).

SECTION 3: As set forth in the Recitals, in compliance with CEQA, the District prepared the MND and circulated it for public review.

SECTION 4: The Board hereby certifies that all comments received in response to the MND and responses thereto have been considered by the Board, which comments and responses are included in the Summary of Public Comment. Further, for the purposes of CEQA and the findings set forth herein, the record of proceedings for the District decision on the Project includes, but is not limited to all information in the administrative record including but not limited to the MND, all public notices related to the Project; all comments submitted by any agencies and members of the public; all reports, studies memoranda (excluding confidential memoranda) and other documents relevant to the Project prepared by the District; the District’s consultants, or responsible or trustee agencies with respect to the District compliance with the requirements of CEQA and with respect to the District’s action on the Project; any documentary or other evidence submitted to the District at public meetings or hearings related to the Project;



and matters of common knowledge to the District. The materials in the record are located at and available upon request at the District office.

SECTION 5: The MND for the Project has been completed and is in compliance with the provisions of CEQA, with State and local Guidelines implementing CEQA, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 6: In accordance with CEQA, the Board determines that the findings made in the MND with respect to the potential environmental impacts of the Project and the proposed mitigation measures are complete and accurate and hereby incorporates such findings of the MND by reference.

SECTION 7: The Board finds and declares that the MND for the Project was presented to the Board and the Board independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND prior to approving the Project, as the Project is defined in the MND.

SECTION 8: Based on its review of the MND, the Board finds that the MND for the Project is an adequate assessment of the potentially significant environmental impacts of the Project, as described in the MND.

SECTION 9: The Board has reviewed the findings of the Project, comments regarding the Project, and other relevant Project records. Based on the evidence contained therein, the Board finds and determines that, following implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the MND, there is no substantial evidence of a significant, unmitigated environmental impact caused by the Project.

SECTION 10: The Board hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration as complete and adequate under CEQA, and certifies that the MND represents the independent judgment of the Board.

SECTION 11: The MRP has been prepared to meet the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21081.6. This program is designed to ensure compliance with Project changes and mitigation measures imposed to avoid or substantially lessen the significant effects identified in the MND. The Board hereby adopts the Mitigation Reporting Program and incorporates the Mitigation Reporting Program into the Project.

SECTION 12: The MND and the MRP are on file and available at the administrative office of the Sacramento City Unified School District. The custodian of the documents and records referred to herein shall be the Director of Capital Projects, Facilities, and Resource Management, Facility Support Services and shall be located at 425 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA.

SECTION 13. The Board approves the Project as specifically described in the Final MND.

SECTION 14. The Board directs the Superintendent and/or his/her designee to take any and all required or appropriate actions necessary to proceed with the Project.

SECTION 15. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this date March 17, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTESTED TO:

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Christina Pritchett  
President of the Board of Education

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Jorge A. Aguilar  
Superintendent

## EXHIBIT A

### SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT St. Hope Public School 7 (PS 7) Renovation Project

#### **Mitigation Reporting Program**

In January 1989, Assembly Bill 3180 went into effect requiring the lead agency to monitor all mitigation measures applicable to this project and included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

The Sacramento City Unified School District (District) is the lead agency for the CEQA review of the Public School 7 Renovation Project. The District prepared a CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project and determined that the proposed project could result in impacts, but these impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with incorporation of the following mitigation measures.

As the lead agency, the District is responsible for ensuring that St. Hope Public Schools (the site charter operator) and any contractor working on the site complies with the mitigation measures.

#### **Required Mitigation Measures**

**Mitigation Measure Air Quality 1: Dust Control.** The School District and St. Hope Public Schools shall require all construction contractors on the site to comply with Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Rule 403 which requires the following construction period dust control practices:

- a. Water all exposed surfaces two times daily. Exposed surfaces include, but are not limited to soil piles, graded areas, unpaved parking areas, staging areas, and access roads.
- b. Cover or maintain at least two feet of free board space on haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material on the site. Any haul trucks that would be traveling along freeways or major roadways should be covered.
- c. Use wet power vacuum street sweepers to remove any visible track out of mud or dirt onto adjacent public roads at least once a day. Use of dry power sweeping is prohibited.
- d. Limit vehicle speeds on unpaved roads to 15 miles per hour (mph).
- e. All roadways, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots to be paved should be

completed as soon as possible. In addition, building pads should be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.

- f. The following practices describe exhaust emission control from diesel powered fleets working at a construction site. California regulations limit idling from both on-road and off-road diesel-powered equipment. The California Air Resources Board enforces the idling limitations. Minimize idling time either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the time of idling to 5 minutes [required by California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 2449(d)(3) and 2485]. Provide clear signage that posts this requirement for workers at the entrances to the site.
- g. The District and St. Hope Public Schools shall ensure these measures are included in the construction specifications.
- h. Maintain all construction equipment in proper working condition according to manufacturer's specifications. The equipment must be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition before it is operated.

**Responsible Party:** District Facilities Management and the Construction Contractor(s), Subcontractors and Crews

**Timing:** Prior to start of construction, the District and St. Hope Public Schools shall include these requirements in the contract specifications and/or review these requirements at the pre-construction conference and any follow up meetings with the contractor.

**Date(s) of Phases of Compliance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

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**Mitigation Measure 2: Nesting Birds and Tree Removals:** Prior to any tree removals on site, St. HOPE Public Schools shall ensure that trees to be removed are inspected for the presence of nesting birds.

- 1) If tree removal or construction activities on the project site are to begin during the nesting season for raptors or other protected bird species in the region (generally February 15-September 15), a qualified biologist shall be retained by the project applicant to conduct pre-construction surveys in areas of suitable nesting habitat for common raptors (including Swainson's hawk) and other bird species protected by the MBTA or California Fish and Game Code located within 250 feet of project activity. Surveys shall be conducted no more than 10 days before tree removal or ground disturbance is expected to occur. If active nests are not found, further mitigation is not required. If active nests are found, the construction contractor shall avoid impacts on such nests by establishing a no disturbance buffer around the nest.

The appropriate buffer size for all nesting birds shall be determined by a qualified biologist, but shall extend at least 50 feet from the nest. Buffer size will vary depending on site-specific conditions, the species of nesting bird, nature of the project activity, the extent of existing disturbance in the area, visibility of the disturbance from the nest site, and other relevant circumstances.

- 2) Construction activity shall not occur within the buffer area of an active nest until a qualified biologist confirms that the chicks have fledged and are no longer dependent on the nest, or the nesting cycle has otherwise completed. Monitoring of the nest by a qualified biologist during construction activities shall be required if the activity has the potential to adversely affect the nest. The qualified biologist shall determine the status of the nest at least weekly during the nesting season. If construction activities cause the nesting bird to vocalize, make defensive flights at intruders, get up from a brooding position, or fly off the nest, then the no disturbance shall be increased until the agitated behavior ceases.

**Responsible Party:** District Facilities Management, St. Hope Public School’s contractors and Subcontractors and Crews

**Timing:** Prior to removal of trees the District shall ensure that St. Hope Public Schools hires a qualified biologist to conduct a nesting bird survey. If nesting migratory birds are found on-site the District and St. Hope Public Schools shall work with the biologist to ensure that all required buffers and protective measures are in place and no tree with nesting birds shall be removed until the biologist confirms that the birds have fledged.

**Date(s) of Phases of Compliance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**  
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**Mitigation Measure 3: Removal, Transport and Disposal of Suspect Materials**

Prior to demolition and/or grading in any area with suspect materials identified in the Hazardous Materials Survey, the District shall ensure that St. Hope secures qualified contractors to safely remove, store, transport and dispose of any suspect materials in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Recommendations for safe removal of materials are included in the Hazardous Materials Survey, Final Report, prepared for Wallace-Kuhl Associates, by Entek Consulting Group, Inc, for St, Hope Public School Site, 5201 Strawberry Lane, Sacramento, CA. Entek Project No 20-5456. March 2020.

**Responsible Party:** District Facilities Management, St. Hope Public School’s contractors and Subcontractors and Crews

**Timing:** Prior to demolition or grading in any area with suspect materials. Note: The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will oversee the removal, transport or disposal of hazardous materials on site.

**Date(s) of Phases of Compliance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**  
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**Mitigation Measure 4: Avoidance of Tribal Resources if Discovered On-Site.** The following mitigation measure is intended to address the evaluation and treatment of inadvertent or unanticipated discoveries of potential tribal cultural resources (TCRs), archaeological, or cultural resources during a project’s ground disturbing activities.

- 1) If any suspected TCRs are discovered during ground disturbing construction activities, all work shall cease within 100 feet of the find, or an agreed upon distance based on the project area and nature of the find. A Tribal Representative from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with a geographic area shall be immediately notified and shall determine if the find is a TCR (PRC §21074). The Tribal Representative will make recommendations for further evaluation and treatment, as necessary.
- 2) When avoidance is infeasible, preservation in place is the preferred option for mitigation of TCRs under CEQA and UAIC protocols, and every effort shall be made to preserve the resources in place, including through project redesign, if feasible. Culturally appropriate treatment may be, but is not limited to, processing materials for reburial, minimizing handling of cultural objects, leaving objects in place within the landscape, or returning objects to a location within the project area where they will not be subject to future impacts. Permanent curation of TCRs will not take place unless approved in writing by UAIC or by the California Native American Tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area.
- 3) The contractor shall implement any measures deemed by the CEQA lead agency to be necessary and feasible to preserve in place, avoid, or minimize impacts to the resource, including, but not limited to, facilitating the appropriate tribal treatment of the find, as necessary. Treatment that preserves or restores the cultural character and integrity of a TCR may include Tribal Monitoring, culturally appropriate recovery of cultural objects, and reburial of cultural objects or cultural soil.
- 4) Work at the discovery location cannot resume until all necessary investigation and evaluation of the discovery under the requirements of the CEQA, including AB52, have been satisfied.

**Responsible Party:** District Facilities Management, St. Hope Public School’s contractors and

Subcontractors and Crews

**Timing:** The District shall ensure that St. Hope Public Schools includes the above mitigation measure in any contract involving earth grading, excavation or removal on site, and shall cover these requirements at any Pre-construction meeting held for the project.

**Date(s) of Phases of Compliance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**  
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**AGENCY LETTER 1: PETER G. MINKEL, ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CVRWQCB)**

**COMMENT:** The Central Valley Water Board provides a summary of State and Federal Regulations and Permitting requirements related to water quality.

**RESPONSE:** The comment provides an excellent summary of the regulatory setting in the area where the project is located. The information does not however, change the conclusions of the Mitigated Negative Declaration regarding water quality effects.

The Hydrology and Water Quality Section which begins on page 64 of the MND reviews applicable water quality regulations related to the project. Page 66 notes that "Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and San Joaquin River Basin (Basin Plan) prepared by the CVRWQCB in compliance with the federal CWA and the California Water Code (Section 13240). The Basin Plan establishes water quality objectives, and implementation programs to meet stated objectives and to protect the beneficial uses of water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basin. Because the City of Sacramento and the Policy Area are located within the CVRWQCB's jurisdiction, all discharges to surface water or groundwater are subject to the Basin Plan requirements. In accordance with the Basin Plan and other water quality requirements, Sacramento area public agencies, including the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, and Rancho Cordova have joined together to form the Sacramento Storm Water Quality Partnership (SSQP). These agencies are regulated by Order No. R5-2002-0206 NPDES No. CAS082597 "Waste Discharge Requirements for County of Sacramento and Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt and Sacramento Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Sacramento County" issued by the Central Valley RWQCB."

The District and St. Hope have coordinated with the City of Sacramento regarding stormwater run-off to ensure that any stormwater discharges from the site into the City's storm drainage system comply with the City NPDES requirements. The project includes an on-site storm run-off detention system and other stormwater management features. During construction, a separate SWPPP will be prepared to incorporate best management practices on site to reduce construction period run-off. Thus, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on water quality based on the proposed system of storm water management.

The project will utilize City of Sacramento portable water resources and no groundwater will be directly affected by the project. No direct discharges will result from the project which would affect water quality with the exception of wastewater which is directed to the City of Sacramento sewer system for treatment prior to discharge.



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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

10 February 2022

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### **COMMENTS TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL 7 (PS7) MODERNIZATION PROJECT, SCH#2022010085, SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 7 January 2022 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Request for Review for the Mitigated Negative Declaration* for the Public School 7 (PS7) Modernization Project, located in Sacramento County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore, our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

#### **I. Regulatory Setting**

##### **Basin Plan**

The Central Valley Water Board is required to formulate and adopt Basin Plans for all areas within the Central Valley region under Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Each Basin Plan must contain water quality objectives to ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for achieving water quality objectives with the Basin Plans. Federal regulations require each state to adopt water quality standards to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. In California, the beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and the Antidegradation Policy are the State's water quality standards. Water quality standards are also contained in the National Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.36, and the California Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.38.

The Basin Plan is subject to modification as necessary, considering applicable laws, policies, technologies, water quality conditions and priorities. The original Basin Plans were adopted in 1975, and have been updated and revised periodically as required, using Basin Plan amendments. Once the Central Valley Water Board has adopted a Basin Plan amendment in noticed public hearings, it must be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Office of



Administrative Law (OAL) and in some cases, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Basin Plan amendments only become effective after they have been approved by the OAL and in some cases, the USEPA. Every three (3) years, a review of the Basin Plan is completed that assesses the appropriateness of existing standards and evaluates and prioritizes Basin Planning issues. For more information on the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins*, please visit our website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/basin\\_plans/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/)

### **Antidegradation Considerations**

All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Implementation Policy is available on page 74 at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/basin\\_plans/sacsjr\\_2018\\_05.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr_2018_05.pdf)

In part it states:

*Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.*

*This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives.*

The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.

## **II. Permitting Requirements**

### **Construction Storm Water General Permit**

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:



[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml)

#### **Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits<sup>1</sup>**

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/storm\\_water/municipal\\_permits/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/)

For more information on the Phase II MS4 permit and who it applies to, visit the State Water Resources Control Board at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/phase\\_ii\\_municipal.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml)

#### **Industrial Storm Water General Permit**

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ. For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/storm\\_water/industrial\\_general\\_permits/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml)

#### **Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit**

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act

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<sup>1</sup> Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.



Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACE at (916) 557-5250.

**Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification**

If an USACE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications. For more information on the Water Quality Certification, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water issues/water quality certification/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water%20issues/water%20quality%20certification/)

**Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State**

If USACE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., “non-federal” waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation. For more information on the Waste Discharges to Surface Water NPDES Program and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water issues/waste to surface water/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water%20issues/waste%20to%20surface%20water/)

Projects involving excavation or fill activities impacting less than 0.2 acre or 400 linear feet of non-jurisdictional waters of the state and projects involving dredging activities impacting less than 50 cubic yards of non-jurisdictional waters of the state may be eligible for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ (General Order 2004-0004). For more information on the General Order 2004-0004, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board decisions/adopted orders/water quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board%20decisions/adopted%20orders/water%20quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf)

**Dewatering Permit**

If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board General Water Quality Order (Low Threat General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board’s Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Threat Waiver) R5-2018-0085. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage



under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge.

For more information regarding the Low Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf)

For more information regarding the Low Threat Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/waivers/r5-2018-0085.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2018-0085.pdf)

#### **Limited Threat General NPDES Permit**

If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for *Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A complete Notice of Intent must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/general\\_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf)

#### **NPDES Permit**

If the proposed project discharges waste that could affect the quality of surface waters of the State, other than into a community sewer system, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A complete Report of Waste Discharge must be submitted with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain a NPDES Permit. For more information regarding the NPDES Permit and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/permit/>

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4684 or Peter.Minkel2@waterboards.ca.gov.



Peter G. Minkel  
Engineering Geologist

cc: State Clearinghouse unit, Governor's Office of Planning and Research,  
Sacramento

**AGENCY LETTER 2: ROB FERRERA, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPECIALIST, SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

COMMENT: SMUD provides an overview of the electrical system serving the areas and the requirements related to serving the site.

RESPONSE: As noted on page 97 of the MND, the project architect and engineering team has met with SMUD representatives to ensure the project meets all SMUD requirements including new electrical panels to serve the site. Features included in the construction design for the site are being coordinated with SMUD.



***Sent Via E-Mail***

February 10, 2022

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Subject: **Public School 7 (PS7) Modernization / MND / 2022010085**

Dear Ms. Javed:

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Public School 7 (PS7) Modernization (Project, SCH 2022010085). SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed Project area. SMUD's vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed Project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the Project will acknowledge any impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on [smud.org](http://smud.org) for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
  - <https://www.smud.org/en/Business-Solutions-and-Rebates/Design-and-Construction-Services>
  - <https://www.smud.org/en/Corporate/Do-Business-with-SMUD/Land-Use/Transmission-Right-of-Way>
- Utility line routing
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change
- Cumulative impacts related to the need for increased electrical delivery
- The potential need to relocate and or remove any SMUD infrastructure that may be affected in or around the project area

More specifically, SMUD would like to have the following details related to the electrical infrastructure incorporated into the project description and or utilities discussion:

#### Existing Facilities

- SMUD has existing overhead and underground 21kV electrical facilities on the north and east side of the project property that serves the property and immediate surrounding area.
- SMUD has existing overhead 21kV electrical facilities on the west side of Strawberry Lane.

#### Estimated Proposed Facilities

- The following indicated estimated proposed facilities will be contingent upon any electrical service changes requested as part of the Public School 7 modernization. This includes either an (1) increase in size to the existing electrical service panel or panels and/or (2) additional electrical service panels to any facilities, existing or new, within in the EIR area.
- SMUD may require an upgrade to the existing overhead line that borders the north side of the property from Martin Luther King Jr Blvd to at least the west side of Strawberry Lane. This upgrade could include, but is not limited to, new poles and overhead conductors.
- SMUD may require additional and/or larger transformer and/or switch space on the property.

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed Project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the Project planners and the appropriate Project proponents.

Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD, and we look forward to collaborating with you on this Project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916.732.6676, or by email at [rob.ferrera@smud.org](mailto:rob.ferrera@smud.org).

Sincerely,



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cc: Entitlements



**AGENCY LETTER 3: MOLLY WRIGHT, AIR QUALITY PLANNER, SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

COMMENT: The SMAQMD notes the site's proximity to Highway 99 and recommends that St. Hope Public School's use MERV-13 or higher air filters to address air contaminants from the freeway.

RESPONSE: The District will forward this recommendation to St. Hope. The purpose of the MND is to assess new impacts the project may pose above existing conditions. Currently, the students at the site are exposed to particulates and fumes from Highway 99 and the older ventilation and filtering systems on site provide much less protection from contaminants than the proposed new project. Overall, the new HVAC systems and filtration systems will provide much better protection from the fumes and particulates from the freeway than is the current case. The State Department of General Services will require the project to comply with all energy efficiency standards applicable to the project.

COMMENT: The SMAQMD recommends working with the Tree Foundation to select shade trees for the site.

RESPONSE: The landscape plan for the project, includes planting 32 new trees of which many are shade trees such as oaks and maples.

COMMENT: The SMAQMD comments that air toxics (asbestos) may be released during demolition.

RESPONSE: The District and St. Hope Public Schools are aware of the presence of asbestos containing materials and possible lead-based paints on site. The project design team has been in close coordination with the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regarding the identification and proper means of disposal of this material. The DTSC will oversee the removal, transport and disposal of the material and will require compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements to prevent release of fugitive dust or airborne contaminants. To this end, the MND includes Mitigation Measure No. 3 regarding Removal, Transport and Disposal of Suspect Materials.

COMMENT: The SMAQMD provides information regarding the air district's rules related to construction.

RESPONSE: The MND includes Mitigation Measure No. 1 which is the Air District's Basic Construction Rule to ensure compliance.



February 10, 2022

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**Subject: Public School 7 Renovation (State Clearinghouse # 2022010085)**

Dear Amna Javed:

Please accept the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District) recommendations to improve public health conditions at the Public School 7 (PS7), in response to the [PS7 Renovation Mitigated Negative Declaration \(MND\)](#) for environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The PS7 Renovation project includes the renovation of the existing multi-purpose room, demolition of 11 older classrooms, removal of 6 classrooms located in four older portable units, and the installation of 31 new modular classrooms. Air quality impacts are found to be less than significant in the MND, and the recommendations herein pertain to a topic not covered under CEQA review, specifically the impacts of project surroundings on the project area itself.

#### **Mobile Source Air Toxics**

PS7's proximity to Highway 99 poses health risk to PS7 students. [Toxic Air Contaminant \(TAC\)](#) emissions from highway vehicles can cause long-term health effects such as cancer, birth defects, neurological damage, or genetic damage; or short-term acute effects such as eye watering, respiratory irritation (such as a cough), running nose, throat pain, and headaches. Ideally, a primary or secondary school would not be situated within 500 feet of a high-volume roadway.

The Sac Metro Air District's [Mobile Source Air Toxics Protocol mapping tool](#) shows an increased cancer risk of approximately 150 in a million at the project site, in addition to the existing background risk, resulting from exposure to vehicle TAC emissions from Highway 99. For more information, please visit the Sac Metro Air District's [Mobile Source Air Toxics Protocol](#), available on our website.

Because this project includes renovations to an existing school including the addition of modular classrooms, the [2019 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards](#) (BEES) may require [MERV 13](#) air filtration in PS7 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, depending on construction specifics.

- Sac Metro Air District strongly recommends MERV 13 or greater filtration in all HVAC units to help protect PS7 students from TAC exposure from Highway 99, exceeding the BEES requirement if necessary to do this. For existing HVAC units, we recommend verifying that those units can accommodate the MERV 13 filters.

## Trees

Trees can help reduce public health risk from exposure to TAC emissions, in addition to creating healthier area conditions overall. The air quality benefits of shade trees include removing particulate matter from the atmosphere and reducing the urban heat island effect, which in turn lowers summertime temperatures, cools buildings, and reduces ozone formation. [Greater neighborhood tree canopy has been correlated to improvement of overall human health.](#)

- The [Sacramento Tree Foundation's "Sacramento Shade" program](#) offers free shade trees and landscape consultation to eligible applicants. Sac Metro Air District recommends working with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to plant as many shade trees as possible on the project site, to ensure the health and safety of PS7 students. Please contact Sacramento Tree Foundation staff member Torin Dunnivant at [torin@sactree.com](mailto:torin@sactree.com) or (916) 924-8733 for more information on this program.

## Demolition

Due to the health risks posed by public exposure to asbestos, demolition and renovation of existing buildings is subject to Sac Metro Air District [Rule 902](#), to limit asbestos exposure during these activities. Sac Metro Air District staff is available to review notifications and answer asbestos related questions, either by emailing [asbestos@airquality.org](mailto:asbestos@airquality.org), or calling 279-207-1122.

## Construction

All projects are subject to Sac Metro Air District rules and regulations in effect at the time of construction. Please visit our website to [find a list of the most common rules that apply at the construction phase of projects](#). Projects undergoing any CEQA review must implement Sac Metro Air District [Basic Construction Emission Control Practices](#), also available on our website, to help avoid significant construction-related air quality impacts.

## Conclusion

Thank you for your attention to our comments. If you have questions about them, please contact me at [mwright@airquality.org](mailto:mwright@airquality.org) or 279-207-1157.

Sincerely,



Molly Wright, AICP  
Air Quality Planner / Analyst

cc: Torin Dunnivant, Director of Education and Engagement, Sacramento Tree Foundation  
Paul Philley, AICP, Program Supervisor, Sac Metro Air District

## **LETTERS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS, EDUCATORS, AND INDIVIDUALS**

A total of 48 letters were received from the community. All letters support the project and recommend approval of the project and MND. None of the letters raise issues regarding the adequacy of the MND under CEQA. The letters are attached as part of the administrative record of the MND.



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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Michael Cubit  
*Financial Secretary*

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.

Our church has a long history of supporting education and advocating for students. We have a Tutorial Program which has provided support to students in math, reading and assistance with homework. We have hosted The MESA Program and partnered with the California State University, Bakersfield to host a Summer Math Program. We have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with St. HOPE Public Schools'. Students have completed Community Service hours by volunteering at our Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner and members from our church have volunteered at St. HOPE Public Schools'.

As we collectively work to increase educational equity, it is critical that students in the Sacramento region have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

I am thrilled that St. HOPE has secured funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to modernize its PS7 campus as it is in desperate need of repair. The school was originally constructed in the 1950's and because it is such an old site it has numerous improvement needs. This important modernization project will address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education. It will go a long way in demonstrating to St. HOPE students, families, teachers, staff, and the community that all students deserve to come to school every day and learn in a facility that reflects their abilities and potential.

Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report.

Sincerely,

Lamont Harris  
Executive Pastor



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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.

City Church of Sacramento has been privileged to minister to and serve the Oak Park community for over 5 years, and the community my parents moved to from Bakersfield in 1967. I have witnessed first-hand the transformation of the community and know the achieved successes and those yet to be realized by all.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions at 916-468-4545 or email at [mark@citychurchsac.org](mailto:mark@citychurchsac.org).

Grace and Peace,

Mark Meeks, Pastor



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*LUKE 10:27*

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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.


***Pastor Alonzo G. Morris, Pastor of Paradise Missionary Baptist Church. Our Church is located directly across for PS7. I have served for the past 26 years and have personally witness the positive impact of PS7. Several of the children that attended our church, have graduated from PS7. I stand in full support of PS7 constructing a new facility that is modern and state of the art. So, our children can be competitive in today's work force.***

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Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alonzo G. Morris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Alonzo G. Morris, Pastor



**From:** [michael.blair@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.blair@yahoo.com) <[michael.blair@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.blair@yahoo.com)>

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**Subject:** St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project

Hello Amna Javed,

The South Oak park Community Association is in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project. We hope that you and the SCUSD board strongly consider approving the CEQA report related to that project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Have a great day,

Michael Blair,

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February 10, 2022

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RE: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed:

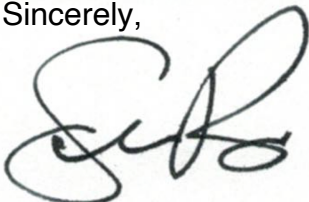
As a community-based organization serving Oak Park, we are acutely aware of the challenges we have faced with education in our neighborhood. I can say without hesitation that the efforts undertaken by St. HOPE have been the single most important undertakings over the past two decades. In short, they are doing incredible and essential work. Their contributions to Oak Park are immeasurable.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Oak Park Business Association, I would like to express our emphatic support of what is perhaps their largest improvement project in the community to date: the rehabilitation of PS7. Not only is this project critical to the education system in our community, we believe it directly impacts the overall quality of life and the local economy in Oak Park. Most importantly, we believe this project will make a difference in the lives of our children.

I have toured the site, as well as other St. HOPE project sites in the neighborhood, and each time I come away impressed and completely inspired. The plans for PS7 have energized the community and will continue their strong commitment to educational attainment in our neighborhood.

We look forward to watching St. HOPE's progress in the coming years. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to show our support. I can be reached at (916) 765-5052, please feel free to call me if you would like additional insight or information.

Sincerely,



Seann Rooney  
Executive Director

# ST+HOPE

February 9, 2022

SCUSD Board of Trustees  
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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear SCUSD Trustees,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project. The report findings have been conclusive that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. Therefore, I urge your support.

As you are probably aware the SCUSD facility at 5201 Strawberry Lane is currently being leased to St. HOPE and has needed repairs and improvements for some time. The school was originally constructed in the 1950's and because it is such an old site it has numerous improvement needs. This important modernization project will address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education.

St. HOPE has secured funding approval from the State of California for modernizations and new construction at PS7 Elementary site. I pleased to partner with SCUSD to bring a state-of-the-art facility to our children and our community.

I have spent much of my career in Oak Park promoting redevelopment and uplifting the children, families and businesses. I have also dedicated my personal and professional time on PTA, commissions, committees and boards to make sure that all children, including black children have the same and equal opportunities in education, housing and careers. I am a parent of two children of SCUSD schools and a guardian to a recent graduate of JFK High School. I am a charter member of the Black African American Advisory Board to support and ensure that Black children do not continue to get left behind and at the bottom of many important metrics of student success. I also am honored to be back in Oak Park as the leader of St. HOPE.

I see the approval of the CEQA to allow the PS7 Construction Project as a game changer in the following ways:

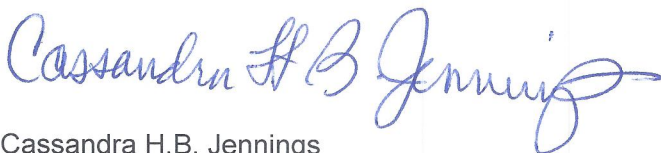
1. **Create an environment that will be supportive and nurturing to the scholars that attend.** Excellence is multi-dimensional. In our schools, we not only need to have excellent instruction and instructors, we need to have environments that are up-to-date, accessible, nurturing and welcoming. In 2021, I participated in SCUSD Facilities Master Plan Core Planning Group which emphasized the importance of physical environments for staff, students, parents and community. One of the recommendations of the Black and African American Advisory Board is to provide a nurturing and conducive environment for all students.
2. **Support Academic Success.** We all know that there is a direct correlation between environment and success. A new school and improved facility will reflect and support the abilities and potentials of every child. The Facilities Master Plan stressed the importance of facilities in support of learnings.
3. **Create Equity.** The improvement of the facility at PS7 Elementary is a perfect way to address equity within our school facilities among our neighborhoods and communities in Sacramento. Oak Park, particularly South Oak Park, is still in the redevelopment stages. The people who live in Oak Park and go to school at PS7 and the other elementary schools have unmet needs and are still, in many ways, at a huge disadvantage.
4. **Build Community.** New schools bring new life to communities. When I drive to PS7 I see housing and families of people that go to work every day, some needing work, some hopeful for a brighter day. I see the unhoused along the freeway sound wall and then those who try to camp on the vacant SCUSD property. I visit the church across the street that is a solid force in the community and the investment of many families in their children and community they love. An improved PS7 facility for the children and families who live and go to school at PS7 will be the catalyst for a bright future the South Oak Park community.

I am honored as the President and CEO of St. HOPE to have the opportunity to partner with SCUSD to bring new life to our students, families, community and city. Together we can be the change we want to see.

Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report. It's a game changer.

Please feel free to contact me at [cassandra@sthope.org](mailto:cassandra@sthope.org) or 916.919.7766 if you have any questions.

In partnership,



Cassandra H.B. Jennings  
President & CEO



February 2, 2022

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Third Grade Teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment.

I have worked at PS7 for six years and have dealt with a lot of problems in our classrooms. I have dealt with multiple pest infestations, such as roaches and spiders. These issues have caused my scholars to not be able to learn properly due to interruptions to our classroom environment. I have spent loads of my own money to try my best to create a bright and inviting classroom by painting over peeling paint, putting knobs on cabinets that did not have them, and brightening up a very bleak room the best that I could. Our scholars and families choose to go to PS7 because we have a college-going culture. These children deserve to have a space where they feel confident in their abilities to go to college and are learning in an environment they feel proud to be a part of.

Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,  
Haylie Bedal  
Third Grade Teacher



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Re: PS7 CEQA

DATE 1/21/22

Dear Ms. Javed,

I have the honor of serving on the Board of Directors for St. HOPE Public Schools and am impressed every day with the dedication of the teachers and staff to providing the best education possible for our scholars. St. HOPE Public Schools has consistently been able to achieve outstanding academic results despite the fact that our scholars at PS7 are learning in dilapidated facilities.

Our scholars and teachers deserve better, and I am thrilled that we have secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for an important modernization project. This project is designed to address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education.

PS7 was initially constructed in the 1950's and because it is such an old facility it has many essential physical improvement needs. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified over \$23 million in improvements needed to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane. The Facilities Master Plan also identified the need for new classrooms, and replacement or upgrading of older portables on the site.

The state of school facilities has a direct correlation on student outcomes. According to the [California Department of Education](#), "students who receive instruction in buildings with good environmental conditions can earn test scores that are 5–17 percent higher than scores for students in substandard buildings."

As we continue our work to close the achievement gap, it is critical that our scholars have the opportunity to learn in a safe and modern learning environment. Removing any school-site barriers is essential for their continued success and to meet the needs of future scholars.

Fortunately, the environmental review under CEQA found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. As such, I urge the Sacramento Unified School District Board of Education Members to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the PS7 modernization project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 2nd grade teacher at PS7 Elementary School. Our mission is to prepare for scholars to go to and through college. We hold very high expectations and our campus needs to meet those expectations as well. Our scholars, family, and community deserve better! There have been many times where the heat in my classroom just stops working and the scholars are cold all day long. If they are working this hard every day, they should be warm and content so they can focus on their learning and not being cold. Our scholars deserve to learn in a space that is safe, comfortable, modern, and clean. Furthermore, imagine the pride these scholars will feel when they walk onto a brand new campus that matches the high expectations they are meeting on a daily basis! I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Thank you,

Jordan Ausmus  
2nd Grade Teacher



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RE: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St.HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization. For five of those years, I was the Site Lead at PS7 Elementary, and I experienced, first-hand, the challenges and obstacles the current building causes on a daily basis for our scholars and our staff.

The current PS7 building was constructed in the 1950's, and has seen little to no improvements since that time. The amount of physical, essential improvements for the safety of our scholars and staff are vast, and necessary. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified over \$23 million in improvements needed to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane. The Facilities Master Plan also identified the need for new classrooms, and replacement or upgrading of older portables on the site.

This is, honestly, long overdue. Because of the outdated and dilapidated look of the campus, I had to spend countless hours being innovative to make it look presentable enough for our scholars to take pride in where they were coming each day. After spending hours, I would then find out that, because of the building, when it would rain, there were leaks everywhere and my hard work was destroyed. I have had to watch people clean out black mold from different spaces in the school, and thus put our scholars at risk. It has been heart wrenching to see scholars not be proud of where they are from because of how our school looks, or see others drive by and judge our school by the exterior. Our teachers, staff and scholars work hard each day and do not deserve to be in a building that may or may not leak, and look like it is falling apart all around them.

St. HOPE Public Schools' mission and vision is about ensuring educational equity for those children who may be underrepresented and, who oftentimes, are not provided the education they deserve in order to be successful. Having a learning environment that is safe, secure, and of quality is just one factor that goes into scholars being able to succeed. When we found out in 2018 that St. HOPE Public Schools secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for this important modernization project, we were ecstatic and felt so energized to be able to provide our scholars and families with a state of the art campus that they deserve.

The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that our students and staff do not face any school-site barriers and that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot

be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Elisha Ferguson Parsons

Director of Operations - St. HOPE Public Schools



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February 2nd, 2022

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Teaching Assistant at Sacramento High School. PS7 is committed to preparing all scholars to go to and through college. St. Hope Public Schools in general have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides young scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Their work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. The elementary school provides their scholars with excellence no matter what challenges are faced. They have done so despite the challenges faced at their elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. When children are placed in an environment that is fresh, up to date, and quite honestly, appealing to be at, they are more inclined to achieve more. It adds a greater sense of purpose and motivates them to continuously better themselves as life-long learners. Additionally, these facilities will provide the staff with an environment that will allow them to better meet the needs of the scholars. These young scholars deserve this new facility, their families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am ecstatic that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Jess Taylor  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St.HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization. At St. HOPE we pride ourselves in providing our students with the very best academic instruction and we look forward to having a campus that matches those high standards.

PS7 was initially constructed in the 1950's to address the Post-War "baby boom" which generated new enrollment and the need for new schools. As an older school facility, the site has many essential physical improvement needs. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified over \$23 million in improvements needed to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane.

Part of our mission at St. HOPE is to be the best school in the nation and to provide our scholars with the best education possible. One essential component to making this vision a reality is to ensure our students are learning in an environment that matches our high expectations and is reflective of their outstanding accomplishments. Our teachers and staff members work tirelessly to live out this mission in their classrooms, but are consistently limited and discouraged by the outdated structure that their work is confined to. We are so excited to provide them with a space that matches their commitment and puts their dedication to changing the lives of our students on display.

Throughout my last five years at St. HOPE, I have personally experienced the impact that PS7 Elementary School has made on every other part of the network as our scholars transition from one campus to the next. The members of our PS7 Elementary School community deserve a campus that matches their ongoing dedication to our students and their crucial contribution to the rest of our network.

St. HOPE Public Schools' foundation is rooted in providing our scholars with the strongest possible foundation for future learning and career success. Ensuring that our scholars are learning in a safe and modern learning environment is an essential part of our efforts to provide educational equity and close the opportunity gap. In 2018, St. HOPE Public Schools secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for this important modernization project, which is designed to both address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms and create an improved environment for student education.

The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that our students and staff do not face any school-site barriers and that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Kristen Meyer



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Dean of Culture and Instruction: Kristen Meyer

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RE: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St. HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization. In my seven years of experience, first as a teacher, then as a Site Lead, I have witnessed first hand the need for these improvements.

The current PS7 building was constructed in the 1950's, and is not a reflection of the amazing work happening within these walls. The \$23 million in essential improvements are vital in order to create a safe learning environment for our staff and scholars. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified the need for improvements to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane. The Facilities Master Plan also identified the need for new classrooms, and replacement or upgrading of older portables on the site.

In my time as a classroom teacher, I frequently encountered challenges caused by our out of date facilities. From having to be creative in my seating arrangement to avoid scholars being leaked on when it rains, to having to personally fix items in the classroom that were old and/or not working. I've had to purchase a diffuser to cover the musty smell of my classroom, and find creative ways to cover the peeling paint on my walls. Currently in my role as Site Lead, I have an office that is extremely cold in the winter (no heating system) and is right next to our extremely small teacher work room, which can be somewhat loud due to the amount of teachers that are present in the room and the work they are doing. These challenges are an unnecessary burden making the work our teachers and staff do even more difficult. Our precious time should be focused on doing the work we are committed to doing to close the achievement gap, rather than finding new ways to try to hide the fact that our facilities are falling apart.

St. HOPE Public Schools' is committed to closing the achievement gap and providing equity in education. Our current lack of modern and safe learning facilities sends the wrong message to our scholars, staff, and families. We are preparing our scholars to go to and through college and want them to see the value we place in their education reflected in the environment in which they are learning. We believe in high expectations and want to put our best foot forward. This means our building should also reflect those high expectations. We are incredibly determined and excited to give this community the education they deserve in new, state of the art facilities. The new campus will not only provide our current scholars with the learning



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experience they deserve, but will allow us to expand the work we are doing by increasing our capacity.

The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Lesley Ezero  
Site Lead - PS7 Elementary School



February 9, 2022

Dennis M. O'Reilly, Chairman  
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**RE: PS7 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Dear Ms. Javed:

As a Board member of St. HOPE Public Schools (SHPS) since 2009, I have been proud of the educational achievements our students (scholars) have consistently made during my time as a director in spite of the many challenges. Historically, about 80 percent of our scholars come from single parent homes. Everyone has had to adjust to the Covid Pandemic. And, PS7 requires at least \$23,000,000 in badly needed improvements according to the Sacramento City Unified School District's (SCUSD) Facilities Master Plan of 2006, recorded some 16 years ago. Since students who attend schools with modern facilities have an educational advantage, our PS7 scholars face yet another challenge.

However, the PS7 environmental review has concluded that the proposed project will not result in any significant and unavoidable conditions after certain mitigation measures are implemented. Through California's Charter School Facilities Program, SHPS has secured loans and funding to complete this badly needed project including the required mitigation measures. It is for the above-mentioned reasons I urge the SCUSD administration to recommend that the SCUSD Board of Education approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the PS7 modernization project.

Please know that such renovations and construction projects are not new to me. I grew up in a family that was centered around all aspects of public education. My mother had been an elementary school teacher with the Sacramento schools. She was not allowed to keep her job after she married my father who was an administrator. At birth, my father, the late Dr. E. P. O'Reilly, was vice-president of Sacramento Junior College, now Sacramento City College. He ran the college for two years so that the president who had suffered a heart attack could retire. Next my father became assistant superintendent and was in charge of the junior high schools, the



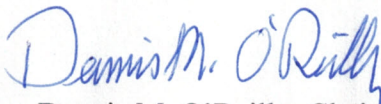
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high schools, adult education, and Sacramento Junior College. He had major budgetary responsibilities in this role as well. In 1964, my father became Deputy Superintendent, and Sacramento City College became a part of the Los Rios Community College District. After the superintendent, Mel Lawson, had a heart attack, my father became acting superintendent before chairing the committee that picked his replacement.

During my father's career with SCUSD, he was intimately involved in refurbishing as well as building new schools in order to provide facilities to help students learn. He shared these issues with his family. There were always problems. For example, in order to build what was then Sutter Junior High School, a Chinese graveyard had to be acquired and removed in the early 1960s. This was difficult. The Sutter Junior High project discovered that although a grave stone may indicate one person was buried in that location there may be as many as six bodies actually buried there without any identification. This created many more problems. Hiram Johnson Senior High School was finished in 1959, but work was stopped because a Mammoth's tusk was found on the site. The PS7 project is very simple by comparison, and should be approved.

PS7 was constructed in the 1950s when my father was assistant superintendent. In the last two generations, the PS7 school facilities have not been modernized. The PS7 project is funded and through mitigation efforts there are no environmental issues. This project deserves the approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Very Truly Yours,



Dennis M. O'Reilly, Chairman  
St. HOPE Public Schools  
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*RE: PS7 CEQA*

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St. HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization.

As an alumni of St. HOPE Public Schools, I know from experience that the education and inspiration that St. HOPE brings to underserved students of color is life changing. The high quality education that happens every day in the PS7 Elementary School building far exceeds the quality of the current building. Before attending St. HOPE Public Schools, I never once thought that getting accepted into and enrolling into UC Irvine would be anything I could be capable of. At St. HOPE Public Schools, I learned that just because I come from a family where only two people in my entire family finished high school before me, that doesn't mean that I need to stop there.

St. HOPE scholars and staff work tirelessly every day towards the St. HOPE Public Schools' mission to prepare all of our scholars to earn a degree from a four-year college. My daughter, Zeldia, will be attending PS7 Elementary School for Transitional Kindergarten soon and I know that the education she will be receiving will be the best in the city, even if the current building is furthest from the best in the city right now. The average person wouldn't be able to tell just by looking at the current building at 5201 Strawberry Lane that the students inside are future successful engineers, architects, lawyers, doctors, social workers, teachers, etc.

St. HOPE Public Schools is rooted in providing our scholars with the strongest possible foundation for future learning and career success. Ensuring that our scholars are learning in a safe and modern learning environment is an essential part of our efforts to provide educational equity and close the opportunity gap.

In 2018, St. HOPE Public Schools secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for this important modernization project, which is designed to both address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms and create an improved environment for student education.

Since PS7 opened in 2003 the percentage of scholars on or above grade level in the Oak Park community has dramatically increased. We've raised the bar and are producing extraordinary results in our Black and Latinx students, as well as our overall student body. The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that our students and staff do not face any school-site barriers and that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Andrea Perez  
Executive Assistant, St. HOPE Public Schools



2/2/2022

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 5th Grade Teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. There have been many opportunities in my 5 years on this campus that the facilities have hindered our scholar's opportunities to learn. From broken air conditioners and heaters, to doors and exteriors with holes in them, and various insect infestations. Our scholars are such incredible and capable human beings who deserve, at the very least, a comfortable, safe, and functional building to learn in. We want to show them how much we value them through not only our academic preparation, but also their environment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Kristen Burke  
5th Grade Teacher



January 28, 2022

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. For the past 4 years, I have been teaching at PS7 and know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. The time and resources it takes to ensure our scholars are learning in a safe and comfortable environment is a distraction from teaching which should be our main focus.

I am very proud of the work my colleagues and I do each day to provide the best education possible for our scholars. Unfortunately, our current school site does not reflect the high-quality education and impressive academic results our scholars have demonstrated that they are capable of. Having an updated, modern school facility will instill pride in our PS7 staff and families and will be an asset for the Oak Park community.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Ernestine LaPlante  
PS7 Music Teacher



February 2, 2022

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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.


My children have been a part of the St. HOPE Public School and Oak Park for over a decade. I want to make sure that our neighborhood has quality opportunities for our kids and supports the vibrancy of Oak Park. A new and improved school would help to build community and to prepare kids for college and work. That preparation starts as early as elementary school.

As we collectively work to increase educational equity, it is critical that students in the Sacramento region have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

I am thrilled that St. HOPE has secured funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to modernize its PS7 campus as it is in desperate need of repair. The school was originally constructed in the 1950's and because it is such an old site it has numerous improvement needs. This important modernization project will address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education. It will go a long way in demonstrating to St. HOPE students, families, teachers, staff, and the community that all students deserve to come to school every day and learn in a facility that reflects their abilities and potential.

Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report.

Sincerely,



Elesia Morris



February 2, 2022

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 2nd grade math teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college, we have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars will take more pride in their school and in turn, more pride in themselves and more pride in their work toward reaching our mission of getting to and through college. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Tina Judal  
2nd Grade Math Teacher





2/2/22

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a first grade teacher at PS7 Elementary School. At my site, we are focused on sending scholars to and through college so that they can have the best future possible because they deserve it. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal, starting even as young as first grade. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school and college level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our scholars and our community to excellence. We work towards this each day despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at the elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. In my classroom there are holes in the glass of the windows, the sink does not drain, the heater and A/C rarely work, and paint is chipping off of the walls. It adds to the challenge of teaching my scholars that they deserve the best and that their hard work pays off when they are surrounded by things that are broken and destroyed. Even with these challenges, my scholars go above and beyond each and every day in the way they treat the facilities, the community, and each other. They strive to reach their big goals every day and are so focused on reaching college. Their hard work and dedication deserves an environment that matches their level of excellence.

Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. I would be able to include so many more things in my teaching practice if we had the facility and space to handle them. I have a class pet but am unable to bring it to school during the winter because it is so cold in the classroom. We do not have a library for scholars to borrow books from or a gym for PE. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Alli Kauffroath  
PS7 Elementary  
First grade teacher

**February 10, 2022**

**Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
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**SUBJECT: St. HOPE – PS7 CEQA Letter**

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing to you today in support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the Board of the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) to approve the CEQA report related to this project.

I am a resident of Oak Park for several years now and a volunteer in the community. I feel strongly that this project must move forward for the betterment of the community. In the interest of educational equity, it is critical that students in Oak Park and beyond have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

I understand that St. HOPE has secured funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to modernize its PS7 campus as it is in desperate need of repair. The school was originally constructed in the 1950s and has numerous improvement needs. This important modernization project will address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education. It will go a long way in demonstrating that all students deserve to come to school every day and learn in a high-quality school facility.

It has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, so I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report. Please reach out to me with any questions at (707) 813-1913. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Adrian Rehn*

Oak Park resident and volunteer  
(707) 813-1913

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
425 1st Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently an Education Specialist at PS7 Middle School. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment. Working at the middle school I do not directly benefit from a new campus myself but my scholars will. My middle school students will benefit from having more space at the elementary for learning and collaborating with their peers. I am excited that my students will have such a different experience at the elementary school before they arrive at the middle. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Binam  
Education Specialist



2/8/22

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
425 1st Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 4th grade teacher at PS7E. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Camie Bartos  
4th Grade Math Teacher



2/2/22

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
425 1st Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Physical Education teacher at PS7 Elementary School. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Right now our elective teachers share one space and have very little area for storage. In order for us to give our students the best we are in need of our space to function and an area to store our equipment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Ryan Chisolm  
K-5 Physical Education Teacher



02/2/2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
425 1st Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Campus Monitor at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. The scholars and I would love to be in a new facility with up to date technology. It would give us a sense of pride to walk around an updated building. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

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Sincerely,

Brandon Jefferson  
Campus Monitor





February 8, 2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
425 1st Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Dean of Students at Ps7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Having a new school after so many years I believe will back up the talk of the culture St. HOPE of our foundation and why families want to come to our school. The atmosphere is a direct effect to success and the new school I know will bring a positive atmosphere change for both staff and scholars. Right now I don't believe we have enough space for our scholars especially with us abiding by all covid rules. More buildings will bring more space will give our staff and students the space to breathe and not feel like they are on top of one another. I believe this will help with our scholars focus and staff members having their own personal area. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Lewis  
Dean of Students



February 2, 2022

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Sacramento, CA 95818

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing in support of the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a teacher at PS7 elementary. At PS7 we are fully committed to our mission of preparing our scholars to go to and through college. We have made tremendous strides in achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level and beyond. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Bruno  
TK- 5th Grade Art



February 2, 2022

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425 1st Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 5th grade Math and Science Teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Through my personal experiences working with the scholars at PS7, I find it challenging to be able to help students produce the high-quality work that is expected of them with the lack of resources that we have available to us. Resources such as adequate classroom space, and classrooms with holes in the ceiling. Outdated sinks, desks, and chairs. Our technology needs to be upgraded as well with things such as better projection systems, and computers. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Stephon Jones  
5th Grade Math & Science Teacher



February 1, 2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a first grade teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. A new facility and enhanced campus reflects our commitment to providing a special and nurturing environment for our scholars. For them to achieve to their optimal potential they need caring instruction and guidance but also up to date, clean, and safe environment to learn. We expect all scholars at PS7 / St. Hope to work hard, respect, listen and follow our high expectations but we also need to show our commitment to these scholars by providing excellence in instruction and environment. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jelcz  
First Grade ELA Teacher

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*RE: PS7 CEQA*

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St.HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization. Our scholars and staff members work so hard every single day and truly deserve to teach and learn in a facility that represents the incredible things taking place at PS7 Elementary School.

PS7 was initially constructed in the 1950's to address the Post-War "baby boom" which generated new enrollment and the need for new schools. As an older school facility, the site has many essential physical improvement needs. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified over \$23 million in improvements needed to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane. The Facilities Master Plan also identified the need for new classrooms, and replacement or upgrading of older portables on the site.

Research shows that there is a direct correlation to the state of school facilities and the academic outcomes of students. Our scholars deserve a school facility that is healthy, safe, and suitable in order to prepare them in reaching our mission of going to and through college. St. HOPE Public Schools' foundation is rooted in providing our scholars with the strongest possible foundation for future learning and career success. St. HOPE teachers work every day to close the opportunity gap that exists and in order to do so our scholars need a safe, modern, and state of the art learning environment.

In 2018, St. HOPE Public Schools secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for this important modernization project, which is designed to both address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms and create an improved environment for student education. Our school community was incredibly happy when we received this news. We know that our facilities do not represent the hard work taking place at PS7 and our scholars deserve so much more. Since PS7 opened in 2003 the percentage of scholars on or above grade level in the Oak Park community has dramatically increased. Our scholars and teachers deserve a facility that supports the incredible results we are producing.

The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that our students and staff do not face any school-site barriers and that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Priya Singh  
Site Lead, PS7 Middle School and Sacramento Charter High School



February 2, 2022

Beth Simonton  
Teaching Assistant  
Ps7 Elementary  
5201 Strawberry Ln  
Sacramento, CA 95820

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Teaching Assistant at Ps7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Personally, I know that a new and modern campus will help with moral tremendously and also will excite our scholars. Coming from New England it is very rare to see a school outside. With that said it would be exciting to see this campus a bit more safe, secure and clean for everyone. A new, modern and safe campus will represent our entire staff and also all our scholars and families. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Beth Simonton  
Teaching Assistant





Sacramento Charter High School  
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Dean of Culture and Instruction: Christina Williams-James

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January 25, 2022

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RE: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am Christina Williams-James, a Dean of Culture and Instruction with St. HOPE Public Schools. I have been a part of the St. HOPE Public Schools family since 2014 and I am excited about the much needed upgrades being made to the elementary campus. I am writing in full support of the modernization upgrade to the PS7 Elementary campus.

PS7 Elementary hosts the youngest scholars in our charter network.. Our students at the elementary school are funny, vivacious, intelligent, joyful, on a path to college, and most importantly resilient. Our students have endured the current conditions of the facility for far too long and they deserve a campus space that reflects their potential and future. The proposed upgrades to the campus would ensure that scholars safety and high quality learning are top priority. Increasing the number of classrooms could allow for a reduced teacher to student ratio which enhances the learning experience. Developing a secure and tactile playground boosts students' ability to be imaginative and enjoy nature. Reconfiguring the school's entrance would reduce traffic making it much safer for students and families to access the school community easily. The upgrades all around would move scholars toward an educational experience that will follow them to and through college, bringing our St. HOPE Public Schools vision and mission to fruition. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,  
Christina Williams-James



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Instructional Coach: Sheeana Cahill

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RE: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed modernization of St. HOPE Public School's PS7 campus. For nearly 20 years our staff have been teaching and our scholars have been learning in a facility that is outdated and in desperate need of modernization. In my five years of experience, first as a teacher, then an academic coach, I have witnessed first hand the need for these improvements.

The current PS7 building was constructed in the 1950's, and is not a reflection of the amazing work happening within these walls. The \$23 million in essential improvements are vital in order to create a safe learning environment for our staff and scholars. The SCUSD Facilities Master Plan prepared in 2006 identified the need for improvements to bring HVAC, restrooms, electrical and roofing up to code and to address the inadequate student pick-up and drop-off system on Strawberry Lane. The Facilities Master Plan also identified the need for new classrooms, and replacement or upgrading of older portables on the site.

In my time as a classroom teacher, I frequently encountered challenges caused by our out of date facilities. From having to be creative in my seating arrangement to avoid scholars being leaked on by our AC unit, to having to evacuate my classroom for multiple hours while black mold was removed from my classroom. I've also had to purchase a diffuser to cover the musty smell of my classroom, and find creative ways to cover the peeling paint on my walls.

Currently in my role as an administrator, I have to scramble to find places to have meetings as there is a lack of available space on campus. These challenges are an unnecessary burden making the work our teachers and staff do even more difficult. Our precious time should be focused on doing the work we are committed to doing to close the achievement gap, rather than finding new ways to try to hide the fact that our facilities are falling apart.

St. HOPE Public Schools' is committed to closing the achievement gap and providing equity in education. Our current lack of modern and safe learning facilities sends the wrong message to our scholars, staff, and families. We are preparing our scholars to go to and through college and want them to see the value we place in their education reflected in the environment in which they are learning. We are incredibly determined and excited to give this community the education they deserve in new, state of the art facilities. The new campus will not only provide our current scholars with the learning experience they deserve, but will



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allow us to expand the work we are doing by increasing our capacity.

The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Sheeana Cahill  
Instructional Coach - PS7 Elementary School

Inclusion Dean of Culture and Instruction: Sarah Trapp

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*RE: PS7 CEQA*

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the proposed modernization of St. HOPE Public School 7. Since I began my time at St. HOPE Public Schools five years ago, and over the span of the past 20 years, our staff have been teaching in, and our scholars have been learning in, a facility that is outdated and does not represent the heart of our work and the true bright light that exists within our scholars and community. I personally spent two years teaching in our portable facilities at PS7 Elementary, which are in desperate need of refurbishing. For example, I often found it challenging to teach over the volume of the air conditioning unit, while also balancing the need for scholars to have a cool and comfortable environment to learn in.

It is our vision to provide our scholars and community with a pristine learning facility that reflects the college-going potential of all scholars, and become a point of pride within the community. The current facility is outdated, run-down, and in need of modernization, including several important physical improvements. The need for improvement ranges from operational and facility maintenance items such as HVAC, restrooms, electrical, roofing, etc. to structural integral components such as a new and improved drop-off/pick up system, new classrooms, and replaced portable buildings. I have personally taught in the portable buildings, which are in desperate need of replacement.

The facilities that our scholars learn in have a direct impact on student achievement. Students learn better in spaces in which they take pride in, and which the community takes pride in. Research continually shows that disparities in access to school facilities can lead to differences in educational outcomes, especially for low-income students. This modernization would have a profound impact on students and families within the community. This would also allow for improvements in relation to special education programming with more access to testing and small group locations that seldomly exist at the current facility.

It is our goal and our hope that all scholars have access to a safe, modern, and college-going learning environment in order to provide the strongest possible foundation for future success.

St. HOPE continually works toward, and has shown great success, closing the opportunity gap that exists within Oak Park, and that exists for students with disabilities and their typically developing peers. St. HOPE works tirelessly to provide all students with a pathway to success, and for as many scholars, regardless of race, disability status, zip code, etc. to perform on or above grade level. We have shown continued success in this area. The proposed modernization project will ensure that any structural or site-based barriers are removed in order to deliver high quality instruction and high levels of success to the community in which we serve. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Trapp  
Inclusion Dean of Culture and Instruction, St. HOPE Public Schools

**From:** Melissa Foster <[melrenfos@gmail.com](mailto:melrenfos@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 5:16 PM  
**To:** Amna Javed <[Amna-Javed@scusd.edu](mailto:Amna-Javed@scusd.edu)>  
**Subject:** PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.

I have been an Oak Park resident for the last 18 years and have had a first-hand look into how the community has changed over the years with the addition of many new construction projects, new neighbors and many new businesses in the Northern part of Oak Park. I've seen how the impacts of these changes have affected the community in more positive ways by creating more housing and overall job opportunities. The South Oak Park area, however, has not seen much change or has been impacted by these upgrades as much and I believe that by modernizing PS7's Elementary campus would create more of the same positive changes throughout the South Oak Park community. Not only does the neighborhood deserve it because it does create a sense of pride and care for community and the overall neighborhood, but I also believe that the hardworking students and staff deserve the pleasure of having a new, up to date campus to learn and continue to excel, just like other kids who live in more developed neighborhoods in Sacramento. PS7 and its surrounding neighbors deserve to feel good about their neighborhood and community and I believe a brand-new campus is the perfect way to begin to develop the South Oak Park area in a very positive way.

As we collectively work to increase educational equity, it is critical that students in the Sacramento region have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

I am thrilled that St. HOPE has secured funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to modernize its PS7 campus as it is in desperate need of repair. The school was originally constructed in the 1950's and because it is such an old site it has numerous improvement needs. This important modernization project will address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms, and create an improved environment for student education. It will go a long way in demonstrating to St. HOPE students, families, teachers, staff, and the community that all students deserve to come to school every day and learn in a facility that reflects their abilities and potential.

Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project and the acceptance of the PS7 CEQA Report.

Sincerely,

Melissa Foster

Oak Park Resident, 18 years





02/02/22

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I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. It currently is difficult to keep our classrooms at a comfortable temperature. During the summer months our air conditioner went out multiple times. We had to use fans that were very loud and difficult to talk/hear over. In the winter months, we have heat, however the cold air still comes in through the windows and emergency exit door. Our scholars work hard and should be able to completely focus on their education when they are here. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Vanessa R. Lopez  
4th Grade Teacher

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According to the [2021 State of Our Schools report](#), "school facilities have a direct impact on student learning, student and staff health, and community vitality. When facilities are healthy, safe and educationally suitable, students (as well as teachers and staff) perform better and are better prepared for post-secondary education and the workforce."

St. HOPE Public Schools' foundation is rooted in providing our scholars with the strongest possible foundation for future learning and career success. Ensuring that our scholars are learning in a safe and modern learning environment is an essential part of our efforts to provide educational equity and close the opportunity gap.

In 2018, St. HOPE Public Schools secured loans and grant funding from the state's Charter School Facilities Program to pay for this important modernization project, which is designed to both address existing site deficiencies, provide new classrooms and create an improved environment for student education.

Since PS7 opened in 2003 the percentage of scholars on or above grade level in the Oak Park community has dramatically increased. We've raised the bar and are producing extraordinary results in our Black and Latinx students, as well as our overall student body. The proposed PS7 modernization project will ensure that our students and staff do not face any school-site barriers and that we are able to continue delivering outstanding academic success. Since it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project.

Sincerely,

Kari Wehrly  
Superintendent, St. HOPE Public Schools



2/2/2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
Facilities Support Services  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a 3rd grade Teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment. Our scholars are coming to school eager to learn as I am to teach. However, the environment we have these scholars in is not acceptable. Everyday my scholars are not able to have a warm classroom environment because the heating and air conditioning unit is not working often. We are unable to sit on our classroom carpets for reading groups or group projects because of the roaches, bugs, and stains found everywhere. Students are not able to feel comfortable in our classroom because of dark rooms, chipped paint walls as well as cats constantly urinating on everything in our hallways. Overall, I want my scholars to feel excited to come to school, to learn to treat our campus with respect and value it. We need to show them that they are just as important and special as other schools and we are investing in them as well. We find it important and a necessity to make them feel like a priority because they are and that starts with their environment.

Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Taylor Watts  
3rd Grade Teacher

January 27, 2022

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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.


I have been a teacher at PS7 since it's opening and a homeowner in Oak Park for just as long. The fact that I live and work in this community is a testament to my commitment and investment in my community and the children. The school was not in good condition when we started and has only deteriorated with years of disinvestment. The scholars we serve and require high and demanding standards deserve a school facility that represents that same level of quality. It is overtime for improved facilities.

As we collectively work to increase educational equity, it is critical that students in the Sacramento region have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

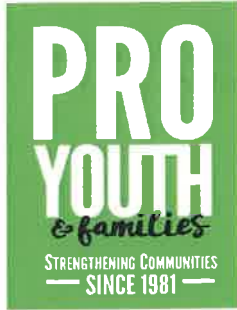
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Sincerely,



Patricia Burks  
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February 9, 2022

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PRO Youth and Families partners with schools, community organizations, and local governments to engage youth in OPPORTUNITIES that inspire HOPE. PRO Youth and Families' offers a variety of direct service programs for youth and supports the Youth & Family Collective initiative that uplifts community organizations, drives collaboration, and fosters capacity building for responsive youth and family programs and services.

PRO Programs are culturally competent and are delivered with a social-justice lens. They provide safe spaces for youth to discover who they are, explore topics that impact their daily lives, cultivate skills, and develop into leaders and change-agents for the community.

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Sincerely,



Staci Anderson  
President & CEO  
PRO Youth and Families



January 31, 2022

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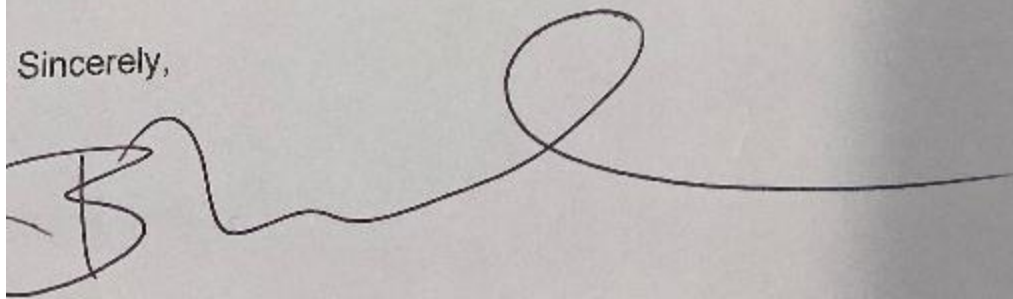
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February 10, 2022

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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.

Sacramento Building Healthy Communities (BHC) encompasses many diverse communities in the Sacramento area, working together to change the way we live- for the better. The BHC values differences in cultures, traditions, ideas, beliefs, needs and expectations, and views these differences as a resource for improving communities. The mission of BHC is built on the foundation of equity and our goal is to make neighborhoods healthier for ALL residents. BHC does this by improving employment opportunities, education, housing, neighborhood safety, unhealthy environmental conditions, access to healthy foods and more.

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**Hub Staff**

Kim Williams  
Hub Director

Alberto Mercado,  
Media Coordinator

Sincerely,

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Kim Williams, Hub Director  
Sacramento Building Healthy Communities





2/10/2022

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SUBJECT: PS7 CEQA

Dear Ms. Javed,

I am writing in full support of St. HOPE Public Schools' PS7 Elementary School Construction Project and urge the SCUSD Board to approve the CEQA report related to that project.

College Track is a college completion non-profit, catering to low-income and first-generation students. We work off of a 10-year model with students to support their high school careers, transition to college, and to advise them through their undergraduate tenure

As we collectively work to increase educational equity, it is critical that students in the Sacramento region have access to high quality learning opportunities. While there are many factors that contribute to students' success, an important one is providing a clean, safe, modern, and comfortable learning environment.

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Sincerely,  
Luisana Victorica

Site Director  
College Track Sacramento  
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January 31, 2022

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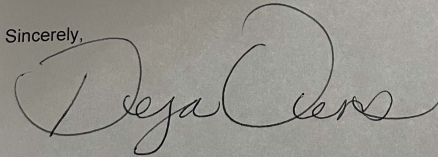
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Sincerely,

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02/10/2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my complete support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently an Education Specialist at PS7 Elementary for our 3rd-5th graders. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment.

As an Education Specialist at our Elementary campus, I support scholars with learning based disabilities. The students I support often require a quiet, separate space to be able to complete testing and practice essential skills through small group instruction. At our current campus, the special education classroom is shared by myself, our other education specialist, the speech pathologist, school psychologist, and occupational therapist, among others. The competition for space makes it nearly impossible to test students for special education services, allow students a distraction free environment to learn in, or hold IEP meetings with parents (a particular issue given the confidentiality that special education requires).

Furthermore, the shared space we use offers little to no insulation due to the windows not being able to close completely. Because of this, the heater and air conditioner (which also operate insufficiently) must be on at all times to maintain a safe temperature; this causes many additional problems as the volume of the air turning on is excessive. When the air is operating, staff have tremendous difficulty hearing students during lessons, testing, or therapy sessions. The lack of sealed space is also a challenge for keeping bugs and dust out. I have to regularly clear out spiders and cockroaches, including a black widow that had made its home in one of the cabinets of my classroom.





Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it. I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Korver  
Education Specialist



February 10, 2022

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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently an Education Specialist at PS7 Elementary. At PS7, our mission is to prepare all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our scholars have been and will continue to be successful at this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment.

We face certain challenges in our building that are not always conducive for learning. For example, it is difficult to even hear our teachers' very important instruction due to loud heating and cooling systems. Our building is also outdated in terms of technology and facilities. For example, simple things such as faulty lights or even broken door stops cause a need for constant fixes and attention. Not only will this building be more comfortable and safe, simply coming into a modern and fresh space everyday would provide scholars with motivation and encouragement in their learning. It would drive their sense of purpose and prepare them for their bright futures at colleges and in their careers. Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

For the sake of our community and our scholars, I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve. This will aid in our mission of helping scholars achieve their goals and become leaders in the future!

Sincerely,

Taylor Dials  
Education Specialist



February 2, 2022

Amna Javed, GIS Manager  
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Dear Ms. Javed,

I'm writing to express my full support for the PS7 modernization project. I am currently a Third Grade Teacher at PS7 Elementary. At PS7 we are committed to our mission of preparing all of our scholars to go to and through college. We have had tremendous success at achieving this goal. PS7 provides our scholars with the strong foundation they need to be successful at the high school level. Our work is an incredibly important part of leading our St. HOPE scholars to reach our mission that consistently leads 92-96 percent of our seniors to be accepted into a four-year university. We strive to provide our scholars with excellence no matter what challenges we face. We have done this despite the challenges we have faced with our facility at our elementary site. I know first-hand the immense need to repair and update the school facility. Our scholars deserve to learn in a clean, safe, modern and comfortable learning environment.

I have worked at PS7 for six years and have dealt with a lot of problems in our classrooms. I have dealt with multiple pest infestations, such as roaches and spiders. These issues have caused my scholars to not be able to learn properly due to interruptions to our classroom environment. I have spent loads of my own money to try my best to create a bright and inviting classroom by painting over peeling paint, putting knobs on cabinets that did not have them, and brightening up a very bleak room the best that I could. Our scholars and families choose to go to PS7 because we have a college-going culture. These children deserve to have a space where they feel confident in their abilities to go to college and are learning in an environment they feel proud to be a part of.

Additionally, these facilities will provide our staff with an environment that will allow us to better meet the needs of our scholars. Our scholars deserve this new facility, our families deserve it, our Oak Park community deserves it and the team that I work with deserves it.

I am glad that the environmental review document found that the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. I urge your approval of this important school modernization project so we can provide our PS7 scholars with the school facility that they deserve.

Sincerely,  
Haylie Bedal  
Third Grade Teacher

## ERRATA

### PS 7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION MITGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The following typographical errors and clarifications are noted as part of the final MND. These changes do not add new information which would change the conclusions of the MND.

**Page 7, Paragraph 1:** This should read:

“The proposed project would include the renovation of the existing multi-purpose room, demolition of ~~11~~ **10**-older classrooms and removal of 6 classrooms located in four older portable units. In turn, 31 new modular classrooms would be installed.”

**Page 8, Paragraph 4, New Classrooms and Restrooms:** This should read:

“The proposed project would remove a total of ~~17~~ **16** classrooms (~~11~~ **10** stick built and 6 portable classrooms) and install 31 new classrooms using modular building technology.”

**On page 22, Last Paragraph:** Revise for clarity to read:

“The renovated multipurpose room and the new Administration building will contain a similar number of western facing windows as ~~currently a similar amount of windows on the western elevation which could cast late afternoon glare on the site.~~ **the current building configuration. Thus, the amount of late afternoon glare on windows would be similar. Glare is expected to be reduced since the proposed project includes low reflectivity glass materials.**”

**Page 28, Paragraph 4:** Change to read:

“**ll d and e) Other environmental impacts to agricultural lands or forestry lands?** The proposed project is not located on either farmlands or forestry lands. The proposed project does not convert any agricultural or forestry lands to a new use. As such no other impacts to such lands are expected from the project.”

**Page 60 Heading.** Change “RRGULATORY SETTING” to read “REGULATORY SETTING”

**Section VIII: Hazardous Materials.** Beginning on page 62 all references to checklist questions should be changed from VII to VIII to correctly refer to the Section VIII of the Checklist.

**Section IX Hydrology and Water Quality.** Beginning on page 68 all references to checklist questions should be changed from VIII to IX to correctly refer to the Section IX of the Checklist.

**Section X Land Use.** Beginning on page 72 all references to checklist questions should be changed from IX to X to correctly refer to the Section X of the Checklist.

**Section XI Mineral Resources.** Beginning on page 72 all references to checklist questions should be changed from X to XI to correctly refer to the Section XI of the Checklist.