NOTICE OF PREPARATION - DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

July 6, 2006

Project: Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Facilities Master Plan

Project Location: LAMC Main Campus at 13356 Eldridge Avenue and Harding Street, located between El Cariso County Golf Course and Kismet Avenue, Sylmar, CA

Lead Agency: Los Angeles Community College District

Dear Colleague,

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, this Notice of Preparation is hereby sent to inform you that the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) will be the Lead Agency under CEQA and is preparing a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan. A brief project description is provided on page 2.

As the Lead Agency, LACCD would like to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft Program EIR will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Circulation
- Utilities
- Energy Conservation and Sustainability

Due to time limits mandated by state law, your response to this NOP must be received no later than 30 days after receipt of this Notice. Please send your response to Mr. Nick Quintanilla, Construction Manager at the address on Page 2. In your response, include the name and contact information of the appropriate contact person from your agency.

This notice also serves as an invitation to a public scoping meeting to receive public input on the issues to be reviewed in the Draft Program EIR. The meeting will be held at the LAMC Main Campus Center on July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Michele Walters, Administrative Assistant, at 818-364-7819 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Jose Leyba, Ph.D.
Interim President of Los Angeles Mission College

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WHY THIS NOTICE?
The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and the Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) have formulated a plan for the educational space needs of Mission College.

The proposed project, Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan is a phased development program that would expand and improve the college facilities.

Initial studies indicate that the appropriate environmental document for the proposed project is a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In its role as the Lead Agency, the LACCD is initiating preparation of the EIR. As a part of the environmental process, a scoping meeting is being held to gather public comments about the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project revises the previous master plan and includes two schemes which provides for the build out of the campus for approximately 15,000 students. One scheme compresses the program of the previous master plan into the existing 22.5 acre campus by placing levels of parking under buildings and re-examining underutilized areas of the campus.

A second Extended Campus scheme also includes an area of land approximately 0.3 miles southeast on Eldridge Avenue at the intersection of Harding Street. This concept places several program areas at this location and retains a similar plan on the existing campus.

SCOPING MEETING
The District invites you to attend the scoping meeting to be held:

Date: July 18, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Los Angeles Mission College
Main Campus Center
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

FOR MORE INFORMATION
A Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study is available for review at the locations listed below:

Los Angeles Mission College Library
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342-3245

Los Angeles Public Library
Sylmar Branch
14430 Polk Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

Los Angeles Public Library
Pacoima Branch
13605 Van Nuys Boulevard
Pacoima, CA 91331

Los Angeles Public Library
Sunland-Tujunga Branch
7771 Foothill Boulevard
Tujunga, CA 91042

Los Angeles Public Library
Mid-San Fernando Valley Branch
16244 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, CA 91343

QUESTIONS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS
We encourage you to attend the scoping meeting to find out more about the proposed master plan and give us your comments on the scope of the EIR. All comments must either be given in person at the time of the Public Scoping Meeting on July 18, 2006 or in writing. In order to meet the time limits established by state law, your written comments on the NOP must be received no later than August 5, 2006. Questions about the public scoping meeting or the NOP and all written comments should be directed to:

Nick Quintanilla –Construction Manager
c/o Michele Walters –Administrative Assistant
Gateway Science & Engineering
Los Angeles Mission College
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

In addition, the NOP, Initial Study and future Draft EIR will be available online at: www.lamission.edu.

MORE INFORMATION: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009 (b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing for this project, or in written correspondence delivered to the Los Angeles Mission College at or prior to the Public Hearing.

ADA: In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, listening assistive devices are available with 24-hour advance notice. Please contact Michele Walters to request use of a listening devise. Language translation services may be also requested with 24-hour advance notice.

ESPANOL: El distrito de la universidad de comunidad de Los Angeles será la agencia del plomo y preparará un informe de las consecuencias para el medio ambiente para analizar los efectos ambientales del proyecto de la extensión de la universidad de la misión. Se desea obtener esta información en Español por favor llamar al numero siguiente (818) 364-7819. Habrá servicio de interpretación disponible para estas juntas llamando por lo menos con 24 horas de anticipación.

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