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Proposed Colfax Charter Elementary School Classroom Addition Project

Public Meeting

for the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration

February 9, 2017

Colfax Charter Elementary School • 11724 Addison Street • Valley Village



Introductions

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- Los Angeles Unified School District
 - > Fortunato Tapia, Community Relations
 - > Mitra Nehorai, Senior Project Development Manager
 - > Linda Wilde, OEHS CEQA Project Manager
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 - > Christine Abraham, CEQA Consultant



Purpose of Meeting

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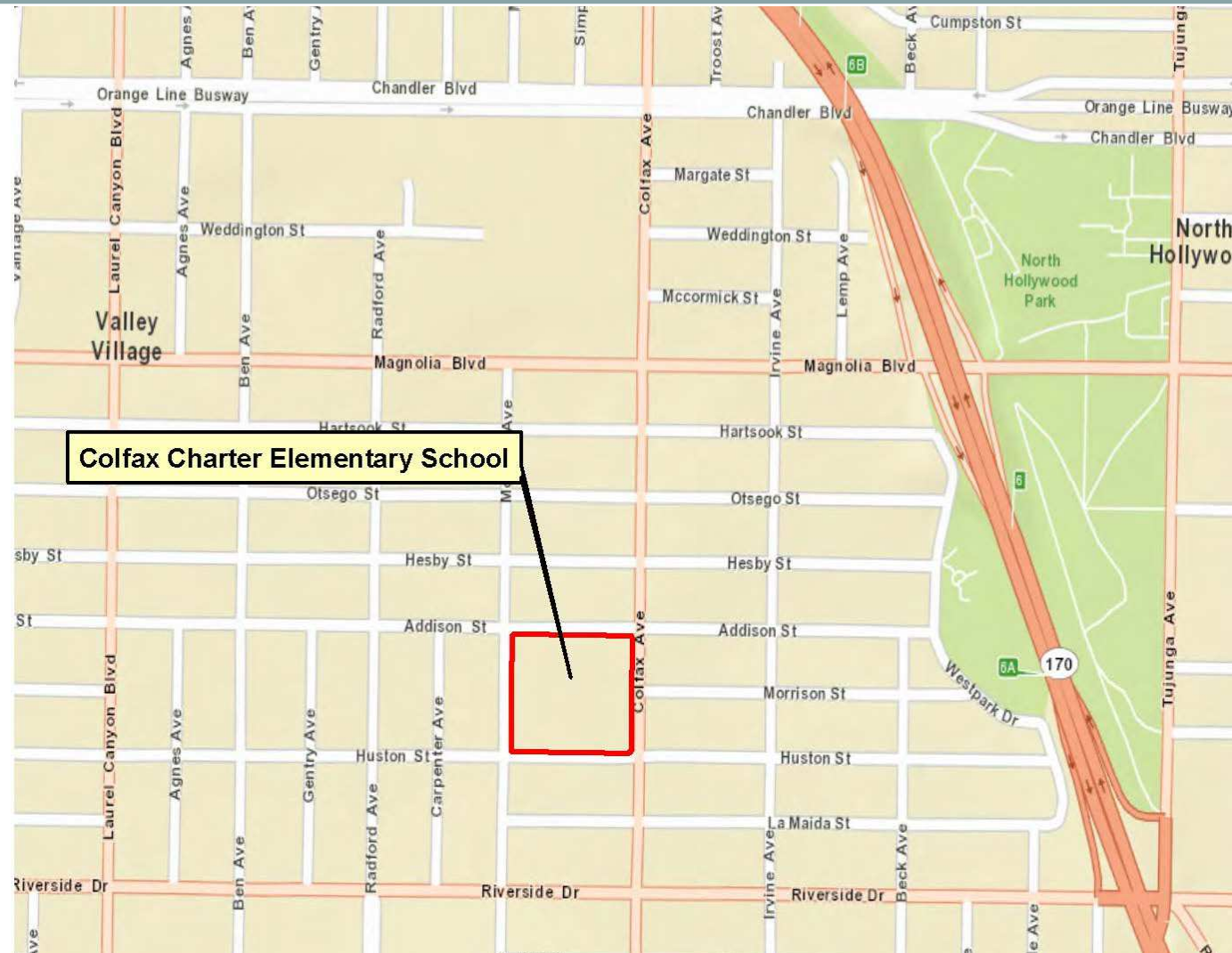
- Provide information about:
 - > Proposed Project
 - > LAUSD Environmental Process
 - > Impact Findings
 - > Next Steps
 - > Public Comments



Project Location

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Existing School

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- Opened in 1951
- 8.1-acre site
- LAUSD Charter School since 2008
- 674 students enrolled last year
- Enrollment capacity is 652 students
- Enrollment capped in 2010 to respond to an increase in neighborhood enrollment



Project Scope

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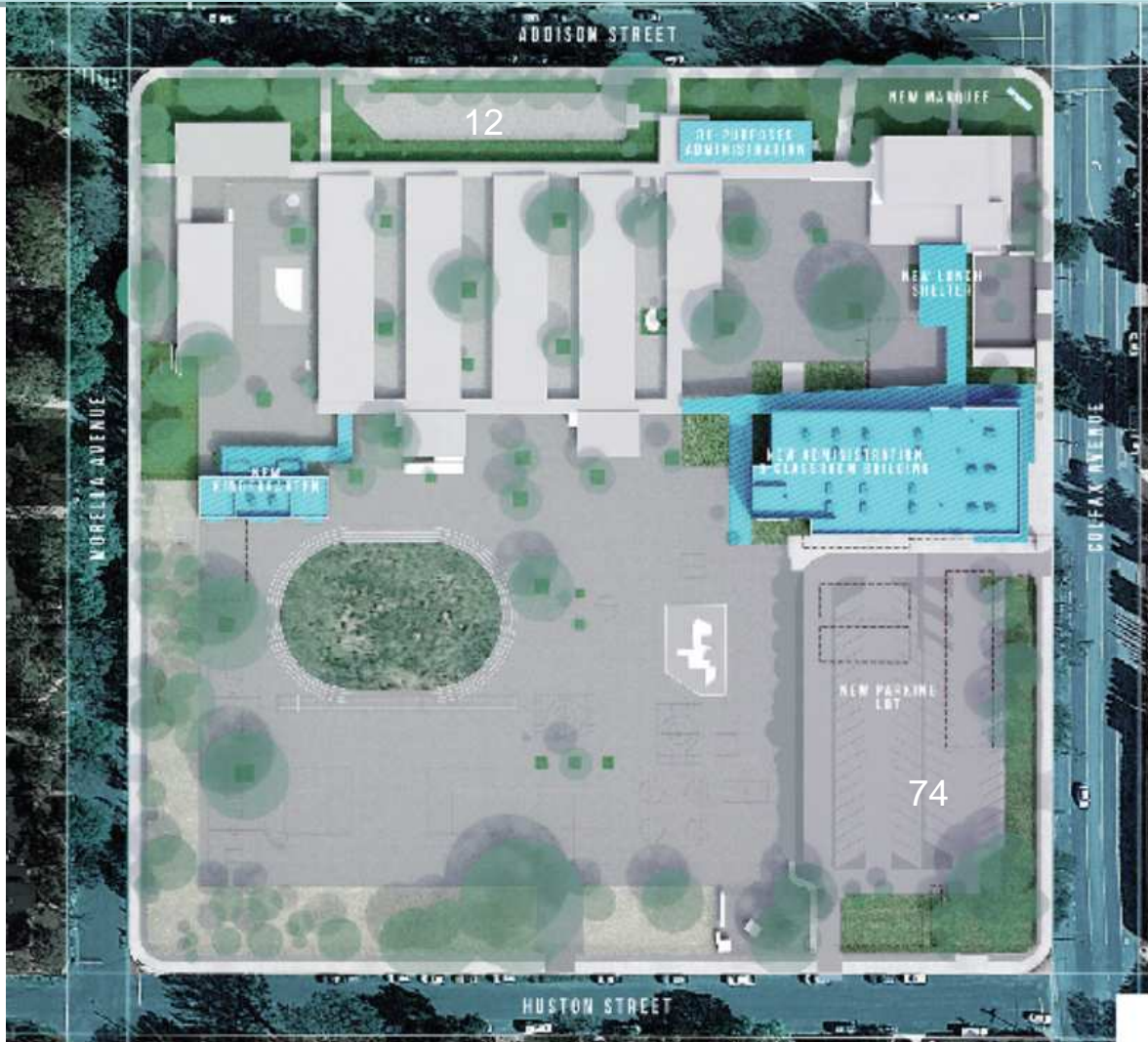
- Replace ten portables
- Add eight new classrooms
- Reconfigure Admin Bldg.
- Expand lunch shelter
- Increase parking count
- Site improvements
 - > Student drop-off area, site utilities, landscaping
 - > Furnishing and equipping of new and reconfigured facilities
 - > ADA, DSA, CEQA, DTSC



Project Description

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- Allows for 160 new K-5th grade students
- 36,255 sf of new construction
 - > New classroom building (16 new classrooms)
 - > Kindergarten classrooms (2 new classrooms)
 - > Administration building (remodel)
 - > New lunch shelter and covered walkways
- 86 Parking Spaces



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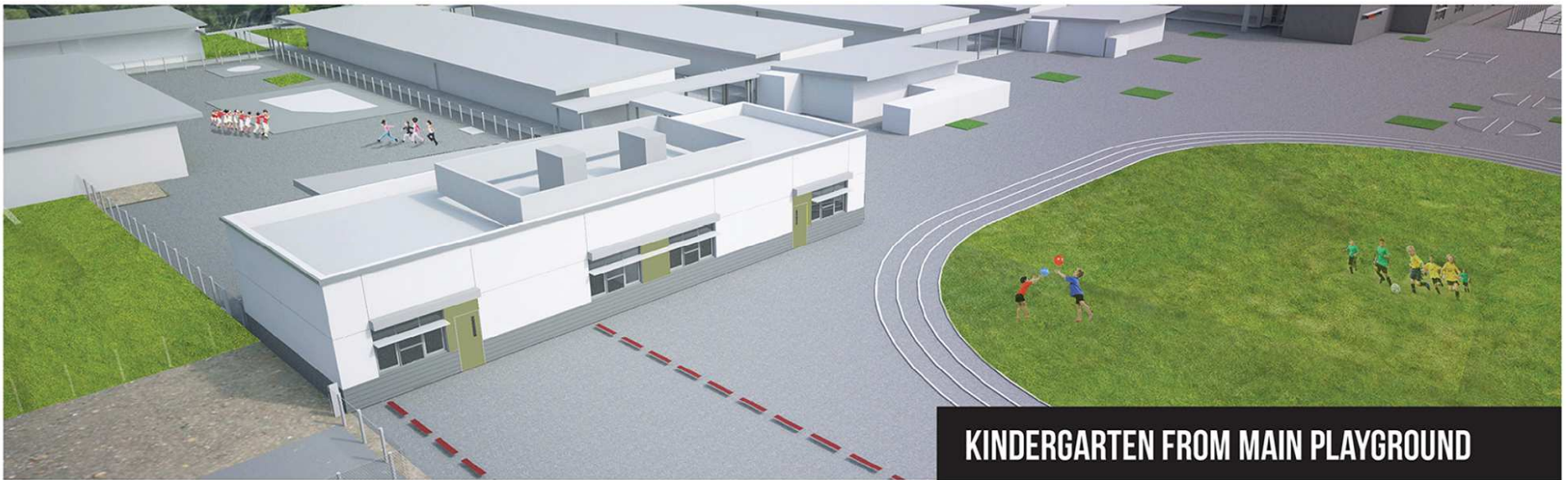




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Environmental Review

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Protect the Environment
 - > Avoid or minimize environmental damage
- Public Disclosure
 - > Provide an objective document
 - > Inform decision maker about environmental consequences
 - > Disclose why decisions were made





CEQA Process

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Technical Studies

- ❖ Noise
- ❖ Hazards
- ❖ Traffic & Pedestrian Safety
- ❖ Tree Survey
- ❖ Cultural Resources
- ❖ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ❖ Air Quality
- ❖ Geotechnical
- ❖ CDE School Site Safety

Initial Study

19 Environmental Topics

MND

Significant Environmental Impacts
can be Mitigated



Initial Study Topics

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilities & Service Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hydrology & Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Cultural Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use & Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geology & Soils
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mineral Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation & Traffic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture & Forestry Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory Findings of Significance



Required Compliance

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- Required Standards
 - > Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS)
 - All LAUSD new school construction projects
 - > LAUSD Standard Conditions of Approval
 - Adopted by BOE in November 2015
 - > Federal, State, Regional, Local Regulations



Initial Study Findings

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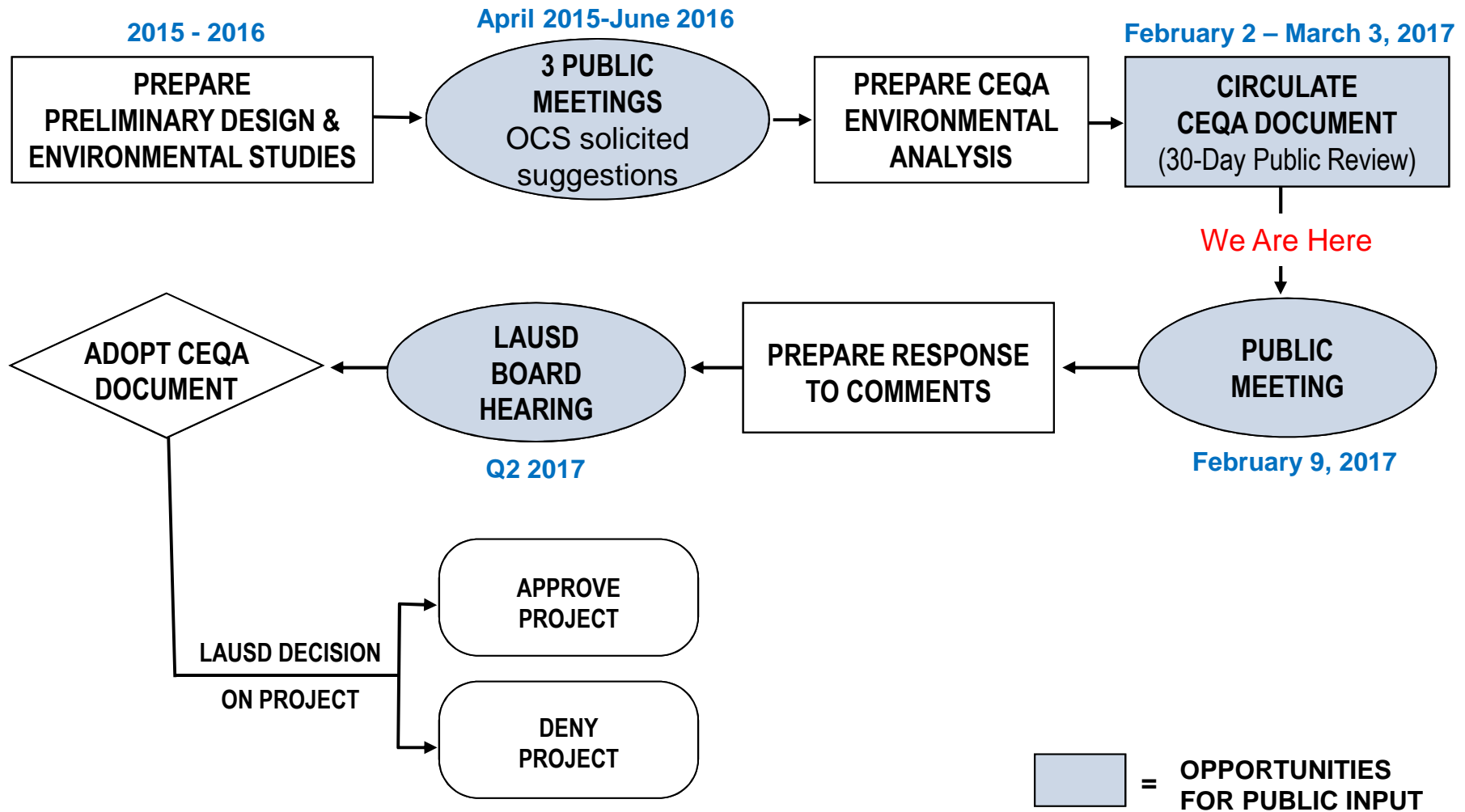
- All of the potential environmental impacts caused by the project would be reduced to less than significant levels through the incorporation of LAUSD Standard Conditions as mitigation.
- 8 of the 19 environmental topics found Less than Significant or No Impacts.



Next Steps

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Public Review

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- CEQA Notice Distribution
 - > Published in *Los Angeles Daily News*
 - > Mailed to ~120 addresses within a 300-foot radius
 - > Emailed to another ~130 interested parties and elected officials
 - > Posted on project site, local libraries and at Los Angeles County Clerk



Public Review

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February 2 to March 3, 2017

LAUSD

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333 South Beaudry Ave., 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
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(by appointment)

Colfax Charter

Elementary School

11724 Addison Street
Valley Village, CA 91607
(818) 761-5115

LAUSD Education

Service Center - North

6621 Balboa Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 654-3600

North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library

5211 Tujunga Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 766-7185

Studio City Branch Library

12511 Moorpark Street
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 755-7873

LAUSD website

<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>



Written Comments

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E-mail to: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

Include "Colfax Charter Elementary School Project" in the subject line

or

Mail to: LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attn: Ms. Linda Wilde, CEQA Project Manager
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

or

Leave Comment Card



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Thank You for Coming!