

Marin Community College District
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Draft EIR for New Academic Center, Kentfield, California

To: Public Agencies and Concerned
Citizens/Interested Parties

From: Marin Community College District
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Project Applicant: Marin Community College District

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the Marin Community College District (District), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will receive public comment and recommendations on a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the New Academic Center at College of Marin, Kentfield Campus. The review period extends for 45 days beginning December 18, 2012 and ends at 5:00 pm on January 31, 2013. All comments regarding the Draft EIR must be received by this ending date/time.

Project Location: The project site is located on the central campus of the Kentfield Campus, near the corner of College Avenue and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Project Description: The proposed New Academic Center (NAC) would have a gross floor area of 44,257 square feet excluding the atrium. The building would be three levels with a final building height of two stories (28 feet) on the College Avenue frontage and also two stories (26 feet) on the main campus level. The first floor level of the new building would include space for 8 classrooms, including 2 computer labs and an English as a Second Language (ESL) lab, and a study room, ESL office and workroom mechanical, electrical and IT rooms. The second level on the main campus level would include 12 classrooms, including a large 120-seat capacity lecture classroom, 15 offices (including offices for the President and Vice-President of the College), 2 large conference rooms and 2 small conference rooms, reception area, an adjunct office suite that could be used for part-time faculty, ancillary rooms such as break room, storage room, and file rooms. The upper level of the building would include 27 offices for faculty and administrative assistants, the Dean's office, and a large conference room, workroom and copy room. Restroom facilities, IT closets and custodial closets would be provided on each floor. The NAC would replace four existing older buildings on the same site as follows: Harlan Center, Business Management Center, Onley Hall and the Administrative Center. The project would also remove the Taqueria restaurant on the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and College Avenue. The Austin Science Center, which was originally proposed to be demolished, would be potentially retained. This building is not on or near the NAC site, but its retention is evaluated as part of the cumulative impact analysis.

Potential Environmental Impacts: No significant, unavoidable impacts have been identified. Some potentially significant impacts were identified related to aesthetics, air quality, noise, transportation, and public services/utilities. Each of these impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level if the identified mitigation measures are implemented. The District has agreed to implementation of the mitigation measures; therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

Public Review Period: The public review period for the Draft EIR extends from December 18, 2012 through January 31, 2013.

Location Where Document Can Be Reviewed: The District has prepared a Draft EIR for the subject project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This document is available for review at the Swinerton Management and Consulting on-site offices at 700 College Ave, Bldg PE-8, Kentfield, CA 94904 94607. The Draft EIR and other associated documents, including the project site plans can also be viewed on the College's website: <http://www.marin.edu>.

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received, *in writing*, by the end of the review period, January 31, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Comments can be sent to:

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Written comments may also be submitted via email to llowe@esassoc.com with "COM NAC DEIR" noted in the subject line.