




COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED OPERATIONAL CHANGES TO THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS**

DATE: September 13, 2012
TO: All Interested Parties
FROM: Joan Rupert, Section Head 
Environmental and Regulatory Permitting

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 1008 Elden Way in the northern portion of the City of Beverly Hills, just north of the renowned Beverly Hills Hotel. The City of Beverly Hills is located in western Los Angeles County and is bound by the City of Los Angeles in all directions. The approximately 6.2-acre project site is generally bound by Elden Way to the south, Cove Way to the west, Carolyn Way to the north, and residential uses to the east. The site is located at the end of a cul-de-sac (Elden Way) in an established residential area of Beverly Hills. Figure 1 (Project Vicinity and Regional Location Map) illustrates the project site's regional location and vicinity.

PROJECT TITLE: Proposed Operational Changes to the Virginia Robison Gardens

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

To meet the current primary goals of the Virginia Robinson Gardens, the proposed project includes revisions to the operational characteristics and public accessibility of the project site, requiring modifications to the operational limitations established in the 1980 EIR.

The following operational revisions are proposed:

- **Days open to the public:** Tuesday to Saturday (5 days per week); all holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Years Day
- **Hours for public use:** 8 hours per day (9:30 AM to 5:30 PM)
- **Number of patrons in attendance:** Maximum of 100 visitors per day with advanced reservations, in any combination of the currently allowed uses (tours, classes/seminars, commercial filming, etc.)
- **Types of events:** Public programs to conform to new day/hours and number of participants allowed; however, subject matter for seminar/classes to be determined at the discretion of the Park Superintendent based on how well the classes interpret the historical collections of Mrs. Robinson. This includes continuation of the use of the site for tours of the grounds for biology, botany, and horticulture groups.
- **Special Uses:** Limited to six per year, with expanded themes. Themes would be determined at the discretion of the Park Superintendent. Programs must continue to focus on the historical interpretation of the facility.

- **Parking:** All parking requires advanced reservation, as follows:
 - > Parking required on the property
 - > No street parking permitted on Elden Way without advanced reservation. With advanced reservation, allow visitors to walk to the gardens from nearby public streets pursuant to street signs; visitors could also walk to the gardens from public transportation
 - > With limited exception and advanced reservation, allow visitors to be dropped off at the entrance of the gardens
 - > With limited exception and advanced reservation, allow street parking, if a vehicle does not fit through driveway gate or porte-cochere

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) examines potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment and the surrounding neighborhood. The SEIR will be available for public review on September 13, 2012, at:

- The Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department: 510 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020.
- Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation website: <http://parks.lacounty.gov> (please scroll to the bottom of the webpage to find a link to the Draft Supplemental EIR)
- Beverly Hills Public Library: 444 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The County of Los Angeles encourages public comment on this project. Copies of the SEIR for the proposed project are available for your review at the offices of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, at the Beverly Hills Public Library, and online, as listed above.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 13, 2012, to October 12, 2012. All comments must be postmarked or dated by October 12, 2012.

WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS

Written comments will be accepted via email or at the following address during the comment period listed above:

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