



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)
FOR THE EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON PARK
MASTER PLAN PROJECT**

EXTENSION OF DEIR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Date: September 2, 2015
To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations and Persons
From: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
Project Title: Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan Project

(Revision September 24, 2015: Inclusion of "SUMMARY OF IMPACTS" section below and extension of the PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO OCTOBER 26, 2015)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 905 East El Segundo Boulevard, in Willowbrook, a large urbanized community within unincorporated Los Angeles County, California, south of the City of Watts and North of the City of Compton. The project site includes the existing Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park, the adjacent area once occupied by the Ujima Village development and the UHC property. The project site includes approximately 104 acres of existing park land, approximately 16 acres of former Ujima Village property, and approximately 6 acres of UHC property for a total proposed project of approximately 126 acres.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to improve the existing Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park. The project would include the creation of a living system through water and community by utilizing water in five different ways-civic, play, community, filtration, and lake. The entire water system would run south to north, El Segundo Boulevard to East 120th Street, creating a park that transitions from civic urban park to a natural native California landscape.

SUMMARY OF IMPACTS: The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) examines potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment and the surrounding neighborhood. Issues addressed in the DEIR include Aesthetics, Light, and Glare; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils and Seismicity; Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use; Noise; Public Services and Utilities; Recreation and Transportation and Circulation. Impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soil, Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Transportation and Circulation would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures. There are two potentially significant and unavoidable impacts that could not be reduced to less than significance with implementation of mitigation measures: Noise and Recreation.

The DEIR was made available for public review on September 2, 2015, at:

- The Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department: 510 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020
- County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation South Agency Headquarters: 360 West El Segundo Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90061

- County of Los Angeles Public Library - Willowbrook Branch: 11838 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059
- Athens County Park: 12603 Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90059
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health: 11833 South Wilmington Avenue., Los Angeles, CA 90059
- 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 DEIR)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 2, 2015 to ~~November 19~~ October 26, 2015. All comments must be postmarked or dated by ~~November 19~~ October 26, 2015.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND COMMENT: If you wish to review a copy of the Draft EIR, you may do so, by appointment, at: Los Angeles County, Department of Parks & Recreation, Planning Division, 510 South Vermont Avenue, Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90020. To make an appointment, please contact Norma Rivera at (213) 351-8943. Review hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm. The review hours at the Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation, South Agency Headquarters, 360 West El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061, are Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS

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

Los Angeles County
Department of Parks and Recreation
510 S. Vermont Avenue, Room 201
Attention: Jui Ing Chien, Park Planner
Email: jchien@parks.lacounty.gov

This Notice of Availability is also online
at: <http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Newsroom/EnvironmentalDocuments/>

DEIR PUBLIC MEETING

A DEIR Public Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10 AM to 12 PM at Athens Park Gymnasium. The purpose of the DEIR Public Meeting is to solicit public comments regarding environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIR. If you are unable to attend the public meeting, please submit comments to "Where to Send Comments" address above.

Date:	Saturday, September 12, 2015
Time:	10AM-12PM
Location:	Athens Park Gymnasium 12603 Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90059



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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Enclosed is a revised Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Master Plan Project. As the lead agency, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is extending the public comment period from October 16, 2015 to October 26, 2015 in order to give all interested parties an additional ten (10) days to review and provide comment on the DEIR.

Written comments on the DEIR must be submitted by **October 26, 2015**. The DEIR is available at the following website: <http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Newsroom/EnvironmentalDocuments/>

Please send your comments to:

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Also, based on questions we received at the community meeting on September 12, 2015, I would like to explain the following key terms used throughout this environmental review process:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA is the California Environmental Quality Act (pronounced SEEQUA). Passed into law in 1970, CEQA sets statewide policies that require both state and local agencies to consider the environmental consequences of decisions that involve changes to the environment. The purposes of CEQA are to:

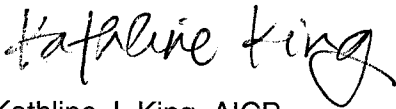
1. Provide information about the environmental effects of projects.
2. Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or reduced.
3. Prevent significant environmental damage through mitigation measures or alternatives.
4. Disclose the reasons why a project was approved despite significant environmental impacts.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The EIR is an informational document to be used by the public and decision-makers when making choices about projects. When a project has the potential to significantly damage the environment, CEQA requires that a Draft EIR (DEIR) be prepared. In the DEIR, significant environmental damages (also called effects or impacts) are identified; methods (mitigation measures) for reducing or avoiding damage are identified; and project alternatives are developed which seek to reduce or avoid adverse environmental effects. Any interested agencies, organizations, and individuals can comment on the DEIR. The lead agency is required to consider all comments on the DEIR and must prepare written responses to them. After the public review period ends, the lead agency prepares a final EIR (FEIR) which consists of the DEIR, comments received on the DEIR, and the lead agency's responses to the comments.

If you have any questions about the DEIR or the environmental review process for this project, please feel free to contact Jui Ing Chien, Park Planner, of my staff at (213) 351-5129 or via email at jchien@parks.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathline King".

Kathline J. King, AICP
Chief of Planning

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