



# **CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1960 Tate St. • East Palo Alto, CA 94303

**DATE:** January 17, 2012

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of the Ravenswood/4 Corners Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2011052006).

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Notice is Hereby Given that the City of East Palo Alto, as the Lead Agency, is circulating for public review the Ravenswood/4 Corners Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (SCH# 2011052006).

**Project Location:** The project is located in the northeastern corner of the City of East Palo Alto.

**Project Description:** The proposed Specific Plan would allow the development of 835 residential units, 1,268,500 square feet of office development, 112,400 square feet of retail development, 351,820 square feet of industrial/R&D development, 61,000 square feet of community/civic uses, multiple parks and trails, and supporting infrastructure. The proposed project involves the approval of a Specific Plan, Program EIR, and Zoning and General Plan Amendments. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose any listed toxic sites. The Draft EIR Chapter 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, identifies the known sites with potential restrictions, open/active remediation, and/or institutional controls.

**Draft EIR:** The Draft EIR identifies no significant environmental effects in the following categories: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Population and Housing, Public Services and Recreation, and Utilities and Service Systems.

The Draft EIR identifies potential significant environmental effects that can be mitigated to a less than significant level in the following categories: Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources; and Noise.

The Draft EIR identifies potential significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following categories: Air Quality and Transportation/Traffic.

**Availability:** The Draft EIR and Specific Plan can be viewed at the following locations:

1. East Palo Alto Library, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303
2. City Clerk, East Palo Alto, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303
3. Online at: <http://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/economicdev/dumbarton.html>

**Informational Meetings/Public Hearing:** There are three public meetings (two informational meetings and one Public Hearing) scheduled at this point. Comments at the March 12, 2012 Public Hearing are entered into the public record of comments on the Draft EIR.

1. Informational Meeting-Community Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2012, Community Room, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303
2. Informational Meeting-Community Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012, Community Room, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303
3. Public Hearing- East Palo Alto Planning Commission Meeting, Public Hearing, Monday, March 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., or as near as possible thereafter. City Council Chambers, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303

### **Public Review Period & Comments**

**The Public review period for the Draft EIR has been set from Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2012. This is a total of 57 days. Verbal comments can be provided at the Public Hearing. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2012.**

Written comments must be addressed to:

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[scharpentier@cityofepa.org](mailto:scharpentier@cityofepa.org) (Include "Specific Plan" in the subject box.)

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**If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the March 12, 2012 Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City of East Palo Alto before the close of the Public Review Period at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.**