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**To:** Distribution List From: North Orange County Community College District

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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for

the Fullerton College Facilities Master Plan

North Orange County Community College District (District) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Fullerton College Facilities Master Plan. The District is updating its Facilities Master Plan, which provides an analysis of the evolving student body and makes planning recommendations based on their education needs.

## **Project Description**

Fullerton College is generally bound by Berkeley Avenue to the north and east, Chapman Avenue to the south, and Lemon Street to the west. New academic, auxiliary, and general administrative uses would be constructed as part of the proposed project, which also includes the expansion of existing buildings. The proposed project would also involve the demolition, removal and rehabilitation of existing buildings and facilities. Approximately 840 parking spaces would be created from construction of a new parking structure. In total across the campus, 1,198 parking spaces would be added and 741 would be lost, resulting in a net gain of 457 spaces. New signage at campus entryways, clear and safe vehicular drop-offs and creation of more pedestrian pathways would occur. For more information, Chapter 3 of the Program EIR includes a detailed project description. The Facilities Master Plan no longer includes the proposed improvements to Sherbeck Field, which will be evaluated under a separate CEQA document. All comments related to the Sherbeck Field project will be addressed in that specific CEQA document and will not be addressed in this EIR.

## **Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts**

Based on analysis provided in the Draft Program EIR, it was determined that there would be no impacts or less-than-significant impacts related to agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, mineral resources, population and housing, public

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services, and recreation. There would be less-than-significant impacts with mitigation related to aesthetics, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, and utilities and service systems. The Draft Program EIR also determined that the proposed project would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance related to cultural resources (historic resources), and traffic and circulation.

## **Public Comment Period**

The Draft Program EIR is available through the District's website (http://www.nocccd.edu/) and the Fullerton College website <a href="www.fullcoll.edu/campusprojects">www.fullcoll.edu/campusprojects</a> for a 45-day public comment period from August 18, 2017 through October 01, 2017. A copy of the Draft Program EIR is also available for public review at the Fullerton Public Library, 353 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, California 92832, and at the Administrative Offices, North Orange County Community College District, Anaheim campus, located at the address above. Comments on the Draft Program EIR may be made in writing, with a contact name and return address or email, and should be sent to Richard Williams at the address shown above. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

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