



**REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR HUNTINGTON EDUCATION AND VISITOR CENTER PROJECT**

DATE: MAY 19, 2011

TO: AGENCIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: CITY OF SAN MARINO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE FOR RECIRCULATION: A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed project was previously issued for a 30-day review beginning on April 21, 2011 and ending on May 23, 2011. The purpose of revising the NOP is to provide more specific information about the proposed modifications to the existing Historical and Cultural Zone Ordinance and proposed conditional use permit provisions. That information will be available on May 24, 2011. In addition, the noticing area for the NOP will be expanded beyond the City standard 300-foot radius distribution to include other properties within 1,000 feet of The Huntington property.. This revised NOP will also be redistributed to all the public agencies, individuals, and organizations that were sent the original NOP on April 21, 2011 or who attended the Scoping Meeting held on May 2, 2011. In light of the revised NOP, the comment period in which to comment on the Revised NOP is extended by an additional 30 days, and written comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be submitted on or before June 22, 2011.

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the **Huntington Education and Visitor Center Project**

PROJECT LOCATION: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens (The Huntington), 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 (See attached map).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: The Huntington Education and Visitor Center Project (proposed Project) has three basic components: 1) modifying the existing Historical and Cultural Zone Ordinance; 2) a conditional use permit to allow redevelopment of facilities, parking, landscaping, and other improvements within the existing entry complex area, and 3) a conditional use permit to allow The Huntington to occasionally exceed maximum daily vehicle counts and standard operating hours a limited number of days per year, and to allow larger outdoor events with amplified sound to be conducted only in certain areas on the site. The New Education and Visitor Center would replace the following existing facilities with new ones: Overseers' Room, Garden Court, multi-purpose room, store and ticketing kiosk, and coffee shop (currently a coffee cart), the café portion of the tea room building, the catering kitchen, restrooms, and loading dock. The New Education and Visitor Center would also include a new auditorium, four classrooms, and a below-grade collections and storage area with a connecting tunnel to the basement of the Munger Research Center. The total increase in above ground floor area would be approximately 43,000 square feet. In addition, the proposed Project would include restriping of the parking lot north of Gray Drive, reconfiguring the parking lot perimeter roads from a one-way to two-way roadway system, and reconfiguring the internal access drives near the Oxford and Allen Gates. The total site area proposed for redevelopment involves approximately 26.8 acres of the 207-acre Huntington property. Although the Project would upgrade and expand certain facilities, it would not materially change existing activities or attendance at the site.

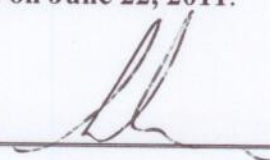
The City of San Marino as the Lead Agency has determined that an Environmental Impact Report will be required to analyze the environmental effects of the proposed Project. Environmental issues identified as having the potential to result in significant impacts with implementation of the proposed Project include: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use/Planning, Noise, and Transportation/Traffic. In accordance with CEQA(Public Resources Code Section 21092.6(a)), and as further described in the Initial Study, the Project site is not included in the Cortese List compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5; however a portion of The Huntington property in front of the Boone Gallery is included on the list compiled by the State Water Resources Control Board for underground tank removal. The Initial Study is currently available for public review, **and the proposed modifications to the existing Historical and Cultural Zone Ordinance and the proposed conditional use permit provisions** will be available for review on the City of San Marino website <http://www.cityofsanmarino.org>, at the Planning and Building Department counter (2200 Huntington Drive, 1st Floor), and at the Crowell Public Library (1890 Huntington Drive) on May 24, 2011.

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The City encourages public comment on this Project. Comments, questions, or information regarding environmental issues or alternatives that should be evaluated in the EIR should be sent to:

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Written comments must be submitted **by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2011.**

Date May 19, 2011 Signature 
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