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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project: Paakuma Park Sports Lighting Project
Lead Agency: San Bernardino City Unified School District
Review Period: September 2, 2024 to October 2, 2024 (30 days)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that San Bernardino City Unified School District (District) has prepared an Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Paakuma Park Sports Lighting Project (project) to address the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the project. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15050, the District is the lead agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to 1) serve as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND and 2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The District invites you to comment on the IS/MND. The IS/MND will be available for a 30-day public review from **September 2, 2024, to October 2, 2024**. We ask that any person wishing to comment on the IS/MND provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 p.m., **October 2, 2024**.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following locations:

San Bernardino City Unified School District
SBCUSD - Facilities Planning and Development
956 W. 9th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92411

The document can also be accessed online at: <https://sbcusdfacilities.com/publications/>

You may send comments by email or mail to the addresses below:

San Bernardino City Unified School District
Thomas Pace, Director
956 W. 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411
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PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located at 17875 Sycamore Creek Loop Parkway (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 111601213 and 111601214), in unincorporated San Bernardino County

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(project site). The Paakuma K-8 School is located directly west of the park and single-family residential uses surround the park site to the north, east, and south. Surrounding local roads include Blackberry Drive to the south, Clove Way to the east, and Sycamore Creek Loop parkway to the north. See Figure 1, Regional Location, and Figure 2, Aerial View.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would include the installation of 11 stadium light poles, and trenching for an electrical utility line to the proposed stadium light poles. No trees would be removed, and no new landscaping or off-site improvements are being proposed. Fencing adjacent to the basketball courts and around the perimeter of the baseball/softball fields would be demolished and replaced with similar fencing. The proposed project would not construct any new buildings and is not proposing improvements to the parking lot or driveway.

The proposed project would extend the amount of time the baseball/softball fields could be used by installing stadium lights for nighttime events. Project construction would occur in one phase from March 2025 to June 2025.

The discretionary actions and approvals required for project implementation are 1) the adoption of the MND, 2) the adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and 3) project approval by the District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The District has prepared an IS to determine the proposed project's potential impact on the environment. The District has determined that the proposed project may have significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, and tribal cultural resources, but by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the proposed project's impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels. Accordingly, the District intends to adopt an IS/MND.

Applicant: San Bernardino City Unified School District
Lead Agency: San Bernardino City Unified School District
Consulting Firm: PlaceWorks

Date: September 2, 2024

Signature:

Thomas Pace, Director
San Bernardino City Unified School District

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