



## **CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO Community Development Department Planning Division**

### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE JEWELLED PALACE BUDDHIST TEMPLE AT DHARMA REALM** (Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the City of West Sacramento has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Jeweled Palace Buddhist Temple at Dharma Realm (“Proposed Temple Project” or “Proposed Project”). The City of West Sacramento determined that construction and operation of Proposed Temple Project would not have significant impacts on the environment. All potentially significant impacts identified in the IS would be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of the identified appropriate mitigation measures.

**Project Description:** The Sagely City of Dharma Realm (“Dharma Realm”) is a 14.30-acre-religious worship and educational institution dedicated to worship and the orthodox teachings of the Buddha located at 1029 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California (APN 067-320-005 and 067-320-002). Dharma Realm has submitted an application to the City to construct the Proposed Temple Project, which would be nested within their existing campus. The Proposed Temple Project would involve partial demolition of two buildings and total demolition of a courtyard and associated courtyard features and an “L” shaped structure in the southwest portion of the property. Once demolition is complete, a new 3-story, approximately 90-foot-tall Temple Building and pedestrian bridge (“Sky Bridge”) would be constructed. The proposed Temple Building would be 99,414 square feet (sf) and octagonal in shape, modeled after traditional Buddhist and Eastern architecture. The ground floor of the building would include a kitchen and a dining area. The second level would serve as a lecture space and the third level would include a temple hall. The Sky Bridge would be constructed beginning in the southwest portion of the site and would consist of a mix of steps and a paved bridge pathway that would ascend over two existing buildings to connect to the third story of the building. The total area of the Sky Bridge would be 19,620 sf for a total combined area of 119,034 sf. The Proposed Project would also include the construction of three new entrance/egress areas, including a gated archway along El Rancho Court that would serve as the main site access, as well as a pedestrian plaza and vehicular circulation and pedestrian connectivity improvements within the site. As part of the Proposed Project, Dharma Realm would also host two annual special events and seminars for up to 2,000 attendees on two weekends.

**Public Comment Period: June 27, 2025, to July 28, 2025.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of West Sacramento intends to adopt a CEQA MND for the Proposed Project on August 21<sup>st</sup> at its regular Planning Commission meeting, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines. The public, all interested agencies, and stakeholders are invited to review the IS/MND and submit written comments, pursuant to CEQA. The IS/MND may be accessed through the City of West Sacramento's website:

<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/community-development/planning-division/major-planning-projects>

**Written comments are due by 5 PM on July 28, 2025**, and may be sent via USPS mail to: City of West Sacramento, Community Development Department, Attention: Seamus Laffey, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691.

Or via email to: [SEAMUSL@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:SEAMUSL@cityofwestsacramento.org)

Please reference *Jeweled Palace Buddhist Temple at Dharma Realm Comments* in the subject line.