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Project Title: Districtwide Datacenter Consolidation – Omega Project

Project Location: Los Angeles Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Los Angeles Community College District ("LACCD") is consolidating most administrative and educational systems at two district-wide Data Centers. One of the two datacenter buildings already exists on the Valley College campus and is commonly referred to as the Omega Datacenter. This project will upgrade the Omega Data Center to Tier III which involves (1) renovating the existing building without increasing its footprint, and (2) upgrading/replacing mechanical/electrical systems; as well as (3) constructing improvements to the appurtenant area to make way for a large mobile diesel generator for redundant power in the event of a power outage ("Datacenter" and/or "Project").

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Community College District and Build LACCD

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Exempt Status: Categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR § 15301, 14 CCR § 15302, and 14 CCR § 15303

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. 14 CCR 15301 – Existing Facilities

CEQA categorical exemption 1, also known as the "existing facilities" exemption, applies to the operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities, structures, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. This exemption applies when there is no or negligible expansion of the existing or former use. The exemption itself provides examples of the types of projects it covers, including, but not limited to (1) "...utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services", (2) "restoration or rehabilitation of...mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety...", and (3) installation...of a steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste...." (14 CCR 15301).

The Project involves the (1) renovation/upgrade of the existing building without increasing its footprint, and (2) upgrading/replacing mechanical/electrical systems; as well as (3) constructing improvements to the appurtenant area and topography to make way for a large mobile diesel generator for redundant power in the event of a power outage.

2. 14 CCR 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures of Facilities

An additional CEQA exemption that applies to the Project is the Class 2 exemption, which consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. (14 CCR 15302). Replacement structures and facilities do not need to have the exact same footprint as prior structures and facilities; instead, it is sufficient if it is located on the same overall project site. (*Dehne v. County of Santa Cruz* (1981) 115 Cal. App. 3d. 827, 837).

This exemption includes, but not limited to (1) "replacement or reconstruction of existing schools...to provide earthquake resistant structures which do not increase capacity more than 50 percent", (2) "replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity", (3) "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity", and (4) conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines..." (14 CCR 15302).

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As this Project involves the (1) renovation/upgrade of the existing building without increasing its footprint, and (2) upgrading/replacing mechanical/electrical systems, the exemption found at 14 CCR 15302 also applies to the Project.

3. 14 CCR 15303 – Construction, Installation or Conversion of Small Structures, Facilities, or Equipment

The Class 3 exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to, (1) "water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements...," (2) "accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences", and (3) "an accessory steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste...". (14 CCR 15303)

The Project involves constructing improvements to the appurtenant areas of the Project to make way for a mobile diesel generator for redundant power in the event of a power outage. This kind of construction of a structure appurtenant to the main structure is covered by this exemption.

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