RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE NEW COSMETOLOGY BUILDING
AT 4800 MAGNOLIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, RCCD Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Project Title: Riverside City College New Cosmetology Building at 4800 Magnolia Steet in the City of Riverside

Project Location: 4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Project Description:

The Riverside Community College District (RCCD) is proposing construction of a new Cosmetology Building at Riverside City College (RCC). The new Cosmetology Building will accommodate the College's enrollment by increasing instructional capacity for dedicated laboratory and faculty office space. This proposed Cosmetology Building will include modern technology and infrastructure compatible with specialized equipment needs for the career technical education programs that the building houses. Increasing the number and size of dedicated Cosmetology laboratories with modern technology/equipment will improve student success, completion rates, and train students for gainful employment in their chosen career pathway.

The proposed Cosmetology Building will be located on the lower campus adjacent to the Ramona Street Entrance in Parking Lot G. Additionally, the proposed Cosmetology Building will encompass 35,086 Gross Square Feet (GSF) and consists of 23,171 Assignable Square Feet (ASF). Functional space within the building will include 18,675 ASF of laboratory space, 2,723 ASF of office, and 1,773 ASF of other support space. The future use of the existing Cosmetology building is still undetermined; it may be repurposed or demolished. Once an updated use is identified, that Project will undergo CEQA review at that time.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the following physical location:

Riverside Community College District - Facilities Planning and Development
3801 Market Street 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

You may obtain the document in electronic format at https://rccd.edu/admin/bfs/fpd/eir.html or by emailing the Director at mehran.mohtasham@rccd.edu. To request a PDF version of the document from the Project & Facilities Management Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the IS/MND is available for the CEQA-required 20 to 30-day public review period beginning **12/18/2025** through **1/19/2026 at 5:00 PM.** Please submit comments to mehran.mohtasham@rccd.edu or to:

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