NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO:	State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties, and County Clerk of San Mateo County
DATE:	October 28, 2026
SUBJECT:	**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Public Hearing**
LEAD AGENCY:	City of East Palo Alto
PROJECT TITLE:	Martin Luther King Jr. Park Master Plan Project
PROJECT AREA:	435 Daisy Lane, City of East Palo Alto

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of East Palo Alto, as the Lead Agency, has prepared an Initial Study for the project identified below and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration on the project. The minimum review period for this document is twenty (20) days. The document is available for review at the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division office, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto and online at https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/parksrec/page/park-projects.

Project Location: The approximately 13.89-acre project site includes MLK Jr. Park in East Palo Alto and undeveloped parcels located to the north, east, and south of the existing park which contain seasonal wetlands, potential seasonal wetlands, and ruderal grassland. The project site consists of five parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 063-600-060, 063-600-999, 063-390-030, 063-580-050, and 063-580-040). The project site is **not** included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to the California Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project Description: The proposed project would redevelop the existing 4.7-acre park and playing fields, expand the park into undeveloped land adjacent to the east and north resulting in a total of 13.89 acres, and construct a new access road south from the Daisy Lane parking lot to O'Connor Street. The project would construct one new lighted synthetic multi-sport playing field with a perimeter track, one new lighted synthetic baseball field, lighted sports courts, lighted amphitheater/performance stage, all-inclusive playground, exercise equipment, fenced dog park, public address (PA) system, and a new surface 44 space parking lot with access from Beech Street. The project would preserve the existing seasonal wetlands and potential seasonal wetlands on the project site. The existing concessions/restroom building, play structure, and BBQ/picnic areas would be retained and renovated, the existing fence along the western project boundary would be replaced with a new eight to 10-foot-tall chain-link fence with privacy screen, and the existing parking lot off Daisy Lane would be expanded from 25 to 71 spaces.

Public Review and Comment: The review period for the Initial Study and MND extends from October 28-November 17. Comments must be submitted in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department at the address below prior to the close of the public comment period. The Initial Study and draft MND are available for review during the circulation period at https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/parksrec/page/park-projects or in print at the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division office, 1960 Tate Street. A copy is also available at the San

Mateo County Public Library located at 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303. Please call (650) 853-3189 to make an appointment.

Interested residents, agencies, and other concerned citizens may transmit their concerns or comments within the public review period. Please direct your comments regarding potential environmental impacts to: Maurice Baker, Community Services Manager, City of East Palo Alto, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that on December 15, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City of East Palo Alto City Council will conduct a hearing on the following item:

- **Public Hearing:** Martin Luther King Jr. Park Master Plan Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- **Location/APN:** 435 Daisy Lane/063-600-060, 063-600-999, 063-390-030, 063-580-050, and 063-580-040
- **Proposal:** Expansion and renovation of an existing City park as described above.
- **Recommendation:** By resolution, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines for the development of expansion and renovation of an existing park.
- **Project Planner:** Maurice Baker, mbaker@cityofepa.org, (650) 660-2527

A challenge to the above item in court may raise only those issues which were raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence to the City of East Palo Alto at, or prior to, the public hearing, or submitted to the City of East Palo Alto as a comment on the Initial Study before October 30, at 5:00 PM, as described below. For further information regarding this meeting, contact the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division, (650) 853-3185. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires reasonable accommodation and access for the physically challenged. Those requesting such accommodation should contact the Planning Commission Secretary at (650) 853-3189 four days before the hearing date.

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