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To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

From: Coast Community College District
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**Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the
Orange Coast College Vision 2020 Facilities Master Plan**

The Coast Community College District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Orange Coast College Vision 2020 Facilities Master Plan. The District is undertaking a comprehensive improvement and building program to meet increasing enrollment and to make the upgrades and repairs of existing buildings as well as to construct new facilities to improve the safety and educational experience of those attending its colleges in accordance with Measure M. Measure M was passed in November 2012 and issued \$698 million in bonds to fund the expansion of courses and academic buildings in engineering, math, science, and technology, as well as to upgrade technologies, construct and repair facilities, and improve resources for active military personnel and veterans at all three District campuses.

Project Description:

The proposed project involves construction of approximately 1,222,455 assignable square feet (ASF) of new academic, administrative, residential, parking facilities, and recreational uses on the Orange Coast College campus at 2701 Fairview Road in Costa Mesa. In addition to new construction, the proposed project would involve the renovation of four existing buildings, totaling approximately 67,953 ASF and demolition of approximately 166,784 ASF. A new Planetarium, a student housing project and a mixed-use development would be added to the campus. The proposed project would also involve improvements to the pedestrian circulation network in and around campus and the enhancement of open space areas through landscape and

pedestrian plaza improvements. Construction of the proposed project would result in the reconfiguration of existing parking lots and vehicular entryways, and the addition of a parking structure on an existing OC Fair & Event Center lot at Fairview Road and Arlington Avenue.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:

Based on analysis provided in the Draft PEIR, it was determined that there will be less than significant impacts related to Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Traffic and Circulation, and Utilities and Service Systems. The Draft PEIR also determined that proposed project would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance related to Cultural Resources.

Public Comment Period and Public Meeting:

The Draft PEIR is available through the Coast Community College District website (<http://www.cccd.edu/news/publications.aspx>) for a 45-day public comment period from June 16, 2014 through July 30, 2014. A copy of the Draft PEIR is also available for public review at the Mesa Verde Branch Library (2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa CA, 92626). Comments on the Draft PEIR may be made in writing, and should be sent to Jerry Marchbank at the address shown above. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than 45 days after receipt of this notice. A public meeting to consider public comments will be held on Monday, June 30 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Student Center at Orange Coast College 2701 Fairview Road Costa Mesa, CA 92626.



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