

## **PREFACE**

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This document has been prepared by the City of Los Altos as the Lead Agency, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The level of specificity of analysis included in the EIR is adequate for the purpose of considering the potential environmental impacts from the proposed development of the 0.80-acre site with a community swim center.

In accordance with CEQA, this EIR provides objective information regarding the environmental consequences of the proposed project to the decision makers who will be considering and reviewing the proposed project. The CEQA Guidelines contain the following general information on the role of an EIR and its contents:

§15121(a) Informational Document. An EIR is an informational document which would inform public agency decision makers and the public of the significant environmental effects of a project, identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and describe reasonable alternatives to the project. The public agency shall consider the information in the EIR, along with other information which may be presented to the agency.

§15151 Standards for Adequacy of an EIR. An EIR should be prepared with a sufficient degree of analysis to provide decision makers with information which enables them to make a decision which intelligently considers environmental consequences. An evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed project need not be exhaustive, but the sufficiency of an EIR is to be reviewed in light of what is reasonably feasible. Disagreement among experts does not make an EIR inadequate, but the EIR should summarize the main points of disagreement among the experts. The courts have looked not for perfection, but for adequacy, completeness, and a good-faith effort at full disclosure.

All documents referenced in this EIR are available for public review during normal business hours in the office of the City of Los Altos Community Development Department, located at One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California.