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INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Plan Area

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Kaiser Permanente Outpatient Medical Facility - Baldwin Hills MOB

Case Number: ENV-2013-4103-MND

Project Location: Current Address: 4055 - 4081 S. Marlton Ave.

Proposed Address: 3780 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008

Council District: 10

Project Description: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., (the "Applicant") proposes to develop a 105,000 square foot outpatient medical facility project on an approximately 8.65 gross acres (376,633 square feet) site bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the north, Marlton Avenue to the east, Santa Rosalia Drive to the south and Buckingham Road to the west. The Proposed Project will include the construction of a four-story (approx. 60 feet above grade) outpatient medical facility building with a proposed floor area ratio (FAR) of approximately 0.28:1. The project would provide approximately 525 surface parking spaces in accordance with the LAMC parking requirements. Vehicular access to the site will be provided primarily from a proposed two-way access easement driveway from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and three secondary driveways; one on Buckingham Road and two on Marlton Avenue. A vehicular service entrance will be provided off Santa Rosalia Drive. Additionally, the Project will incorporate photovoltaic panels as part of an architectural rooftop feature and solar arrays distributed throughout the parking areas and landscaped plaza. A green roof will be provided on both the second and third level of the Proposed Project. The Applicant will be seeking a minimum LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, with an aim to achieve LEED platinum certification for a net zero energy efficient building.

The Applicant is requesting the following entitlements be granted pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC"): (a) Project Permit Compliance approval of a 4-story, 105,000 square-foot outpatient medical facility with a maximum building height of 60 feet pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 C and Section 5.A of the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan; (b) Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 F Specific Plan Exceptions from (i) 14c and Design Standard 11i of the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan Design Guidelines and Standards Manual to allow two surface parking lots to be located on the sides of the structure, fronting along Santa Rosalia Drive and portions of Marlton Avenue and Buckingham Road and (ii) 14c and Design Standard 8a of the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan Design Guidelines and Standards Manual to allow a 2'-6" high fence on top of the required 3' – 6" high wall (total 6'-0" high) adjacent to surface parking lots fronting along adjacent streets and a 6'-0" high fence fronting along adjacent streets; (c) Design Review approval pursuant to LAMC Section 16.50 and Section 14 Design Review of the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan; and (d) Site Plan Review pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05. The Applicant will also request approvals and permits from the Department of Building and Safety (and other municipal agencies) for project construction activities including, but not limited to, the following: demolition, grading, foundation, and a haul route environmental review for the hauling of approx. 74,146 cy of soil (37,073 cy of export and 37,073 cy of import).

APPLICANT:

PREPARED BY:

ON BEHALF OF:

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.

Parker Environmental Consultants

The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Environmental Analysis Section

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD CITY AGENCY: City of Los Angeles		COUNCIL DISTRICT: 10	
PROJECT TITLE: Kaiser Permanente Outpatient	ENVIRONMENTAL CASE:	CASE NO.	
Medical Facility - Baldwin Hills MOB	ENV-2013-4103-MND	APCS-2013-4102-SPE-DRB-SPP	

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc.

393 Walnut Street

Pasadena, CA 91188

FINDING: The Department of City Planning of the City of Los Angeles has proposed that a mitigated negative declaration be adopted for this project. The mitigation measures outlined on the attached pages will reduce any potentially significant adverse effects to a level of insignificance.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET(S) FOR ANY MITIGATION MEASURES IMPOSED

Any written comment received during the public review period are attached together with the response of the Lead City Agency. The project decision-maker may adopt the mitigated negative declaration, amend it, or require preparation of an EIR. Any changes made should be supported by substantial evidence in the record and appropriate findings made.

THE EXPANDED INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT IS ATTACHED.

NAME OF PERSON PREPARING FORM Lateef Sholebo		TELEPHONE NUMBER (213) 978-1222
ADDRESS 200 North Spring Street, 7 th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012	SIGNATURE (Official)	DATE May 8, 2014

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

INITIAL STUDY and CHECKLIST (CEQA Guidelines Section 15063)

LEAD CITY AGENCY:	COUNCIL DISTRICT:	DATE:			
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning	CD 10 - Herb J. Wesson, Jr.	May 8, 2014			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES: Building and Safety, Department of Transportation					
ENVIRONMENTAL CASE: RELATED CASES:					
ENV-2013-4103-MND	APCS-2013-4102-SPE-DRB-SPP				
PREVIOUS ACTIONS CASE NO.	☐ DOES have significant changes from	m previous actions.			
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COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: STATUS: ☐ Preliminary ☑ Proposed ☑ ADOPTED in 2003	West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert ☑ Does Conform to Plan ☐ Does NOT Conform to Plan	AREA PLANNING COMMISSION: South Los Angeles	CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Empowerment Congress West Area
EXISTING ZONING: [Q]C2-2D	MAX DENSITY ZONING: 1.5:1	LA River Adjacent	: No
GENERAL PLAN LAND USE:	MAX. DENSITY PLAN:	PROPOSED PROJECT DENSITY:	
Regional Commercial	1.5:1	0.28:1	

Determination (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the	basis	of this	initial	eval	uation
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	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE
	DECLARATION will be prepared.
\boxtimes	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be
	a significant effect in this case because revisions on the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
	I find the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based
	on earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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Signature	Title	Phone

Evaluation of Environmental Impacts:

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less that significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of a mitigation measure has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analysis," as described in (5) below, may be cross referenced).

- 5. Earlier analysis must be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR, or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated
- 7. Supporting Information Sources: A sources list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whichever format is selected.
- 9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant.

Environmental Factors Potentially Affected:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

■ AESTHETICS	☑ GREENHOUSE GAS	POPULATION AND HOUSING			
☐ AGRICULTURE AND FOREST	EMISSIONS	☑ PUBLIC SERVICES			
RESOURCES	☒ HAZARDS AND	☐ RECREATION			
☑ AIR QUALITY	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	⊠TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION			
☑ BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	☑ HYDROLOGY AND WATER	☑ UTILITIES			
☑ CULTURAL RESOURCES	QUALITY	☑ MANDATORY FINDINGS OF			
☑ GEOLOGY AND SOILS	☐ LAND USE AND	SIGNIFICANCE			
	PLANNING				
	☐ MINERAL RESOURCES				
	⊠NOISE				
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST (To be completed by the Lead City Agency) Background					
PROPONENT NAME: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. PHONE NUMBER: (951) 906-9146					
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 393 Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91188					
AGENCY REQUIRING CHECKLIST: City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning SUBMITTED: December 18, 2013					
PROPOSAL NAME (If Applicable): Kaiser Permanente Outpatient Medical Facility - Baldwin Hills MOB					

Potentially

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ROM	SE NOTE THAT EACH AND EVERY RESPONSE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGEI II AND BASED UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS CONTAINED IN A RMINATIONS. PLEASE REFER TO THE APPLICABLE RESPONSE IN ATTAC RMINATIONS.	ATTACHEMEN'	T B, EXPLANATIO	N OF CHECKL	ST
l.	AESTHETICS				
a.	HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON A SCENIC VISTA?			X	
b.	SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGE SCENIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TREES, ROCK OUTCROPPINGS, AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS, OR OTHER LOCALLY RECOGNIZED DESIRABLE AESTHETIC NATURAL FEATURE WITHIN A CITY-DESIGNATED SCENIC HIGHWAY?				X
c.	SUBSTANTIALLY DEGRADE THE EXISTING VISUAL CHARACTER OR QUALITY OF THE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS?		X		
d.	CREATE A NEW SOURCE OF SUBSTANTIAL LIGHT OR GLARE WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT DAY OR NIGHTTIME VIEWS IN THE AREA?		X		
11.	AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES				
a.	CONVERT PRIME FARMLAND, UNIQUE FARMLAND, OR FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY, TO NONAGRICULTURAL USE?		0		X
b.	CONFLICT WITH EXISTING ZONING FOR AGRICULTURAL USE, OR A WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT?				×
c.	CONFLICT WITH EXISTING ZONING FOR, OR CAUSE REZONING OF, FOREST LAND (AS DEFINED IN PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 1220(G)), TIMBERLAND (AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 4526), OR TIMBERLAND ZONED TIMBERLAND PRODUCTION (AS DEFINED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51104(G))?				X
d.	RESULT IN THE LOSS OF FOREST LAND OR CONVERSION OF FOREST LAND TO NON-FOREST USE?				X
e.	INVOLVE OTHER CHANGES IN THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT WHICH, DUE TO THEIR LOCATION OR NATURE, COULD RESULT IN CONVERSION OF FARMLAND, TO NON-AGRICULTURAL USE OR CONVERSION OF FOREST LAND TO NON-FOREST USE?	<u> </u>			X
Ш.	AIR QUALITY				
а.	CONFLICT WITH OR OBSTRUCT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCAQMD OR CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN?			X	
b.	VIOLATE ANY AIR QUALITY STANDARD OR CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO AN EXISTING OR PROJECTED AIR QUALITY VIOLATION?		X		
C.	RESULT IN A CUMULATIVELY CONSIDERABLE NET INCREASE OF ANY CRITERIA POLLUTANT FOR WHICH THE AIR BASIN IS NON-ATTAINMENT (OZONE, CARBON MONOXIDE, & PM 10) UNDER AN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD?			X	
d.	EXPOSE SENSITIVE RECEPTORS TO SUBSTANTIAL POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS?			X	

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e.	CREATE OBJECTIONABLE ODORS AFFECTING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE?			X	
IV.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				L
а.	HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH HABITAT MODIFICATION, ON ANY SPECIES IDENTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE, SENSITIVE, OR SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES IN LOCAL OR REGIONAL PLANS, POLICIES, OR REGULATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE?		X		
b.	HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON ANY RIPARIAN HABITAT OR OTHER SENSITIVE NATURAL COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY OR REGIONAL PLANS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE?		0		X
c.	HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON FEDERALLY PROTECTED WETLANDS AS DEFINED BY SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MARSH VERNAL POOL, COASTAL, ETC.) THROUGH DIRECT REMOVAL, FILLING, HYDROLOGICAL INTERRUPTION, OR OTHER MEANS?				X
d.	INTERFERE SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE MOVEMENT OF ANY NATIVE RESIDENT OR MIGRATORY FISH OR WILDLIFE SPECIES OR WITH ESTABLISHED NATIVE RESIDENT OR MIGRATORY WILDLIFE CORRIDORS, OR IMPEDE THE USE OF NATIVE WILDLIFE NURSERY SITES?				X
e.	CONFLICT WITH ANY LOCAL POLICIES OR ORDINANCES PROTECTING BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, SUCH AS TREE PRESERVATION POLICY OR ORDINANCE (E.G., OAK TREES OR CALIFORNIA WALNUT WOODLANDS)?		X		
f.	CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AN ADOPTED HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN, OR OTHER APPROVED LOCAL, REGIONAL, OR STATE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN?				X
V.	CULTURAL RESOURCES				
а.	CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANCE OF A HISTORICAL RESOURCE AS DEFINED IN STATE CEQA SECTION 15064.5?				X
b.	CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANCE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA SECTION 15064.5?		X		
C.	DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DESTROY A UNIQUE PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCE OR SITE OR UNIQUE GEOLOGIC FEATURE?	0	X		
d.	DISTURB ANY HUMAN REMAINS, INCLUDING THOSE INTERRED OUTSIDE OF FORMAL CEMETERIES?		X		
VI.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS				
a.	EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE OR STRUCTURES TO POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS, INCLUDING THE RISK OF LOSS, INJURY OR DEATH INVOLVING:				
i.	RUPTURE OF A KNOWN EARTHQUAKE FAULT, AS DELINEATED ON THE MOST RECENT ALQUIST-PRIOLO EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONING MAP ISSUED BY THE STATE GEOLOGIST FOR THE AREA OR BASED ON		X		