NOTICE OF PREPARATION - DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

April 10, 2009

Project: 2009 Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Facilities Master Plan

Project Location: LAMC Main Campus at 13356 Eldridge Avenue; One parcel on Hubbard Street directly across from the Main Campus between Eldridge Avenue and Lexicon Avenue which was previously used as a landscaping nursery; East Campus located north and south of the intersection of Harding Street and Maclay Street in the city of Sylmar.

Lead Agency: Los Angeles Community College District

Dear Colleague,

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is hereby sent to inform you that the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) will be the Lead Agency under CEQA and is preparing a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed 2009 Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan. A brief project description is provided on page 2.

As the Lead Agency, LACCD would like to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft Program EIR will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Biological Resources
- Land Use/Planning
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Circulation
- Utilities
- Energy Conservation and Sustainability

Due to time limits mandated by state law, your response to this NOP must be received no later than 30 days after your receipt of this Notice. Please send your response to Mr. Nick Quintanilla, Construction Manager at the address on Page 2. In your response, include the name and contact information of the appropriate contact person from your agency.

This notice also serves as an invitation to a public scoping meeting to receive public input on the issues to be reviewed in the Draft Subsequent EIR. The meeting will be held at the LAMC Main Campus Center on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Michele Walters, Office Manager, at 818-367-7236 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Judith Valles, President
Los Angeles Mission College

Our Mission Is Your Success
WHY THIS NOTICE?
The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and the Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) have formulated a plan for the educational space needs of Mission College.

The proposed project, 2009 Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan is a phased development program that would expand and improve the college facilities.

Initial studies indicate that the appropriate environmental document for the proposed project is a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). In its role as the Lead Agency, the LACCD is initiating preparation of the SEIR. As a part of the environmental process, a scoping meeting is being held to gather public comments about the environmental issues to be addressed in the SEIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project revises the 2007 master plan and adds two new development areas:

Athletic Fields Complex: Baseball, Softball and Soccer fields (3). Site amenities include concession stands, restrooms, press boxes, batting cages, bull pens, a walking path, par course, and two surface parking lots.

Mission College: Mission College will use the Nursery Property on Hubbard Street between Eldridge Ave and Lexicon to provide temporary bungalow space (swing space) for departments and functions that are being displaced by the build-out of the current 2007 Master Plan. This parcel is just over an acre and would be populated with temporary facilities, parking and attractive landscaping to provide much needed swing space. In the future, the college would house programs such as Community Extension on this site.

SCOPING MEETING
The District invites you to attend the scoping meeting to be held:

Date: April 28, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Los Angeles Mission College
Main Campus Center
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

MORE INFORMATION: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009 (b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to raising those issues you or someone else raised at the public meetings and/or hearings for this project, or in written correspondence delivered to the Los Angeles Mission College at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ADA: In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, listening assistive devices are available with 24-hour advance notice. Please contact Michele Walters to request use of a listening device. Language translation services may also be requested with 24-hour advance notice.

EN ESPAÑOL: El Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios de Los Ángeles será la agencia responsable de preparar un informe para analizar las consecuencias de los efectos al medio ambiente por el proyecto de la extensión de Mission College. Si desea obtener esta información en Español, por favor llame al número siguiente (213) 996-2217. Habrá servicio de interpretación disponible para estas juntas llamando por lo menos con 24 horas de anticipación.