



City of Malibu

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
ATTN: Board of Education
1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA

RE: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MALIBU MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC PLAN

Dear Board of Education Members:

This letter is a follow-up to the City of Malibu's previous letter dated January 13, 2022, when the City requested the Board of Education to postpone the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") to allow City staff the opportunity to thoroughly review Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's ("SMMUSD's") responses to our comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR"). Thank you for honoring the City's request for additional time to finalize the review of SMMUSD's responses. The additional time has not only allowed City staff and city consultants to review the responses, but we were also able to meet with SMMUSD staff and its consultants on January 20, 2022, to discuss the outstanding concerns and established a path forward to resolve the City's issues. The City does not object to the Board's certification of the Final EIR ("FEIR"), as amended from our January 20, 2022 meeting.

City Planning Department has also completed an initial review of the coastal development permit application for Phase 1 and provided comments to SMMUSD on January 21, 2022. Provided that timely responses are provided to the City, the City anticipates a hearing before the Malibu Planning Commission no earlier than May 2022. To streamline the process required by the City of Malibu and the California Coastal Commission (CCC), the City will coordinate a meeting with City staff, SMMUSD staff, and CCC staff to continue discussions about the draft specific plan and project implementation.

Thank you again for allowing the City to engage with SMMUSD before you certify the FEIR. The brief delay will serve to streamline the remaining development review and legislative processes required for this project.

Sincerely,

Richard Mollica
Planning Director

cc: Steve McClary, Interim City Manager