



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF SCOPING SESSION FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND STUDY SESSION FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH CORPORATE CENTER PROJECT**

**CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Menlo Park, California has received an application for and has scheduled a public meeting on the following project:

Conditional Development Permit, Rezoning, Environmental Review/The Sobrato Organization/151 Commonwealth Drive and 164 Jefferson Drive - Request for a Conditional Development Permit and Rezoning from M-2 (General Industrial) to M-2(X) (General Industrial Conditional Development) to demolish one single-story industrial building and associated structures totaling approximately 217,396 square feet, and subsequently construct two four-story office/research and development buildings totaling approximately 259,919 square feet in excess of the M-2 maximum height of 35-feet. Access to the site would be from Commonwealth Drive, as well as from Jefferson Drive via 164 Jefferson Drive. Development on the 164 Jefferson Drive site would include demolition of the existing structure totaling approximately 20,462 square feet and associated improvements, and redevelopment of the site to provide access to the 151 Commonwealth Drive site and for use as an amenity space to serve the proposed structures on the 151 Commonwealth Drive site. As part of the development proposal, the applicant is requesting approval to remove 12 heritage trees on the 151 Commonwealth Drive site and 11 heritage trees on the 164 Jefferson site. The trees range in health from poor to fair. Project review includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Report per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and preparation of a fiscal impact analysis.

A Scoping Session is scheduled for the August 20, 2012 Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street. The City has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for this project and will be conducting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Session as part of the process, during which the City solicits input from other agencies and the public on specific topics that they believe should be addressed in the environmental analysis.

Following the Scoping Session, there will be a Study Session at the August 20, 2012 meeting for the Planning Commission and public to become more familiar with aspects of the project. The City will also be preparing a Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA) to analyze the fiscal impacts of the project on the City and other public agencies. The applications and associated environmental and fiscal documents will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and reviewed and acted on by the City Council at subsequent public hearings.

The City is accepting written comments on items to be included in the EIR, and is also accepting comments on the project and items to be included in the FIA. Please send comments to Rachel Grossman, Associate Planner, City of Menlo Park Community Development Department, Planning Division, 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, CA, 94025 or rmgrossman@menlopark.org. The deadline for submitting comments on the EIR NOP is September 5, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Documents related to this project, including the **EIR NOP**, may be reviewed by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Department of Community Development, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. **For more information, please contact Rachel Grossman, Associate Planner, at (650) 330-6737 or rmgrossman@menlopark.org.** In addition, you can receive periodic updates regarding this project by subscribing to the project page on the City's website at: http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_commonwealth.htm