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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation;

Plaintiff,

vs.

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THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET NAPOLITANO, in her capacity as President of the University of California; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; and DOES 1 through 20,

Respondents.

Case No. 19022887

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE

[CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT]

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- 1. On or about May 16, 2019, Respondent Regents of the University of California approved the Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) (Project) and certified a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) for the Project.
- 2. This action challenges Respondents' approval of the Project on grounds the approval violates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 3. Education Code section 67504 provides that "The Legislature further finds and declares that the expansion of campus enrollment and facilities may negatively affect the surrounding environment. Consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it is the intent of the Legislature that the University of California sufficiently mitigate significant off-campus impacts related to campus growth and development."
- 4. Public Resources Code section 21080.09, subdivision (b) requires that "Environmental effects relating to changes in enrollment levels shall be considered for each campus or medical center of public higher education in the environmental impact report prepared for the long range development plan for the campus or medical center." Public Resources Code section 21080.09, subdivision (d) requires that Respondents and the University of California, Berkeley "consider the environmental impact of academic and enrollment plans" pursuant to CEQA and "that any such plans shall become effective for a campus ... only after the environmental effects of those plans have been analyzed" as required by CEQA.

Parties

- 5. Plaintiff SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS (Plaintiff) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation formed to provide education and advocacy to improve quality of life, protect the environment and implement best planning practices. Plaintiff's founders, members, and directors live in the area affected by the Project's environmental effects, and will suffer injury from adverse environmental impacts caused by this Project if the legal violations alleged herein are not remedied. Plaintiff was formed and brings this action to represent and advocate the beneficial interests of its founders, members, and directors in obtaining relief from these legal violations and to improve quality of life, protect the environment and implement best planning practices in connection with UC Berkeley's increases in student enrollment and expansion of infrastructure.
- 6. Respondent THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (hereinafter "Regents")

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Jurisdiction and Venue

- 14. Plaintiff brings this action in mandamus pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 1085, 1088.5, and 1094.5, and Public Resources Code sections 21168 and 21168.5; and as a complaint for declaratory relief pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1060. The Court has jurisdiction over these claims.
- 15. Venue is proper in Alameda County under Code of Civil Procedure section 394, subdivision (a), because UC and Respondents are situated therein.

Standing

16. Plaintiff and, to the extent applicable, its members are beneficially interested in Respondents' full compliance with CEQA. Respondents owed a mandatory duty to comply with CEQA with respect to the 2020 LRDP and the excess increase in student enrollment. Plaintiff has the right to enforce the mandatory duties that CEQA imposes on Respondents.

Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

- 17. Respondents' approval of the Project is final and not subject to further administrative appeal procedures.
- 18. In accord with Public Resources Code section 21177, subdivision (b), Plaintiff objected to Respondents' approval of the Project orally or in writing during the public comment period or prior to the close of the public hearing on the Project before the filing of any Project related Notice of Determination.
- 19. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21177, subdivision (a), all alleged grounds for non-compliance with CEQA that are alleged herein were presented to Respondents during the public comment period for, or prior to the close of the public hearing on, the Project.
- 20. In the alternative, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21177, subdivision (e), there was no opportunity for members of the public to raise the grounds of noncompliance alleged in this Petition prior to Respondents' approval of the Project.

Private Attorney General Doctrine

- 21. Plaintiff brings this action as a private attorney general pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, and any other applicable legal theory, to enforce important rights affecting the public interest.
- 22. Issuance of the relief requested herein will confer a significant benefit on a large class of persons by ensuring that Respondents complete adequate environmental review of the Project's environmental effects.
- 23. Issuance of the relief requested herein will result in the enforcement of important rights affecting the public interest. By compelling Respondents to complete adequate environmental review of the Project's

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b. As explained in the City of Berkeley's May 13, 2019, comment letter, p. 1: "one of the 'thematic responses' provided in the FSEIR asserts that the document's analysis of increased enrollment is not part of the 'project' being analyzed, but rather just an 'updated baseline.' As discussed below, this discussion is not responsive to the concerns raised in the City's comments on the draft SEIR, as it fails to point to any specific instance in which the

SEIR uses this 'updated baseline' in analyzing the impacts of the GSPP Project, and it continues to refer to the SEIR's analysis of impacts caused by this increased enrollment. Under CEQA, a lead agency only analyzes project impacts. A baseline by definition has no

impacts."

c. The SEIR fails to acknowledge that the Project would substantially increase the local population and exacerbate inadequate housing conditions for university students and for City of Berkeley residents or to lawfully assess the environmental effects of these changes. (See e.g., April 12, 2019, Southside Neighborhood Consortium comment letter pp. 9-10; April 12, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, p. 9; May 13, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, pp. 6-10.)

d. The SEIR fails to lawfully assess the effects of Project's increases in student enrollment on community aesthetics, including increases in street trash and littering. (See e.g., April 12, 2019, Southside Neighborhood Consortium comment letter, pp. 7-8; April 12, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, p. 9; May 13, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, pp. 6-10.)

- e. The SEIR fails to acknowledge that the Project's increased enrollment will result in a substantial increase in service population that will significantly impact public services and infrastructure or to lawfully assess the environmental effects of these changes. (See e.g., April 12, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, p. 11; May 13, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, pp. 10-15.)
- The SEIR fails to lawfully assess the Project's effects on historic and cultural resources. The SEIR fails to adequately describe existing conditions at the project site, including the historically significant character of the area surrounding the Project site; the SEIR provides an incomplete analysis of impacts to identified historic resources; the SEIR defers mitigation of significant impacts to identified historic resources; the SEIR fails to adequately analyze or mitigate impacts relating to archaeological resources; and the SEIR fails to analyze alternative building designs that avoid significant impacts on historic and cultural resources. (See e.g., April 12, 2019, City of Berkeley comment letter, pp. 30-34; May 13, 2019, comment letter from the City of Berkeley, pp. 21-25; March 7, 2019, City of Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission (Steve Finacom) comment letter; March 11, 2019, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association comment letter; April 11, 2019 Daniella Thompson comment letter.)

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1 irreparable injury unless this Court issues the relief requested herein. 2 Prayer for Relief WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray for the following relief: 3 For a peremptory writ of mandate pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21168.9 and Code of Civil Procedure sections 1085 or 1094.5: Ordering Respondents to void their approval of the Project; 6 Ordering Respondents to take any other actions the Court finds necessary to bring its determinations, findings, or decisions on the Project into compliance with CEQA and applicable planning 8 laws; 9 Retaining the Court's jurisdiction over this matter until Respondents comply with the 10 peremptory writ of mandate. 11 45. For an order compelling Respondents to pay Petitioners' costs of suit. 12 46. For an order compelling Respondents to pay Petitioners' reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to Code 13 of Civil Procedure section 1021.5. 14 47. For such other relief as the Court may deem proper. 15 DATED: June 13, 2019 LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS N. LIPPE, APC 16 17 Thomas N. Lippe 18 Attorney for Plaintiff Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

VERIFICATION Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods v. The Regents of the University of California, Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. I, Thomas N. Lippe, declare that: I am an attorney at law duly admitted and licensed to practice before all dourts of this State. I am the attorney of record for the Plaintiff in this action. Plaintiff has their place of business in Alameda County, California, and therefore are absent from the county in which I have my office. For that reason, I make this verification on its behalf. I have read the foregoing Petition for Writ of Mandate and know the contents thereof; the factual allegations therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated upon my information or belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 13, 2019, at San Francisco, California. Thomas N. Lippe Attorney for Plaintiff Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods P001e Petition.wpd

EXHIBIT 1

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June 10, 2019

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Re: Notice of Intent to Sue Regarding Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Dear Chancellor Christ and Regents of the University of California:

This letter provides notice pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2 167.5 that on or before June 13, 2019, Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods (Petitioner) intends to file a lawsuit challenging the University's adoption of the Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) (Project) and certification of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) for the Project. The action will challenge The Regents' approval of the Project on grounds the approval violates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Petitioner is interested in discussing settlement of this dispute without the need for litigation. Toward that end, Petitioner proposes that the University meet with Petitioner as soon as possible to discuss their concerns regarding the Upper Hearst project and to explore possible resolutions that might obviate the need for Petitioner to proceed with filing the above-described action. Petitioner also proposes that the University agree to toll CEQA's limitations period to provide an opportunity for pre-litigation settlement discussions.

I have calendared June 17, 2019, as the last day to file the action consistent with CEQA's

Chancellor Carol T. Christ, University of California, Berkeley Regents of the University of California

Notice of Intent to Sue Regarding Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

June 10, 2019

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statute of limitations. However, I will be unavailable June 14 through 18. Therefore, unless the Regents agree to toll the limitations period to discuss settlement, Petitioner intends to file the action on June 13, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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Thomas N. Lippe

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States, employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California. My business address is 201 Mission Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the above entitled action. On June 10, 2019, I served the following document on the parties below, as designated:

Re: Notice of Intent to Sue Regarding Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

MANNER OF SERVICE (check all that apply)

[x] By Mail:

In the ordinary course of business, I caused each such envelope to be placed in the custody of the United States Postal Service, with

postage thereon fully prepaid in a sealed envelope.

[x] By E-mail:

I caused such document to be served via electronic mail equipment transmission (E-mail) on the parties as designated on the attached service list by transmitting a true copy to the following E-mail

addresses listed under each addressee below.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2019, in the City and County of San Francisco, California

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Proof of Service (CEQA)

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