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## University of California Hastings College of the Law Notice of Preparation

<b>To:</b>	<b>Public Agencies and Interested Parties</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>University of California Hastings College of the Law 200 McAllister Street San Francisco, California 94102</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>University of California Hastings College of the Law Long Range Campus Plan</b>

Under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its Guidelines, the University of California Hastings College of the Law (UC Hastings) is the Lead Agency for environmental review and must evaluate the potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed Long Range Campus Plan (LRCP). UC Hastings has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to assess the proposed LRCP's effects on the environment, to identify significant impacts, and to identify feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potentially significant environmental impacts. An analysis of alternatives to the proposed LRCP will also be included in the Draft EIR, including the No Project Alternative.

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is being circulated pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21153(a) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082.<sup>1</sup> Public agencies and the public are invited to comment on the proposed scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR. A 45-day comment period is provided to return written comments to UC Hastings. All comments should be directed to UC Hastings at the following address or email, [sewardd@uchastings.edu](mailto:sewardd@uchastings.edu):

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<sup>1</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Phone: (415) 565-4710

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response to this NOP should be sent at the earliest possible date, **but no later than 45 days** after issuance of this notice, on January 29, 2016.

**Scoping Meeting:** As part of the EIR scoping process, UC Hastings will hold a public scoping meeting on January 12, 2016 at 600 pm, in the Louis B. Mayer Meeting Room, at 198 McAllister, Snodgrass Hall, San Francisco, California. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to describe the UC Hastings Long Range Campus Plan (LRCP) and provide the public the opportunity to comment on the scope, or what is to be included in the contents of the Draft EIR.

**Project Location:** UC Hastings occupies five buildings and owns one vacant lot on the two blocks bounded by Golden Gate Avenue, Larkin Street, McAllister Street, Hyde Street, and Leavenworth Street, one block north of the San Francisco Civic Center.

**Project Description:** UC Hastings is focusing its LRCP on strategically enhancing its infrastructure to support an innovative approach to legal education, focusing on practical skill and experiential learning to ensure that its law students are well equipped to enter the modern legal marketplace. The UC Hastings LRCP, incorporating the findings and capital proposals of the Five Year Infrastructure Plan 2016–2021, identifies the primary focus of the College’s efforts in recent years as a systematic effort to achieve campus-wide, code-compliance, and fire/life-safety objectives, as well as other space improvements to enhance campus life for students, faculty, and staff.

The LRCP addresses the following five major infrastructure projects:

1. Constructing a new, approximately 57,000-gsf academic building on the vacant lot at 333 Golden Gate Avenue
2. Demolishing Snodgrass Hall at 198 McAllister Street, after academic functions are moved to the new 333 Golden Gate Avenue building, and constructing a new approximately 400- to 600-unit campus housing building in its place
3. Modernizing 50 Hyde Street; planning options include the possibility of incorporating the academic functionality of 50 Hyde Street into the lower levels of a campus housing complex on the combined 198 McAllister Street and 50 Hyde Street sites, including approximately 525 to 770 housing units
4. Renovating and reconfiguring the Tower at 100 McAllister Street, including approximately 260 to 350 housing units
5. Renovating and reusing the Great Hall at 100 McAllister Street

**Potential Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project:**

This project may have a significant effect on the environment and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. This determination is based upon the criteria of the State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15063 (Initial Study), 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), and 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance), and for the reasons documented in Initial Study) for the LRCP. The potential environmental effects of the proposed LRCP to be addressed in the Draft EIR will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Transportation/Circulation
- Wind/Shadow
- Cumulative Impacts

The Initial Study is available online at:

<http://www.uchastings.edu/about/leadership/strategic-plan/lrco/eir/index.php>

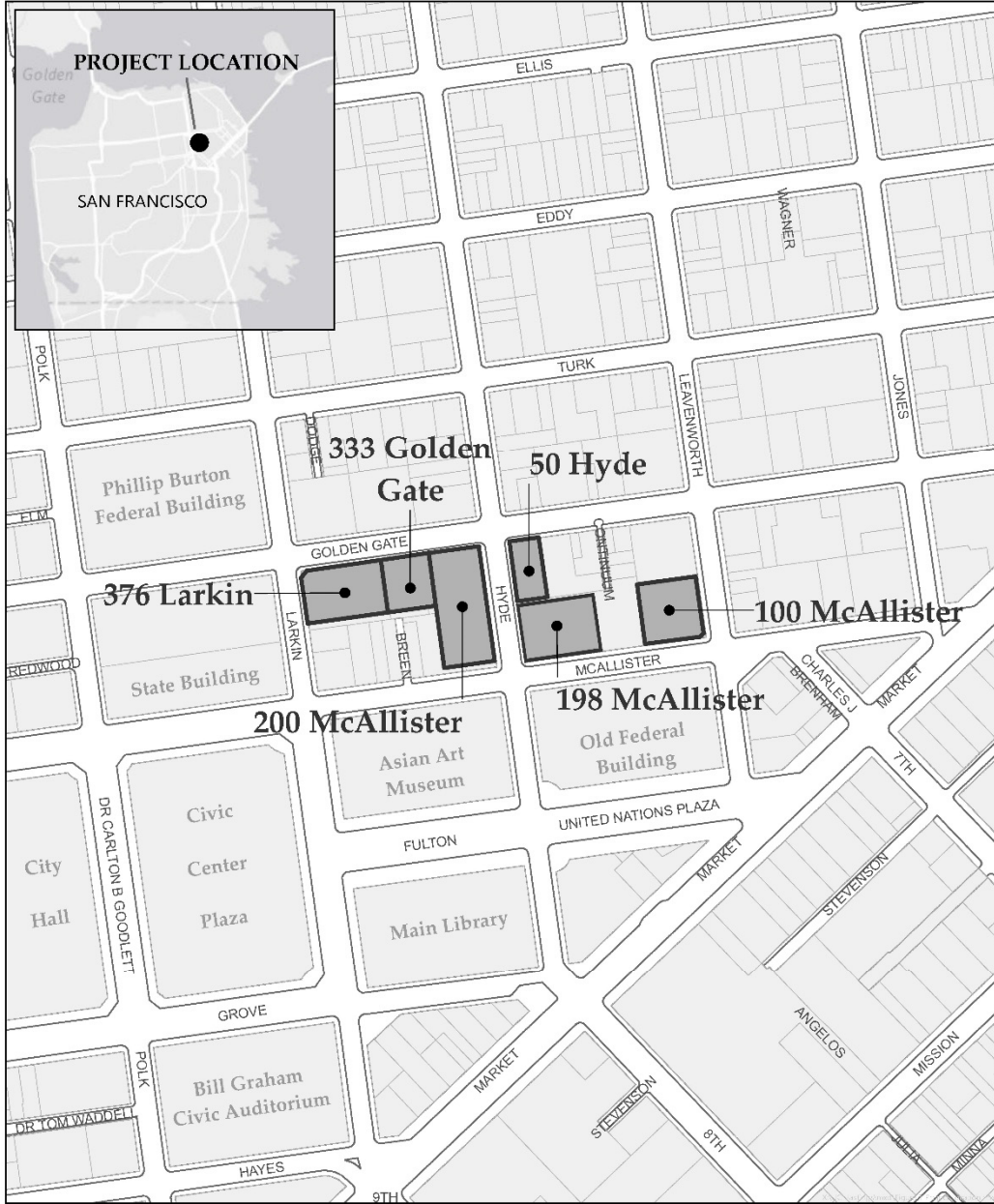
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Long Range Campus Plan

FIGURE 1: PROJECT LOCATION