

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

of an

Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Indian Health Service

Property Transfer of the U.S. Army Reserve Center  
Santa Barbara, California

This Notice is hereby given to interested parties that the Indian Health Service (IHS) as lead Federal agency has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a request to transfer the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Center from the IHS to the American Indian Health & Services (AIHS). The AIHS plays a vital role in fulfilling federal obligations to American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) beneficiaries, which have more than quadrupled in the past decade. The proposed transfer would expand the ability of AIHS to provide healthcare services to its American AI/AN beneficiaries.

The EA and FONSI are available for review and comment at the locations below. An electronic version of the document can be found at <https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/about-us/oehe/ofc-assoc-dir/nepa/>.

Hard copies of the EA are available at the following locations (please check for applicable hours or operation):

- American Indian Health & Services located at 4141 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
- Santa Barbara Public Library located at 40 E Anapamu St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- City of Santa Barbara Community Development Planning Counter located at 630 Garden St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

The review and comment period will be from November 17, 2023 to December 17, 2023. For additional information contact Donna M. Meyer, CEM, HPS, Environmental Protection Specialist, 916-930-3981 x342 or [donna.meyer@ihs.gov](mailto:donna.meyer@ihs.gov).

The EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347) and its implementing regulations by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ 40 C.F.R. §§ 1500-1508), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection and the Indian Health Service Environmental Review Manual.

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