TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
FROM: City of Dana Point, Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Doheny Hotel Project

The City of Dana Point (City) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed project.

Agencies: The City requests your agency’s views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

Organizations and Interested Parties: The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: The Doheny Hotel Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the development of a two-to-five story hotel complex on an approximately 1.50-acre site with 258 guest rooms, business/conference rooms, a restaurant, a rooftop bar/lounge, and rooftop pool and deck area; an underground parking structure for 275 vehicles; and 50 off-site parking spaces.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 25325 Dana Point Harbor Drive and at 34297 and 34299 Pacific Coast Highway on the southeast corner of Dana Point Harbor Drive, Pacific Coast Highway and Del Obispo Street in the City of Dana Point, County of Orange.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The EIR concludes that significant unavoidable environmental effects related to aesthetics and land use would occur as a result of the proposed project. The Draft EIR provides further discussion of this environmental effect.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD/RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: The City has determined to make the Draft EIR available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The City will accept responses and comments for forty-five days, from and including July 24, 2013 to September 6, 2013. All comments must be submitted in a written format; either in a letter format or email. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to:

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PUBLIC HEARING: The City will hold a public hearing at a future date upon completion of the environmental review process to consider the merits of the project. Another notice will be sent out when the date and time of the public hearing has been established. Those parties that have submitted comments on the draft EIR will be notified regarding the public hearing. The public is welcome to attend and present comments in regards to the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:
• Community Development Department Public Counter, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 209, Dana Point and City Clerk’s Office, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 212, Dana Point
• Dana Point Library, 33841 Nigel Road, Dana Point

The document can also be found on-line at: www.danapoint.org

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