

## CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CAPITOL ANNEX PROJECT

The Capitol Annex Project (project) as evaluated in the Revised Environmental Impact Report (REIR) involves three primary components: (1) reconstruction of the existing Annex, (2) construction of a new underground parking garage under the 12th Street walkway to the east of the Annex, and (3) construction of a new underground visitor/welcome center on the west side of the Historic Capitol. The project as evaluated in the REIR includes the construction of a new approximately 525,000-square-foot building. The project would address numerous deficiencies in the existing building, including life safety/building code deficiencies, noncompliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards, overcrowding, aging and failing infrastructure, and insufficient public and working space. Existing basement parking under the Annex would be abandoned and replaced with new underground parking on the east side of the new Annex under the 12th Street walkway, accommodating up to approximately 150 parking spaces. The project evaluated in the REIR would also include a new underground visitor/welcome center providing approximately 30,000 square feet of interior space for safe and efficient public entry to the Capitol. The visitor/welcome center would be located between 10th Street and the west steps of the Capitol.

In addition to the Draft EIR (2019), the Recirculated Draft EIR (2020), the Final EIR (2021), and the Draft REIR (2023), the Final REIR (2023) for the project includes revisions to the REIR, a list of persons and agencies commenting on the REIR, comments received on the REIR, and responses to comments (State Clearinghouse Number 2019049066). The 2019 EIR, 2020 Recirculated Draft EIR, 2021 Final EIR, Draft REIR, and the Final REIR are located on the DGS website at: http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA.

The Department of General Services (Department) is the lead agency for the project. DGS prepared the Final REIR in collaboration with the Joint Committee on Rules (JRC) of the California State Senate and Assembly, which is the entity that would implement the project. The Final REIR was presented to the decision-making body of the Department, and they have reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final REIR for the project. In accordance with Section 15090 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department hereby certifies that the Final REIR for the Capitol Annex Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and reflects the Department independent judgement and analysis.

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