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## VIII. GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS

### A. HOW THE PROJECT COULD FOSTER GROWTH

Section 15126(d) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR "discuss the growth inducing impact of the proposed project, including "ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment."

The project is not expected to generate growth in the area beyond the proposed project site. The construction of the proposed College uses will result in an increase in short-term construction and long-term employment and educational opportunities. While the project would create new job opportunities and new educational opportunities, the County of Los Angeles and the cities therein include a large employment and housing base. The jobs created include 1) professional level teaching jobs that require an educated work force, commensurate with post-secondary level education, and 2) professional support jobs such as clerical and administrative positions, and 3) a range of support services jobs for security, janitorial and other functions. The College is already within a relatively short commuting distance of various communities with a work force carrying many of the skills needed for these jobs. Therefore, employees could be found in nearby areas. Further, although many of the area roadways are congested in this urbanized area, the site is accessible from numerous area freeways and roadways and by mass transit (buses). It is not expected that any significant number of employees will move to the area because of the project. While some educators or other workers may choose to relocate closer to the College (as these jobs are more specialized) if they do not already live close, some shifting of housing location is normal in an urban center, such as the greater Los Angeles area, and is not unusual. Further, the LACCD is expanding its Colleges to serve existing communities and planned growth within those communities. Thus, the project is expected to serve already anticipated growth and the associated need for education of that growing populace. No substantial or significant growth inducing impact would occur. Short-term construction jobs are not anticipated to induce unanticipated new population growth, because of the short-term nature of the construction process.

It is anticipated that the proposed project will be adequately serviced by existing extensions of the electrical, water, sewer and natural gas utility systems existing on or near the project site. No major additional infrastructure of this nature would be constructed that could generate additional population growth in the area. While the roadways often may be considered growth-inducing, the second access road is designed to be an access to the College, to serve those traveling to and from the College. The areas adjacent to the roadway are already developed, or are designated for long term open space use (i.e., Culver City park and the Baldwin Hills Park). Thus, construction of that access road would not be considered growth-inducing.

The proposed project expands College uses within the current College boundaries. The proposed uses of the site do not vary substantially from today's, although community use (e.g., ice rinks) will be increased and the amount of development and daytime population on-site will change.

The project would serve the surrounding communities in providing needed educational and job opportunities. Construction of the project will create short-term construction jobs, as well as permanent jobs associated with the proposed elements of the project and with the maintenance and management of the project. Although the proposed project inherently represents growth beyond existing conditions, such growth is not outside the scope of what has been anticipated and planned for the area. Thus, no significant growth inducing impacts are anticipated.

### B. CUMULATIVE DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts relating to each environmental issue discussed in this EIR are addressed under those individual sections (see Section V. Environmental Impact Analysis). The jurisdictions in which the related projects (see section IV. Environmental Setting), are located will require the preparation of an EIR for those related projects that they anticipate will have potentially significant environmental impacts. Those EIRs must similarly discuss

cumulative impacts and growth inducing effects. Individual project mitigation measures may be required in order to reduce environmental impacts.

This project and the related projects are not expected to generate unwanted or unplanned growth inducing effects. On the contrary, the County plan favors infill development over sprawl, and the maintenance and enhancement of vital urban areas. Such land use arrangements are generally considered to have less of an effect on the environment by preserving unplanned or premature lands from development on the urban fringe or in more remote and rural locations.