NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the Gavilan Joint Community College District has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As mandated by State Law, the review period for this document is 30 (thirty) days. Based upon the conclusions set forth in the IS, the Gavilan Joint Community College District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Project Title: Gavilan College Gilroy Campus Modernization Project

Project Location: The Gavilan College Gilroy Campus is located on the west side of Santa Teresa Boulevard, between Mesa Road and Castro Valley Road, in the unincorporated area of Santa Clara County, south of the City of Gilroy.

Project Description: The Gavilan Joint Community College District currently seeks to implement several facilities and infrastructure upgrades at the Gilroy campus, including the following:

- Water Storage, Distribution and Well Improvements
- Gilroy Early College Academy (GECA) Consolidation
- Parking Lot C Expansion
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Demolition of Former Police Academy Portables
- Demolition of Building CJ500

Public Hearing: The Gavilan Joint Community College District Board of Trustees will consider the environmental document and proposed project at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 7:00 PM at the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus located at 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd. An additional informational session will be held during the Board hearing scheduled for October 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present. The project site is identified on the State Water Resources Control Board “GeoTracker” database as having reported leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) in 1990. The site was subject to remedial activities, and received a case closure letter from the County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health in July 2012.

The 30-day comment period for this document begins on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 25, 2012. Persons having comments concerning this project, including objections to the basis of determination set forth in the IS, are invited to furnish their comments summarizing the specific and factual basis for their comments in writing to: Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services, Attn: Joseph D. Keeler,  5055 Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy, CA 95020.

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study and reference documents are available for review from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus, 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd, Gilroy, CA 95020. Further details may be obtained by calling the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus at (408) 848-4715.