

FACT SHEET

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY BURLINGAME CAMPUS



INTRODUCTION: Since 1924, when the Sisters of Mercy purchased the Kohl Estate, Sisters and neighbors alike have considered the 40 acres set in the Burlingame Hills as sacred ground, where Sisters have lived and a variety of their charitable works have thrived. As members of the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community age, and fewer young women choose to enter religious life, the number of Sisters living on the Burlingame Campus is decreasing. For this reason, and to ensure long-term continuation of their mission and legacy, the Sisters have begun exploring future options that will meet three important goals: to sustain current campus ministries, to provide future retirement housing for the Sisters, and to address the future needs of Mercy High School Burlingame. This assessment also will include the overarching desire to preserve the natural environment of the campus that is deeply valued by the Sisters and has long been shared with their neighbors.

THE PROCESS: To begin this research, the Sisters have engaged Mercy Housing California (MHC) to identify the opportunities related to the the 40-acre campus. MHC is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy nation-wide and has a special connection to the Sisters, sharing their mission and values. The initial evaluation phase will extend from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

MERCY HOUSING: Now in its 36th year, MHC, a nonprofit housing developer, owner, service provider, and property manager, has developed more than 140 housing communities in 36 counties throughout California. Its experience and expertise will help the Sisters identify the best possibilities for future uses of the campus that are in keeping with their goals and ministry. For more information about MHC, please visit: www.merchyhousing.org.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: MHC will engage the local Burlingame community in this process. It will solicit input through a variety of means, including public meetings, meetings with the surrounding neighborhood, and written communications. The Sisters of Mercy and MHC are committed to keeping neighbors and the broader community involved and informed. For more information about the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, as well as updates on this initial evaluation phase, please visit: www.sistersofmercyburlingame.com.

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