

CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE

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PRESS RELEASE

City of Westlake Village to Host a Combined Initial Meeting Regarding the Appropriate Scope of Environmental Review for: 1) the Proposed Opus Office Project on Russell Ranch Road; and 2) the proposed Sunrise Senior Living Facility on Lake View Canyon Road.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Westlake Village will conduct a special **Scoping Meeting** for two upcoming development projects, including: 1) the proposed Opus office project on Russell Ranch Road; and, 2) the proposed Sunrise senior living facility on Lake View Canyon Road. The proposed Opus office project consists of 376,000 square feet of office, restaurant and accessory commercial uses on a 21.22-acre site located on the east side of Russell Ranch Road, east of its intersection with Lindero Canyon Road. The proposed Sunrise project consist of a 210-unit assisted living facility, located on the 6.52-acre parcel on Lake View Canyon Road, formerly occupied by the Westlake Medical Center.

In accordance with the CEQA, the City of Westlake Village intends to prepare a separate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for each proposed project. The City is currently preparing an Initial Study for each project to identify the environmental topics that will be addressed in the project's EIR. As the first step in that process, the **Scoping Meeting** is intended to: 1) inform the public, interested agencies, and organizations about the proposed projects; and 2) solicit public comment on the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR prepared for each project. All interested parties are invited to attend. **The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers, Westlake Village City Hall, 31200 Oak Crest Drive, at 6:30 p.m. on April 10, 2007.**

The **Scoping Meeting** is not a meeting of the Westlake Village City Council. Instead, the meeting will be conducted by City staff and representatives of Willdan Associates, the firm selected to prepare the Environmental Impact Reports for the two proposed projects. It is presently anticipated that the Westlake Village City Council will conduct one or more separate public hearings to consider each of the proposed projects and the accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Reports in the Fall of 2007. Formal notices of these public hearings will be published in the local press, posted on-site and at other public places, and otherwise provided as required by State law and the City's Municipal Code. Again, all residents and other interested parties will be invited and encouraged to attend and comment on the proposed Draft EIR prepared for each project.