

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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Environmental Filings
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From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning & CEQA Section
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Project Title: re:Play - Playground Replacement Projects

Project Location - Specific: Belvedere Community Regional Park (East Los Angeles)
4914 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022

George Washington Carver Park (Willowbrook)
1400 E. 118th St., Los Angeles, CA 90059

Charles White Park (Altadena)
77 Mountain View St., Altadena, CA 91001

Enterprise Park (Willowbrook)
13055 Clovis St., Los Angeles, CA 90059

East Rancho Dominguez Park (East Rancho Dominguez)
15116 S. Atlantic Ave., Compton, CA 90221

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park (Florence-Firestone)
7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001

Lennox Park (Lennox)
10828 S. Condon Ave., Inglewood, CA 90304

Mona Park (Willowbrook)
2291 E. 121st St., Compton, CA 90222

Jesse Owens Community Regional Park
9651 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90047

Col. Leon H. Washington Park (Florence-Firestone)
8908 S. Maie Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002

Project Location - City: Los Angeles and the unincorporated communities of Altadena, East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Lennox, and Willowbrook

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed projects will install new playground equipment, safety surfacing, benches, trash receptacles, a trike/bike skills course, water fountain, other site amenities and related improvements at existing

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playgrounds. The Playground Replacement Project at Col. Leon H. Washington Park will also include restriping of the tennis court with a trike/bike skills course.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (d)
- Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1 (c)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The projects are consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The installation of new playground equipment, safety surfacing, benches, trash receptacles, a trike/bike skills course, water fountain, other site amenities and related improvements; and restriping of the tennis court with a trike/bike skills course, are consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (d) for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

The replacement of the existing playgrounds is also consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The installation of new playground equipment, safety surfacing, benches, trash receptacles, a trike/bike skills course, water fountain, other site amenities and related improvements is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for small new structures.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The installation of new playground equipment, safety surfacing, benches, trash receptacles, a trike/bike skills course, water fountain, other site amenities and related improvements; and restriping of the tennis court with a trike/bike skills course, are consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (c) for restoration or repair of buildings, structures, equipment, and appurtenances required because of accumulated maintenance not performed.

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The replacement of the existing playgrounds is also consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The installation of new playground equipment, safety surfacing, benches, trash receptacles, a trike/bike skills course, water fountain, other site amenities and related improvements, is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The proposed use of Class 3 Categorical Exemption does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Class 3 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Class 3 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Class 3 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Class 3 Categorical Exemption as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Class 3 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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If Filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? Yes No

Chien, Jui Ing
Signature, Jui Ing Chien

9/20/2021
Date

Park Planner
Title