

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
12820 Pioneer Boulevard
Norwalk, CA 90650

County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Closure of Chavez Elementary School

Project Title

12110 Walnut Street

Project Location - Specific

Norwalk

Project Location - City

Los Angeles

Project Location - County

The project consists of the closure of Chavez ES and transfer of Chavez students to Moffitt ES and Morrison ES. There is existing excess capacity at Moffitt ES and Morrison ES to house the estimated projected 302 students transferring from Chavez Elementary School. No onsite or off-site improvements will be needed at either Moffitt or Morrison ES as part of the project. The project will not involve an increase in student capacity and is a result of the declining enrollment currently experienced at the District. The District and educational community will benefit financially from the elimination of excess student capacity.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 21080.18

The project involves the closure of Chavez ES and transfer of Chavez ES students to Moffitt ES and Morrison ES. Closure of a school is exempt from CEQA under PRC Section 21080.18 where the schools receiving relocated students do not require physical changes to accommodate the transferring students. There is enough excess capacity at Moffitt ES and Morrison ES to accommodate students from Chavez ES and no physical changes are required at either receiving schools. No new classrooms or portables are required to accommodate the transfer of students. No new building construction will occur. No changes in the occupancy capacities or square footage increases will occur at either school, and no off-campus improvements will occur. Therefore, the school closure is exempt from CEQA review under PRC § 21080.18. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Office, 12820 Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Contact Person:

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

If filed by applicant:

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

Date

Received for

Filing:

Signature:

12/22/2020


Title:

