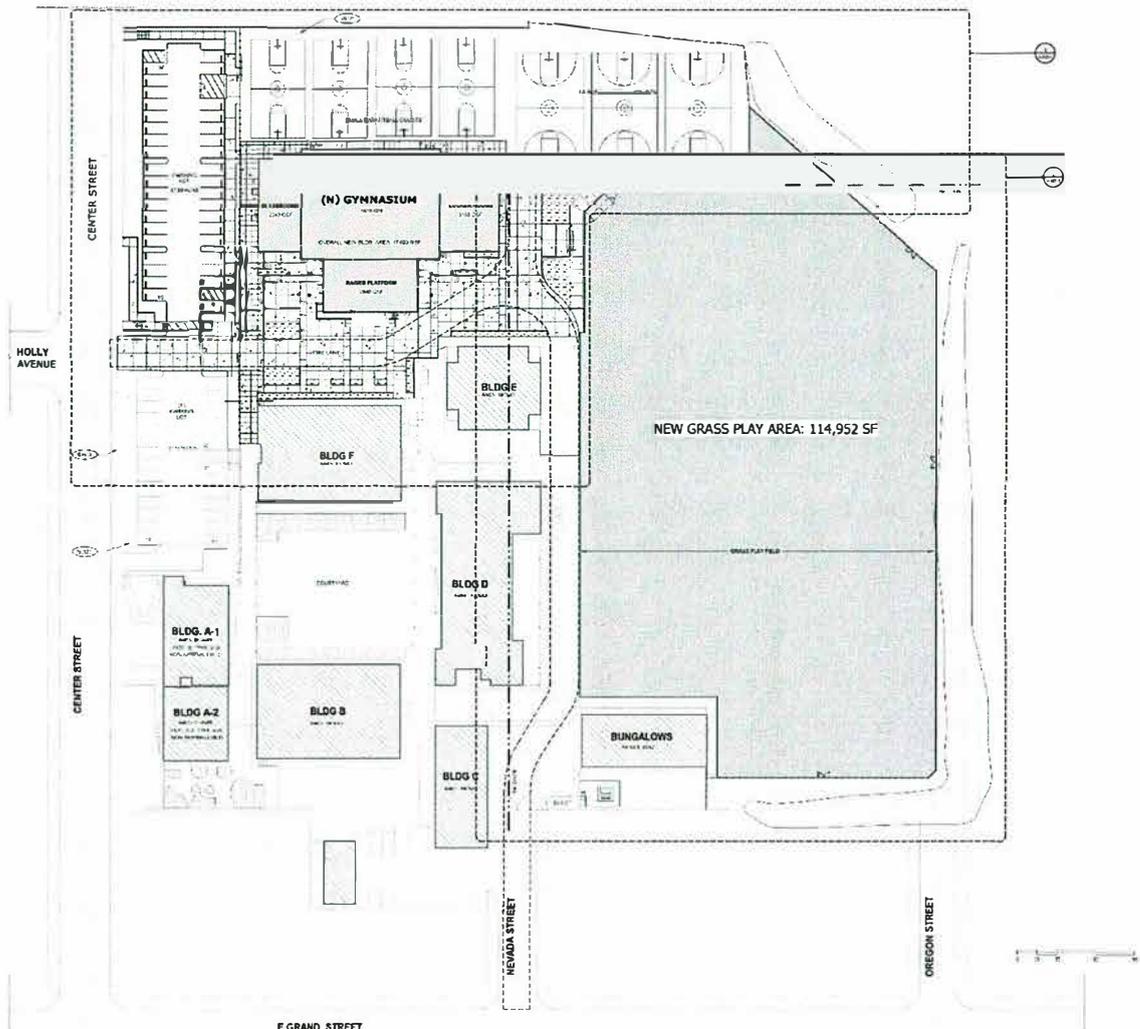


RESOLUTION NO. 18/2020-2021

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE EL SEGUNDO MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT; AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the voters of the El Segundo Unified School District ("District") approved general local bond Measure ES on November 6, 2018 in order to, in part, provide facility upgrades of schools and to acquire facilities and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the District developed the Project (as depicted below) to demolish the existing basketball and handball courts and, in the northwest corner of the existing campus, to upgrade certain portions of the existing El Segundo Middle School Campus ("Campus") by constructing an approximately 17,054 square foot Gymnasium/Classrooms/Locker Rooms/Raised Platform Building (containing three (3) classrooms); four (4) small, unlit basketball courts; three (3) large, unlit basketball courts; a parking lot with approximately 37 parking spaces; a fire lane; hardscape; landscaping; and to reorganize the grass fields along the east side of the Campus;



and

- WHEREAS,** the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) section 15314 identifies the Class 14 Categorical Exemption that exempts projects that are minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten (10) classrooms, whichever is less; and
- WHEREAS,** typical classrooms at the District have a maximum student capacity of 36 students; and
- WHEREAS,** the Campus has 34 classrooms with a total original student capacity of 1,224 students (= 36 students per classroom x 34 classrooms); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project’s addition of three (3) classrooms is within the Class 14 Categorical Exemption’s limit of ten (10) classrooms; and
- WHEREAS,** the Project’s increase of 3 classrooms equals a 9% increase in student capacity (= 3 added classrooms / 34 existing classrooms); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project’s classrooms would have a maximum capacity of 51 students, which total 153 students for entire Project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Project’s addition of student capacity by 153 students is only a 13% increase over the original student capacity (= 153 Project added student capacity / 1,224 original student capacity); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project’s increases in classrooms (9%) and student capacity (13%) are both within the Class 14 Categorical Exemption’s limit of a 25% increase in original student capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides five exceptions that would disqualify a project from being exempt under the Class 14 Categorical Exemption. These are: (1) where the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place would be significant over time; (2) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; (3) a project would cause damage to scenic elements with a designated state scenic highway; (4) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and (5) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource; and
- WHEREAS,** the Project is the only project of the same type at the same place. No other successive projects are proposed; and
- WHEREAS,** the construction of a gym/locker room/classrooms/raised platform building, basketball courts, and parking lot on existing playfields at a school site is not an unusual circumstance. This kind of project is routine at public schools across the state. (<https://www.cmdgroup.com/building-types/gym-athletic-buildings/california/projects/>) The occasional presence of Canadian Geese using school playfields is also not an unusual circumstance and exists at many fields, including the Arnold Elementary School in Torrance, a few miles away (See Placeworks’ CEQA Report for the El Segundo Middle School Gymnasium Project); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project is not within or near a designated state scenic highway (<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2e921695c43643b1aaf7000dfcc19983>); and

WHEREAS, the Campus and Project Site are not on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site (See Placeworks' CEQA Report for El Segundo Middle School Gymnasium Project); and

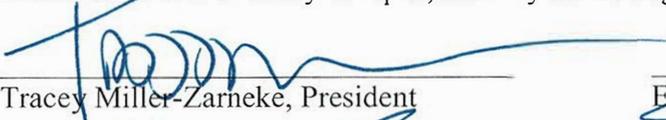
WHEREAS, as there are no historical resources on the campus and no buildings will be demolished or altered, the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change to a historical resource; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, none of the exceptions would disqualify the Project from the Class 14 Categorical Exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the whole of the record of proceedings, which includes the accompanying Board Item, reference documents, reports, and meeting minutes, the El Segundo Unified School District Board of Education, in its independent judgment, hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

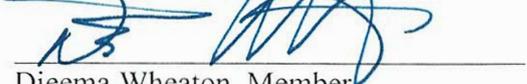
1. That the foregoing recitals are true.
2. That the Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption and is therefore exempt from further CEQA review.
3. That there are no exceptions under CEQA that would disqualify the Project from being exempt.
4. That the District is hereby authorized and approved to carry out the Project.
5. That staff shall file a Notice of Exemption for the Project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2021 by the El Segundo Unified School District.


Tracey Miller-Zarneke, President


Emilee Layne, Vice President


Paulette Caudill, Clerk


Dieema Wheaton, Member


Michael Wagner, Member