

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway Rm 1201

Norwalk, California 90650

From: (Public Agency): Inglewood Unified School District
401 S Inglewood Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90301

(Address)

Project Title: Inglewood Continuation School Consolidation Project

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

441 W Hillcrest Blvd; 231 S Grevillea Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301

Project Location - City: Inglewood Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes the consolidation of the Inglewood Continuation School with Inglewood High School, in which approximately 90 students would be absorbed into Inglewood High School's existing surplus capacity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: N/A

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inglewood Unified School District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- 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: § 15314, Class 14 Minor additions to schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.18

Reasons why project is exempt:


The reassignment of Inglewood Continuation HS students to Inglewood HS is statutorily exempt under PRC section 21080.18. The indirect effects of the school closure are categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines, section 15314. Inglewood HS has capacity for 1,734 students with only 846 enrolled. See attached Resolution.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erika F. Torres, Ed.D, MSW Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-419-2700

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

Signature:  Date: 2/17/22 Title: County Administrator

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 26/2021-2022
OF
INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETERMINING THAT THE INGLEWOOD CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, APPROVING THE PROJECT, AND DECIDING
TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Inglewood Unified School District (“District”) has developed the Inglewood Continuation High School (“Continuation HS”) Consolidation (“Project”) for the consolidation of the Continuation HS with Inglewood High School (“Inglewood HS”); and

WHEREAS, the Continuation HS is located at 441 W Hillcrest Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90301. Inglewood HS is located at 231 S Grevillea Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, the District formed a School Closure/Consolidation Committee (“SCCC”) to review and make recommendations regarding the closure/consolidation options for District schools; and

WHEREAS, the District retained consultants, including Davis Demographics and Total School Solutions (“TSS”), to prepare demographics analyses, facilities assessments, and other relevant data to present to the SCCC. SCCC meetings, which were conducted pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950, et seq.) and were open to the public, were held from September 2021 through January 2022, and findings and recommendations were presented to the SCCC, including that, enrollment in the District has been significantly declining for years - from 12,119 students in 2013, to 7,627 in 2022, and is projected to further decline to 6,781 students by the 2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, based on the information presented to the SCCC after due consideration, the SCCC voted to recommend that the District consolidate the Continuation HS with Inglewood HS, including for the following reasons: 1) The Continuation HS enrolls approximately 90 students each year, but enrollment can increase, or decrease based on various factors. However, enrollment has not exceeded 200 students at any point during the school year over the last few years. 2) Due to having such low enrollment, it is not reasonably viable to continue operating the Continuation HS effectively on a separate campus. 3) Consolidating the Continuation HS with Inglewood HS campus may provide opportunities to enhance the educational program. 4) It is not economically efficient to continue operating the Continuation High School on a separate campus. And, 5) Consolidating the Continuation HS with Inglewood HS will save administrative and operational costs; and

WHEREAS, Inglewood HS is also experiencing low enrollment. Inglewood HS has capacity for 1,734 students, but in the 2021-22 school year, only 846 students were enrolled, which is approximately 48% of its student capacity; and

WHEREAS, District staff has conducted extensive community engagement and outreach and provided opportunities for input from the community regarding the closure, including the SCCC meetings, and at community and Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of the Project, the District must ensure the Project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, the Project meets the definition of Public Resources Code section 21080.18; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, Inglewood HS has a total capacity of 1,734 students, with a 2021-22 enrollment of 846 students, and available capacity of 888 students; and

WHEREAS, the Continuation HS typically enrolls approximately 90 students per year, but the enrollment can increase or decrease based on certain factors, but enrollment has not exceeded 200 students at any point over the school year over the last few years. Thus, in no event will the number of students transferred from the Continuation HS exceed the available capacity at Inglewood HS; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the 90 students or more depending on the fluctuations in enrollment, from the Continuation HS can be consolidated with Inglewood HS within its existing available capacity and by consolidating the Continuation HS with the Inglewood HS, the Project will not increase original school capacity by 10 classrooms or 25%; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides certain exceptions that would exempt a Project from the Class 14 Categorical Exemption. Here, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances or other exception that would negate the Class 14 exemption; and

WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances that would negate the Class 14 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines Class 14 Categorical Exemption section 15314 and Public Resources Code section 21080.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Administrator of the Inglewood Unified School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15314) because the Continuation HS students may be absorbed into Inglewood HS, without exceeding its available capacity.

Section 3. There are no unusual circumstances that this Project would cause a potentially significant environmental impact.

Section 4. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

Section 5. The Project is approved.

Section 6. The County Administrator or designee is directed to carry out all necessary actions to implement the Resolution.

Section 7. The County Administrator or designee is authorized and directed to file and/or record a Notice of Exemption from CEQA, consistent with this Resolution, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2022, by the County Administrator of the Inglewood Unified School District of Los Angeles County, California.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Erika Torres** Clerk of the Inglewood Unified School District, Los Angeles County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the County Administrator of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 16th day of February 2022, with a copy of the Resolution being on file in the Administrative Office of the District.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erika Torres". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Clerk, of the Inglewood Unified
School District

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A Notice of Exemption