



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201
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FROM:
Lead Agency: City of Whittier-Public Works
Department
Address: 13230 Penn Street
Whittier, CA 90602-1772
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Project Title: 22-010 – Central Park Improvement Project

Project Location-Specific:

6532 Friends Avenue, Whittier Ca 90601 (Central Park). (Latitude 33°58'51.9"N, Longitude 118°02'3.9"W)

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

Project Description: Remove and replace rubberized playground surface. The disturbed project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. Friends Avenue which is adjacent to the project site is not designated as a scenic highway. The project site is not listed on Geotracker as having an active clean-up site assessment pursuant to lists identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project site does not impact historical resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Whittier, Public Works Department

Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption ()
- Other: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 1 of Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A Class 1 exemption consists of restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged facilities to meet current standards of public health and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the items replaced.

The application meets the standards for Section 15301 in that the deteriorated playground surface will be in the same location. The project site is owned by the City of Whittier. None of the project site is designated as environmentally sensitive and the replacement of the playground surface will not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality with the construction of the new facilities. None of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 are applicable. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Therefore, the City of Whittier determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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Interim Director of Community Development
Title


Signature

3/11/2022
Date

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