

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: San Bernardino City Unified School District

956 West 9th Street

San Bernardino, CA 92411

County Clerk
County of San Bernardino

222 W Hospitality Ln

San Bernardino, CA 92415

San Bernardino High School Cardinal Child Development Center Project

Project Title

1850 North E Street, vacant lot on southeasternmost portion of San Bernardino High School

Project Location – Specific

San Bernardino

Project Location – City

San Bernardino

Project Location – County

The project site is at 1850 North E Street in the City of San Bernardino. It includes a 1.8-acre undeveloped vacant lot and approximately 0.5 acre of roadway that extends from the northern border of the vacant lot to the north side of 17th Street (approximately 2.3 acres total). The portion of the project site that includes the vacant lot consists mainly of bare or exposed soil, ruderal vegetation (e.g., weeds and low nonnative grasses), 37 live trees, and 3 deceased trees. Two trees are along 17th Street and two are along F Street. A fence lines the perimeter of the site. A 64-inch-high concrete masonry unit (CMU) block wall borders the project site to the east, separating the vacant lot from the residential uses. An 8-foot-high CMU block wall sits perpendicular to the west side of the project site and is attached to a fence crossing F Street.

The District proposes to construct a 13,938-square-foot one-story child development center. The center would include classrooms with a total capacity of approximately 120 pre-kindergarten and 48 transitional kindergarten students. It would also include indoor play and dining rooms, administration offices, and support spaces. Exterior spaces include outdoor learning spaces, playgrounds, and planted areas. Other project features include site furnishings, fencing enclosing the development center and playgrounds, solar panels, and a trash enclosure with roof. An eight-foot-high CMU block wall would be constructed along the southern edge of the project site to separate the play area from the alleyway. Other site improvements would include new utility service connections and additional hardscape and landscape improvements along the north and south sides of 17th Street and the east side F Street.

Parking would consist of 18 new stalls with striping. A speed table and bus drop-off area with striping would be along 17th Street on the south edge of the existing high school parking lot. Driveways crossing the southwestern and northeastern portion of the site would be paved for fire access. Vehicular access to the west end of the

facility's parking lot/circulation aisle would be from F Street and 17th Street, and access to the east end of the circulation aisle would be from E Street and 17th Street. A gated entrance to the school campus (for both the high school and the proposed child development center) is at the existing "L"-shaped intersection of F Street and 17th Street. As proposed, project implementation is permitted under the general plan land use and zoning designations of the project site.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

San Bernardino City Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

San Bernardino City 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: § 15332, Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects.

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects. Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section. As described above, the project is a child development center.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (Exceptions), a categorical exemption is not allowed if the project would have one of the following impacts: 1) cumulative impact; 2) significant effect; 3) impact to scenic highways; 4) hazardous impact due to project being located on any hazardous materials list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and 5) impact on historical resources. The proposed project has been reviewed under Section 15300.2 for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the project is exempt under Section 15332. A supplement is available for review at District's Facilities, Planning and Development Department, 956 West 9th Street, San Bernardino. It determined that the proposed project would not have a significant impact, and exceptions under Section 15300.2 would not prohibit the use of an exemption for this project.

Therefore, project implementation meets the criteria under Class 32, and the District has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15332.

Reasons why project is exempt

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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

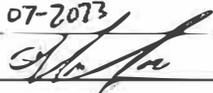
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