

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<p><b>TO:</b> Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p>Los Angeles County Clerk 12400 East Imperial Hwy, Rm 2001 Norwalk, CA 90650</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> Los Angeles Community College District 770 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90017</p>
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Project Title:	Los Angeles Harbor College Marquee Modernization Project (the "Project")
Project Location:	Los Angeles Harbor College, located at: 1111 Figueroa Place, Wilmington, CA 90744
Project Location – Cities:	Wilmington
Project Location – Counties:	Los Angeles County
Description of the Project:	<p>On January 13, 2023, the Los Angeles Community College District approved the Project, which entails an upgrade of the existing marquee sign at Los Angeles Harbor College, located at the corner of W L Street and Figueroa Place. The upgrade includes increasing the size and height of the marquee's screen panels. Specifically, the sign's display size will increase from 471 square feet per side to 1,213 square feet per side.</p> <p>The upgraded panels will result in the replacement of the existing 12 metal halide downlight fixtures with dimmable LED lights. The dimmable LED lights are expected to reduce light pollution compared to existing conditions, as the new technology allows LACCD to modify the intensity of light output throughout the day.</p>
Name of Public Agency approving project:	Los Angeles Community College District
Name of Public Agencies carrying out project:	Los Angeles Community College District & Los Angeles Harbor College
Exempt status:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15301 (Class 1), 15302 (Class 2), 15303 (Class 3), 15311 (Class 11)
Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (the Class 1 exemption), which applies to the minor alteration of existing facilities, where the alteration involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed Project falls within the Class 1 exemption, because it entails minor alteration to the existing marquee sign located at the corner of W L Street and Figueroa Place at Los Angeles Harbor College. The Project will increase the size of the existing display, but it will not expand the marquee's existing or former use. With or without the Project, the marquee's existing use as a sign will remain the same.</p> <p>The Project is also exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15302 (the Class 2 exemption), which applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be</p>

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	<p>located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed Project falls within the Class 2 exemption, because it replaces the existing display of the marquee sign located at the corner of W L Street and Figueroa Place at Los Angeles Harbor College. The updated LED display will have the same purpose and capacity as the marquee's existing display. Both the existing display and the proposed LED display serve to provide campus visibility to adjacent areas, including along the 110 Freeway.</p> <p>The Project is also exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15311 (the Class 11 exemption), which applies to the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities. The Class 11 exemption explicitly applies to "[o]n-premise signs." The proposed Project here seeks to modernize an on-premise sign, and it is therefore categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 11 exemption.</p> <p>No exception to any of the aforementioned categorical exemptions apply. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. The project is not located on a hazardous waste site. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.</p> <p>For all of the foregoing reasons, the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.</p>
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