

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 E. Chestnut Ave.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

County of Orange Clerk-Recorder  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Roosevelt-Walker Academy – Classroom Doors and Walls**

Project Title

**501 S. Halladay Street**

Project Location – Specific

**Santa Ana 92701**

Project Location – City

**Orange**

Project Location – County

**The Santa Ana Unified School District proposes to add classroom doors, and new walls.**

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

**Santa Ana Unified School District**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

**Santa Ana Unified School District**

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

**Categorical Exemption**

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:      Class 1, § 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Section 15301 permits, among other activities, “minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.” The proposed project has been examined in the context of this Section and has been found consistent with these criteria. Further, the application of this Section of the CEQA Guidelines is not barred by any exceptions set forth in Section 15300.1. The Attachment to this Notice of Exemption provides additional detail in support of this finding. The proposed project will not change the use of the facility from a school. No increase in classrooms, students, or staff would occur as a result of the project. The project would not result in a significant effect on the environment.

Reasons why the project is exempt

**Ted Walstrom**

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If filed by the 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

Date Received for Filing: 2/22/24

Signature: *Ted Walstrom*

Title: Assistant Superintendent, Facilities & Governmental Relations

## ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### *ROOSEVELT-WALKER ACADEMY CLASSROOM DOORS & WALLS SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**1. Description of the Existing Setting of the Site and Adjacent Areas:** Roosevelt-Walker Academy is located at 501 S. Halladay Street, in Santa Ana, California. The site is developed with an elementary with a current enrollment of 662 students. The site is surrounded mainly by residential homes.

**2. Capacity:** Class 1 Categorical Exemption, Existing Facilities (Section 15301), is limited to minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project involves adding classroom doors and walls to the interior of the school. The proposed project will not change the use of the facility from a school. Therefore, the proposed project qualifies under the Class 1 Categorical Exemption, Existing Facilities to Schools (Section 15301).

**3. Review of Possible Exceptions to the Categorical Exemption:** The proposed project has been reviewed under Section 15300.1 for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the project is exempt from CEQA.

- a. **Cumulative Impacts:** The proposed project is not related to any "successive projects of the same kind in the same place over time," thus no significant cumulative impacts would occur.
- b. **Significant Effects:** The proposed addition would occur within the confines of the existing school site and would not increase the capacity of the school. There are no sensitive natural resources of any kind on the site or in the surrounding area and no unusual circumstances that would indicate a potential for any significant environmental effects.
- c. **Scenic Highways:** There are no state scenic highways in the vicinity of the project site. The project would not damage any scenic resources.
- d. **Hazardous Waste Sites:** The project site is not on any list of hazardous waste sites and is not located within the vicinity of any hazardous waste sites.
- e. **Historical Resources:** No historical resources would be impacted by the implementation of the proposed project.