

**LBUSD Erate Switch Project
Notice of Exemption (NOE)**

Chavez ES, Butler MS, District Office, Edison ES, EPHS, Franklin MS, Lafayette ES, Longfellow ES, Madison ES, McKinley ES, Muir K-8, Renaissance HS/ OMS

The Long Beach Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to install security cameras into existing surfaces at each school site:

- Chavez ES**
- Butler MS**
- District Office**
- Edison ES**
- EPHS**
- Franklin MS**
- Lafayette ES**
- Longfellow ES**
- Madison ES**
- McKinley ES**
- Muir K-8**
- Renaissance HS/ OMS**

Project Location

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Butler Middle School is located at 1400 E 20th St, Long Beach, CA 90806. It is located directly north of Route 1. The school site is bounded by Route 1 Highway to the south, Orange Avenue to the west, Alamitos Avenue to the north, and Walnut Avenue to the east.

The LBUSD Office is located at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810. The campus is located in a neighborhood north of the Interstate 405. The site is bounded by the Interstate 405 to the south, the Interstate 710 to the east, Forbes Way to the north, and Santa Fe Avenue and industrial infrastructure to the west.

Edison ES is located at 625 Maine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802. The school campus is in a neighborhood east of Interstate 710 and south of Rte 1, at the northeast intersection between W 6th St and Golden Ave. The school site is bounded by Golden Ave to the west, W 6th St to the south, Edison Child Development Center to the east, and W 7th St to the north.

Educational Partnership High School is located at 1794 Cedar Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813. The school campus is located within a neighborhood south of Route 1. The school site is bounded by Pacific Avenue to the east, Route 1 to the north, Cedar Avenue to the west, and W 17th Street to the south.

Franklin Middle School is located at 540 Cerritos Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802. It is in a neighborhood located south of Route 1. The school site is bounded by E 7th Street to the north, Orange Avenue to the east, E 5th Street to the south, and Cerritos Avenue to the west.

Lafayette Elementary School is located at 2445 Chestnut Ave, Long Beach, CA 90806. It is in a neighborhood located north of Route 1. The school site is bounded by W 25th Street to the north, Chestnut Avenue to the east, W Burnett Street to the south, and Eucalyptus Avenue to the west.

Longfellow Elementary School is located at 3800 Olive Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807. It is in a neighborhood located north of Interstate 405. The school site is bounded by Olive Avenue to the west, E Bixby Road to the south, California Avenue to the east, and E Armando Drive to the north.

Madison ES is located at 2801 Bomberry St, Lakewood, CA 90712. It is in a neighborhood located west of Route 19. The school site is bounded by Paramount Boulevard to the west, Bomberry Street to the south, Obispo Avenue to the east, and Greentop Street to the north.

McKinley Elementary School is located at 6822 Paramount Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90805. It is located in a neighborhood north of Route 91. The school site is bounded by E 68th Street to the south, Paramount Boulevard to the west, E 69th Street to the north, and Obispo Avenue to the east.

Muir K-8 is located at 3038 Delta Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810. It is in a neighborhood located east of Interstate 710. The school site is bounded by W Spring Street to the south, Easy Avenue to the east, Delta Avenue to the west, and W 32nd Street to the north.

Renaissance HS is located at 235 E 8th St, Long Beach, CA 90813. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is east of Interstate 710 and south of Route 1, at the northwest intersection of Long Beach Blvd and E 8th St. The school site is bounded by E 9th Street to the north, Long Beach Blvd to the east, E 8th St to the south, and Pine Ave to the west.

The Transportation Department is located at 2700 Pine Ave, Long Beach, Ca 90806. The campus is located within the neighborhood that is east of Interstate 710 and south of Interstate 405, at the northeast corner of the intersection between Pine Ave and E 27th St. The site is bounded by Pine Ave to the west, Jackie Robinson Academy to the north, The Willow St Station and associated railway to the east, and E 27th St to the south.

Description of Project

MDF/IDF switch replacement installation services including but not limited to planning, implementation, system test and verification, and post-installation support & remediation. The project will reinstall into existing cabinets and is a hardware replacement only project.

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:

The proposed activity is a project subject to CEQA. However, it is exempt from further environmental analysis under Class 1, *Existing Facilities* (CEQA Guidelines §15303). Class 1 categorical exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or 2 former use.

The Proposed Project will not result in significant environmental impacts and is exempt from further review under the conditions in Article 19. Therefore, the application of Class 1 categorical exemption is appropriate for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Consequently, as documented below, the Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review.

- (a) **Location.** The improvements will occur entirely within the existing campuses, which are located in urbanized communities. The existing conditions on and around the schools are disturbed and paved ground and are not considered environmentally sensitive. Minor ground disturbance would occur during construction but will be limited to the existing school property on previously disturbed surfaces. The Proposed Project will not impact environmentally sensitive areas or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.
- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** Once Proposed Project has been approved by the District's Board of Education, project construction activities could begin spring of 2023. Details of any other future projects are not yet clearly defined and thereby cannot be further evaluated at this time. Further, the majority of impacts associated with the Proposed Project will be temporary (the construction timeframe) and are limited to the immediate vicinity of the schools. As such, no other cumulatively considerable projects have been identified that could incrementally contribute to the impacts associated with the Proposed Project. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.
- (c) **Significant Effect.** The installation of the switches is not considered an unusual circumstance as campus updates are not unusual for school sites. All installations associated with the Proposed Project would be installed on or within existing facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not appear visually incompatible with existing equipment and accessories on the Project site. Normal operations will be similar and consistent with current uses within the Project boundary.

The Proposed Project is located within a disturbed, urbanized environment in Long Beach. The campus vegetation is limited to ornamental landscaping, and it is anticipated that no candidate, sensitive, or special status species are anticipated to exist on or around the elementary school. The majority of work associated with the Proposed Project would occur in the interior of existing buildings; only minor accessibility upgrades would result in minor ground disturbing activities. Thus, the Proposed Project and will not involve the removal of any vegetation or scenic trees, nor would it impact any scenic vistas within the immediate area.

Therefore, no reasonable possibility exists that the Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, this exception does not apply to this Project.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** The project is contained within the school sites and would not impact any scenic highway. The closest scenic highway is CA-1, however, the eligible section of CA-1 is located approximately 2 miles east of the nearest schools (Bulter MS). Other nearby highways include California State Highways 710, 405, 605, and 91, which are not classified as eligible for state scenic highway designation. Therefore, no impact to scenic highways would occur, and this exception does not apply to the Project.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** Due to the time of original construction and campus expansion that has occurred since, it is likely that the campuses contain asbestos-containing materials (ACM)/asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) and lead-based paint (LBP). However, the construction activities would be monitored and comply with federal and state law to prevent exposure to hazardous material and reduce potential impacts during construction and operation to a level below significant. The Proposed Project sites are not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65862.5 (SWRCB 2022; DTSC 2022); therefore, implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in an impact associated with known hazardous materials sites. This exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

- (f) **Historical Resources.** As part of the District-Wide Cultural Resources Assessment, PCR services recommended that Chavez ES, Butler MS, District Office, Lafayette ES, Longfellow ES, Madison ES, Muir K-8, Renaissance HS/ OMS are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2017). Although Franklin MS, Edison ES, and McKinley ES are eligible for the NRHP and CRHR, the Proposed Project would not have a significant effect on historical resources since it is a maintenance, removal and replacement project. Alvarado ES, Oropeza ES, and Roosevelt ES were not evaluated and will not experience significant historical impacts from the Proposed Project. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

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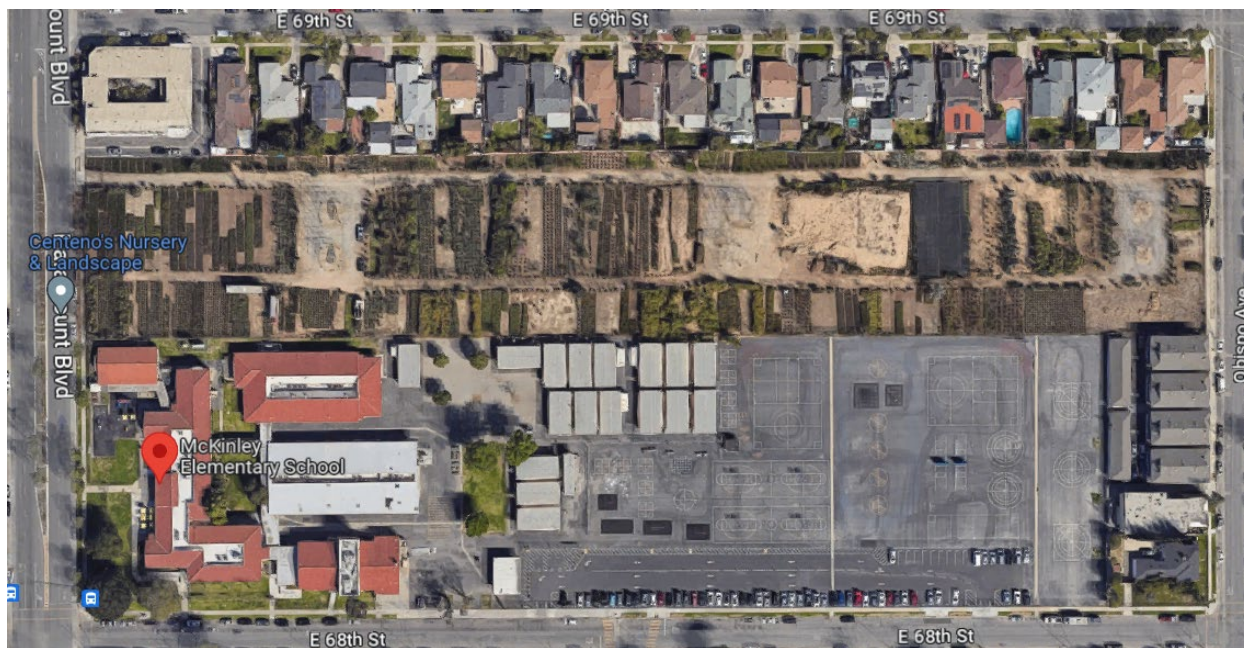
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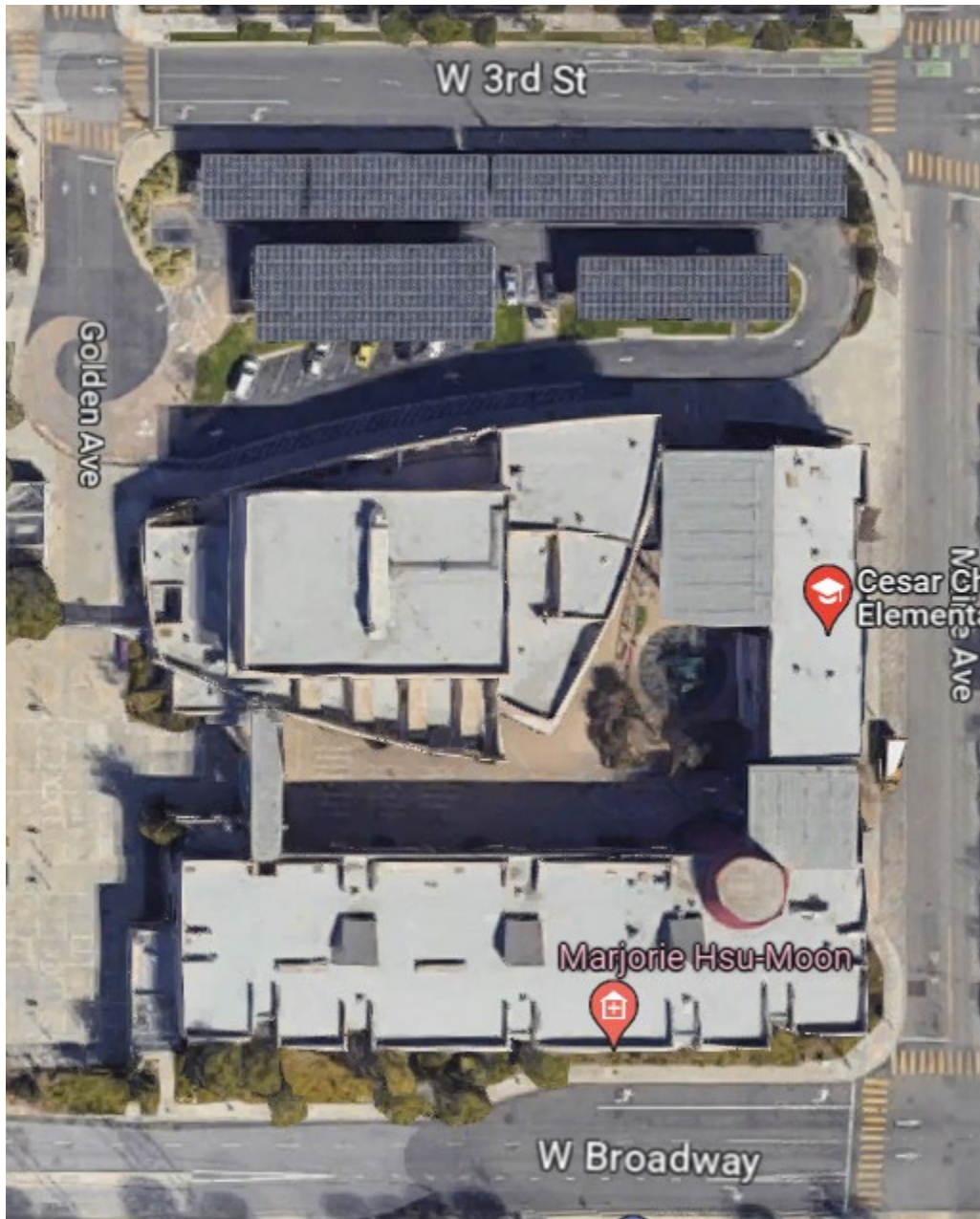
McKinley ES



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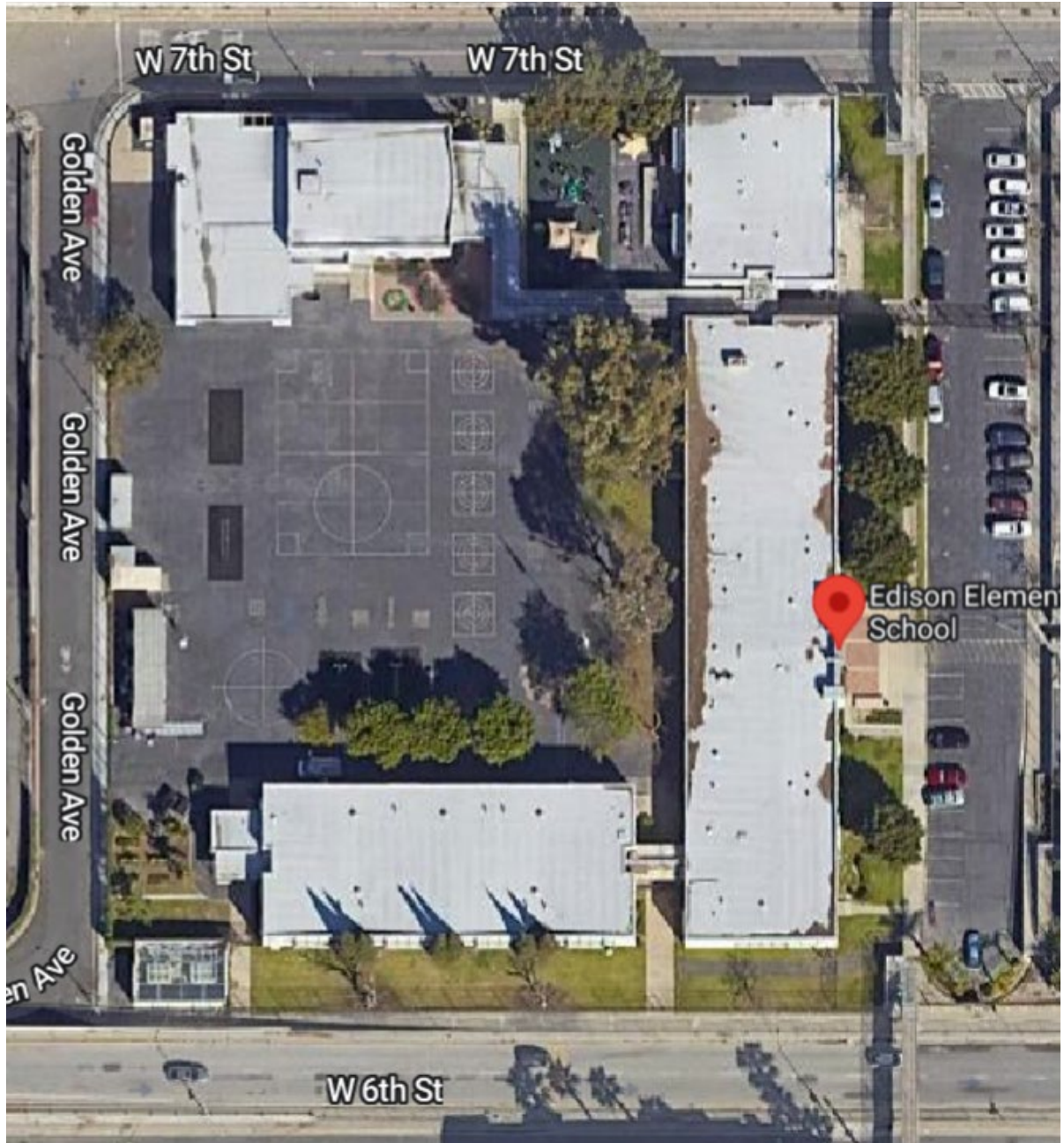
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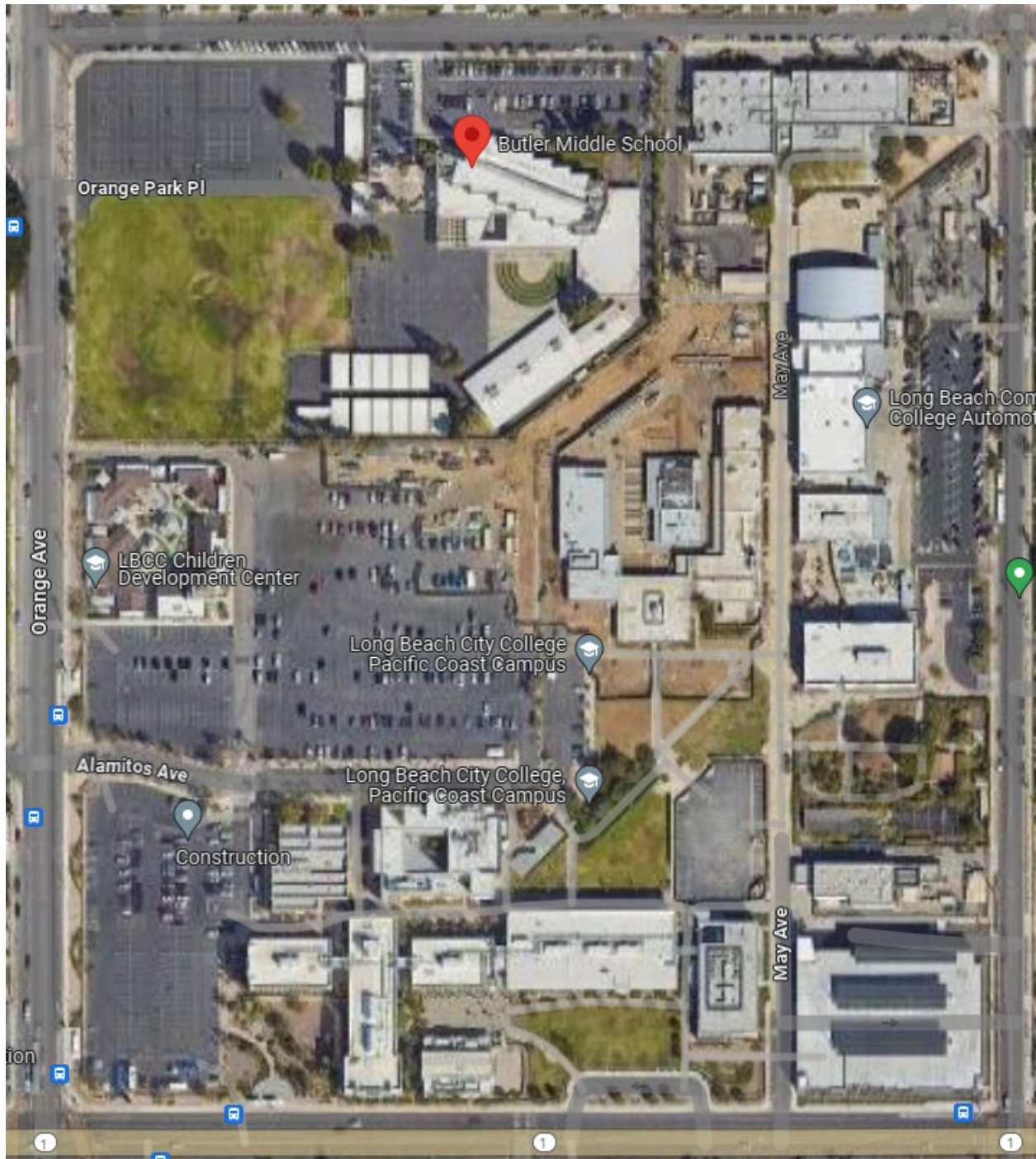
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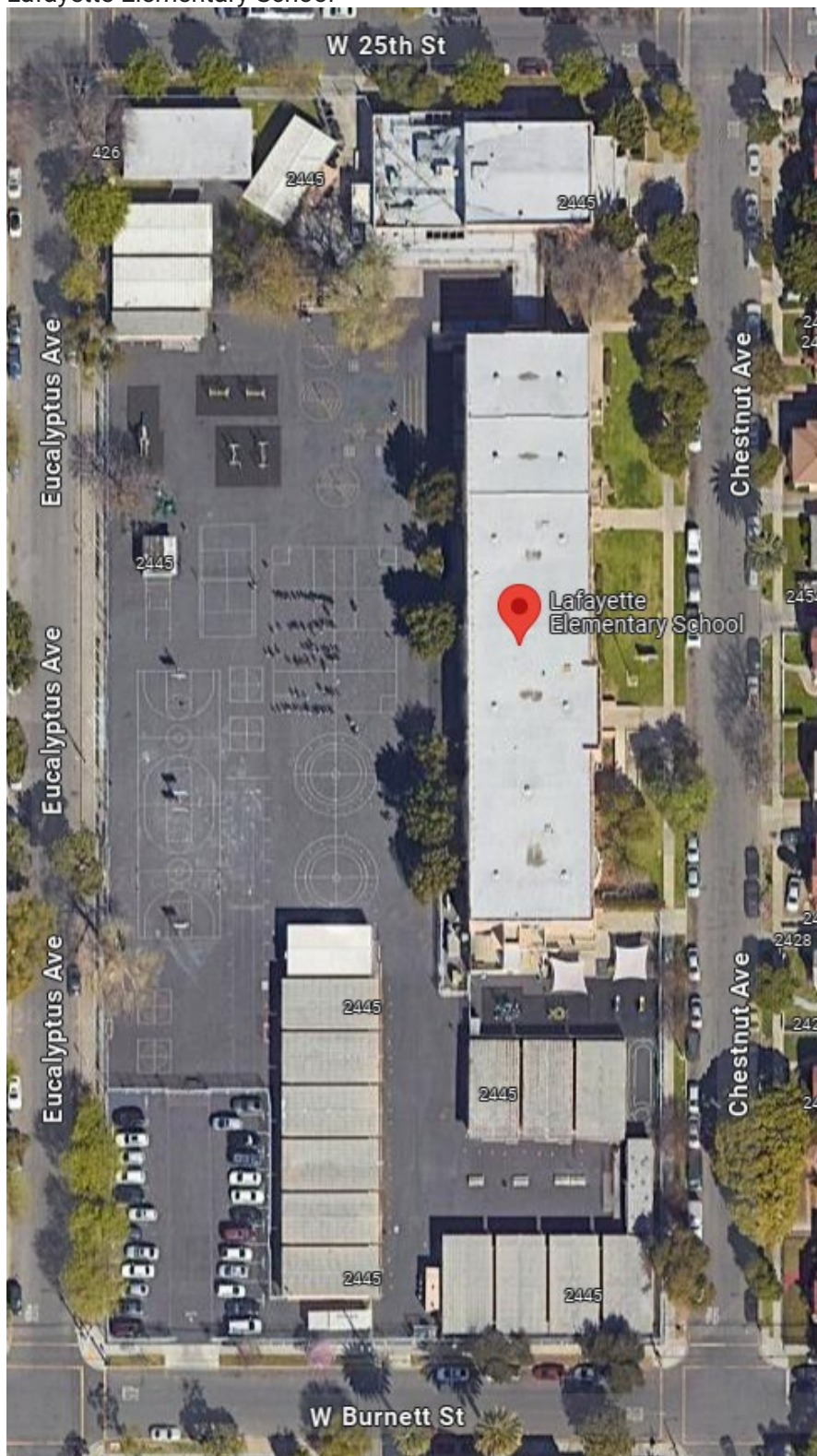
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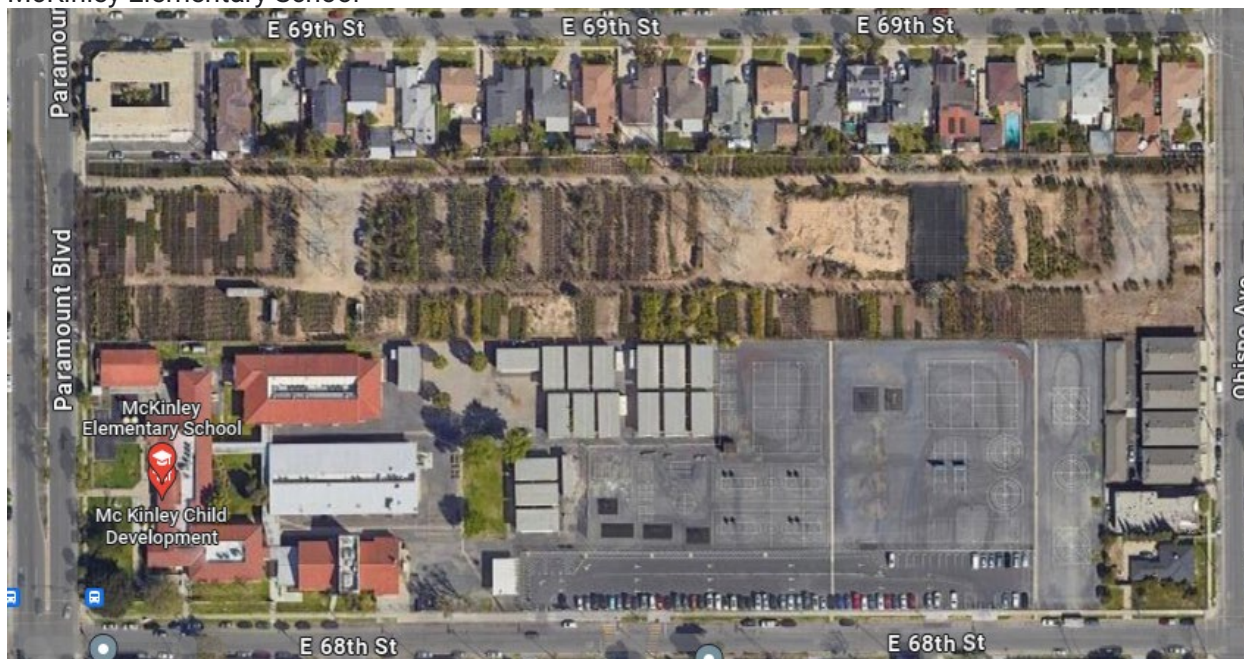
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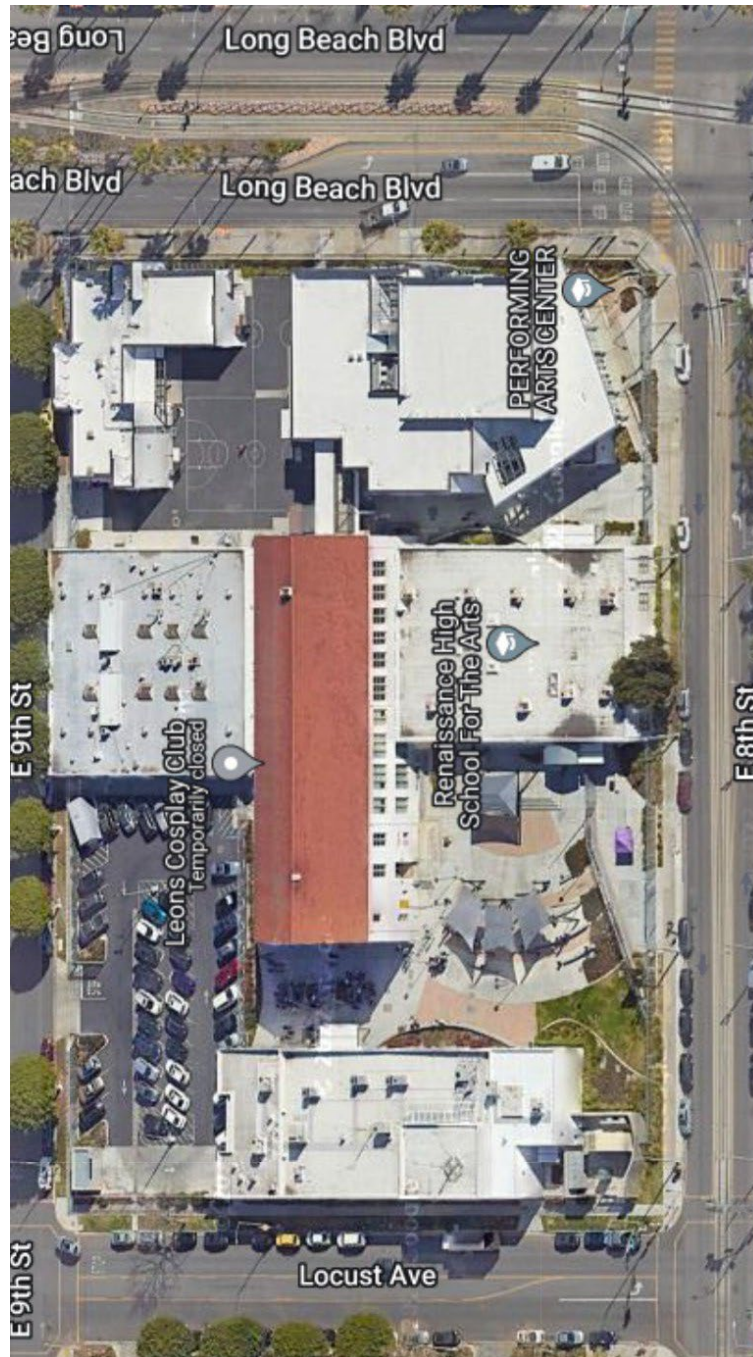
John Muir K-8 Academy



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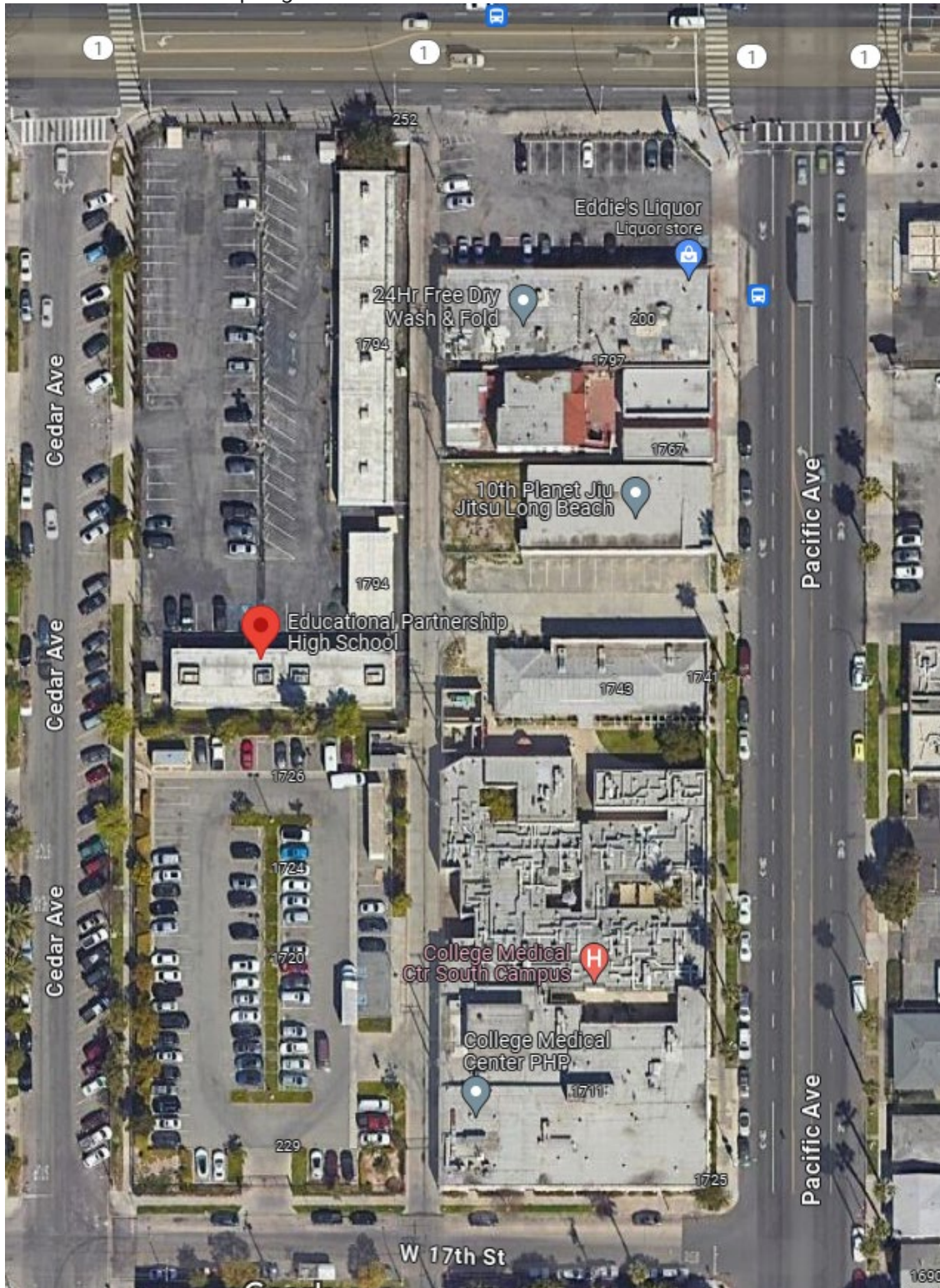
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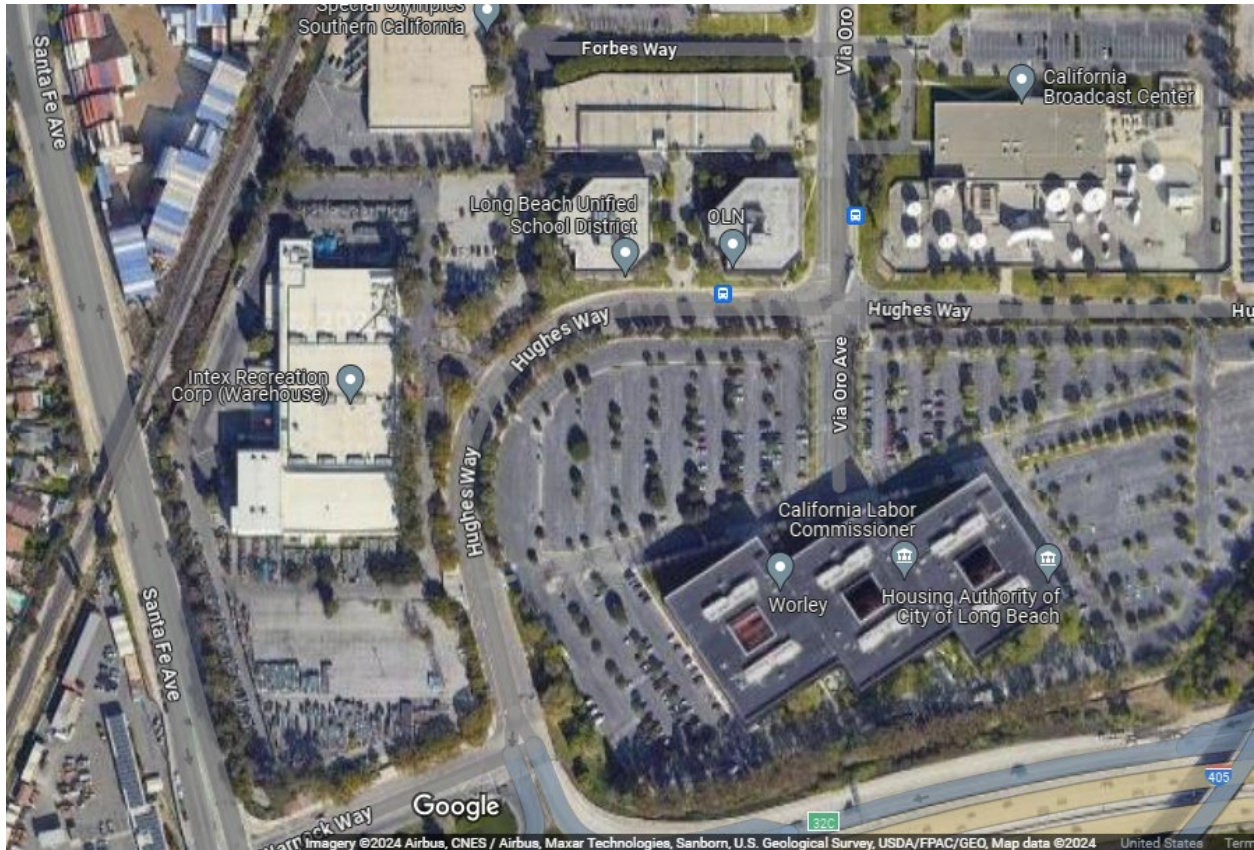
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