

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: Los Angeles  
12400 East Imperial Highway,  
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**From:** (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(Address)

Project Title: Pio Pico Park and Underground Parking Structure Project

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Project Location - Specific: 694 S Oxford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Los Angeles Public Library Department (LAPL) and the Department of Public Works – Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and commit park fees for the development and use of a portion of the Pio Pico-Koreatown Branch Library property for recreational and maintenance purposes. The Project goals are centered on increasing park space in this dense urban community and co-locating the new pocket park on LAPL property, adjacent to the existing library and surrounding open spaces. Also to concurrently increase parking opportunities in the neighborhood. Once complete, the new public park developed will meet the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan. Beneficiaries are patrons of the park and library.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

**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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Art. 5, Sec. 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

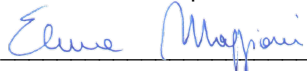
The proposed Board's action consists of the approval of an updated MOA between the City of LA's RAP, LAPL, and BOE, for the demolition of an existing asphalt parking lot, the construction of an underground parking structure, and the development of a pocket park on the parking deck. The proposed Board's action also includes the addition to \$3,400,000 to the Project's funding. The park project has been previously approved and an IS/MND has been adopted on May 5, 2022 (BR 22-108). The current MOA does not change the characteristics of the proposed Project that was previously approved, the environmental circumstances of the Project site have not changed and new information has not become available.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: ELENA MAGGIONI Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-482-6980

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 05/02/2024 Title: Environmental Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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