

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Temple City USD

9700 East Las Tunas Drive

Temple City, CA 91780

(Address)

Project Title: Temple City Continuation School Site Plan Project

Project Applicant: Not Applicable

Project Location - Specific:

District Admin Office Campus, 9700 East Las Tunas Drive, Temple City CA 91780

Project Location - City: Temple City

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Redevelopment of the southern portion of the Project Location, includes demolishing a portion of an existing parking lot; constructing two new portable school buildings with 7 portable classrooms and a portable administration office, plus restrooms (~8330 sf floor space); constructing a new shaded lunch area, half basketball court, and landscaping/shaded outdoor areas. See Attached Resolution.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Not Applicable

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Temple City Unified School District

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 3-§15303, 11- §15311, 32-§15332

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The limited number of small structures/facilities with less than four additional buildings under 10,000 sf of floor space in an urbanized area, comprise a limited number of new relatively small structures and accessory structures accessory to an existing public-school campus, which is institutional and in built-up urban environments and is consistent with applicable general plan policies and zoning designations/regulations, as exempted. See attached Resolution.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anthony Salazar

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (626) 627-2164

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: 

Connie Wu

Date: 5/10/2024

Title: Asst. Supt. Business Services

▪ 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION 2324-27

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE TEMPLE CITY CONTINUATION SCHOOL SITE
PLAN PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT,
DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NOTICE
OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Temple City Unified School District ("District") has developed the Temple City Continuation School Site Plan Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located at 9700 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, CA 91780, an existing public school district campus ("Campus"); and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the redevelopment of the southern portion of the Campus, which currently holds a parking lot serving the District's main Administration Office, and includes the demolition an existing parking lot; construction of two new portable school buildings consisting of seven connected portable classroom units, a portable administration office and a portable restroom (totaling estimated 8330 sf); and construction of a new shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor shade areas; and,

WHEREAS, before the District may determine to carry out the Project, it must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for each of the Project. District staff have determined that the Project meet the definitions of the Class 3, Class 11 and Class 32 Categorical Exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the Project before approving the Project; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Class 3 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15303, exempts a project that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, including utility systems, and accessory structures such as patio areas and fences. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to up to four such buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area on sites zoned for such use, if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances where all necessary public services and facilities are available and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the demolition of a portion of the existing parking lot; construction of two new portable school buildings consisting of seven connected portable classroom units, a new portable administration office and a new portable restroom; and construction of a new shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor shade areas. The two new school buildings will total roughly 8,330 square feet of new floor area, within the four building and 10,000-sf limitation under the Class 3 exemption, and the shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor areas all constitute new, small facilities or structures that fall within the Class 3 Exemption; and,

WHEREAS, the Project would be situated on less than half an acre on the southmost next to the District's main administration offices, on an area currently occupied by a parking lot

surrounded by urban uses, and is currently zoned within the Las Tunas Commercial ("LTC") District, which, under Temple City Zoning Code section 9-11-2, designates educational facilities as a use requiring a Conditional Use permit; and

WHEREAS, the District is exempting the Proposed Project from all relevant Temple City General Plan and zoning requirements and regulations in Board Resolution 2324-26 passed on 4/24/2024, which removes the Proposed Project site from General Plan designation and zoning, making the Proposed Project consistent with the Temple City General Plan and zoning, as exempted; and

WHEREAS, the Class 11 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15311, exempts a project that consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the construction of a shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor shade areas. These improvements comprise a limited number of new relatively small structures and accessory structures to an existing public school campus, which are institutional and in built-up urban environments. Thus, these elements of the Proposed Project fit within the Class 11 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Class 32 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15332, exempts a project that consists of infill development on sites of less than five acres within city limits surrounded by urban uses, which is consistent with the applicable general plan designations and all applicable general plan policies and applicable zoning designations and regulations; has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project redevelops a roughly half-acre area, less than the maximum five acres allowed under a Class 32 exemption; has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality, as the new adult continuation school would only serve roughly 60 students in an urbanized area; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services; thus, these elements of the Proposed Project fit within the Class 32 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 provides six exceptions that would disqualify a project from being categorically exempt. These are 1) for a Class 3 categorical exemption, a project located within a particularly sensitive environmental location; for a Class 3, Class 11, and Class 32 exemption, 2) where the cumulative impact of successive project of the same type in the same place would be significant over time; 3) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; 4) a project that would cause damage to scenic elements within a designated state scenic highway; 5) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and 6) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource.

WHEREAS, none of the six exceptions apply to the Class 3, Class 11, or Class 32 Categorical Exemptions: (1) the Project is not within a sensitive environmental location, as it is within an already established school campus surrounded by urban uses; (2) no other similar,

successive Project is proposed; (3) there are no known unusual circumstances that would be caused by the expansion of an existing school campus; (4) according to the Caltrans Scenic Highway System Map website, the Project site are neither near nor visible from officially designated State of California scenic highways, so no scenic highways or resources would be affected as a result of the Project; (5) the Project site is not designated Hazardous Waste site; (6) the Project does not involve changes to buildings, so the Project would not cause any changes to any potential historical resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for good and sufficient cause based on the entire record of proceedings, the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby finds as follows:

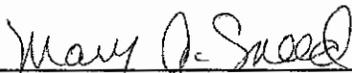
1. The above recitals are adopted as true and correct.
2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303), because the Project consists of the construction of two new portable school buildings consisting of seven connected portable classroom units, a portable administration office and a portable restroom (totaling estimated 8330 sf); and construction of a new shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor shade areas; the school buildings will total roughly 8,330 square feet of new building floor area, within the four building and 10,000-sf limitation under the Class 3 exemption, and the shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor areas all constitute new, small facilities or structures that fall within the Class 3 Exemption. The Project would be situated on less than half an acre on the southmost portion of the existing Campus, which includes the District's main administration offices, on an area currently occupied by a parking lot surrounded by urban uses, zoned within the Las Tunas Commercial ("LTC") District, which, under Temple City Zoning Code section 9-11-2, designates educational facilities as a use requiring a Conditional Use permit. The District is exempting the Proposed Project from all relevant Temple City General Plan and zoning requirements and regulations in Board Resolution 2324-26, passed on 4/24/2024, which effectively removes the Proposed Project site from General Plan designation and zoning, making the Proposed Project consistent with the Temple City General Plan and zoning, as exempted.
3. The Project meets the definition of the Class 11 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311), because the Project consists of the construction of a shaded lunch area, utility court, and landscaping/outdoor shade areas. These improvements comprise a limited number of new relatively small structures and accessory structures accessory to an existing public-school campus, which are institutional and in built-up urban environments, which falls under the Class 11 Categorical Exemption.
4. The Project meets the definition of the Class 32 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15332), because the Project would be situated on less than half an acre on the southmost portion of the District's main administration offices, on an area currently occupied by a parking lot surrounded by urban uses, zoned within the LTC District, which, under Temple City Zoning Code section 9-11-2, designates educational facilities as a permitted use requiring a Conditional Use permit. The District is exempting the Proposed Project from all relevant Temple City General Plan and zoning requirements and regulations in Board Resolution 2324-26 passed on 4/24/2024, which effectively removes the Proposed Project site from General

Plan designation and zoning, making the Proposed Project consistent with the Temple City General Plan and zoning, as exempted. The Project would also redevelop a roughly half-acre area, less than the maximum five acres allowed under a Class 32 exemption; has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality, as the new adult continuation school would only serve roughly 60 students in an urbanized area; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. Thus, these elements of the Proposed Project fit within the Class 32 Categorial Exemption.

5. None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines in §15300.2 apply here.
6. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled by the District for the Project.
7. The Board hereby separately and finally approves the Project for immediate construction.
8. The Superintendent, or his designee, is authorized and directed to take such further actions as may be necessary or convenient to carry out said Project.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

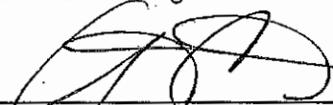
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Temple City Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 24th day of April 2024.

AYES: Espinoza, Georgino, Sneed, Bell
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Smith



Mary Sneed
Board of Education President

I, Art Cunha, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Temple City Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled board meeting held on this 24th day of April, 2024.



Art Cunha, Superintendent
Temple City Unified School District