

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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County of: Los Angeles  
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Recreation and Parks  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400  
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(Address)

Project Title: GRIFFITH PARK - GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY Donation of a Celestial Globe

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

Project Location - Specific: 2800 E Observatory Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90027

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project consists in the installation of a Celestial Globe at the Griffith observatory. The rotating globe is to be mounted on a tall post over the Observatory's Gravity's Stairway, which connects the building's historic level and new galleries added in 2006. The Celestial Globe exhibit is an 800-pound modern interpretation of the ancient Farnese Atlas sculpture sphere that portrays 43 constellations of the night sky. Beneficiaries of the project are the patrons of the Observatory

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

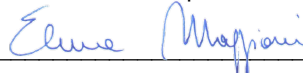
The proposed Project consists of installing a single new permanent exhibit inside the Observatory building. The supporting post of the exhibit will be mounted to the floor and attached for lateral support to a stairway. Both connections have been evaluated and stamped by a licensed structural engineer and reviewed by Building & Safety. There will be no other modification to the existing Observatory building. The proposed project consists of a minor alteration of an existing facility.

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: 10/10/2024 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_