

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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City of Los Angeles Department of
Recreation and Parks
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial Highway,
Norwalk, California 90650

(Address)

Project Title: Citywide Parks Need Assessment

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

Project Location - Specific: Multiple Locations

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project consists of a citywide Park Needs Assessment (PNA). This study will evaluate the present and future recreational needs of the residents within the City of Los Angeles. The PNA will heavily rely on community outreach, gathering feedback from residents across socioeconomic levels throughout the City through various outreach methods, including but not limited to stakeholder meetings, public workshops, focus groups, and surveys. Outreach methods will emphasize equity, inclusion, and ensuring that a diverse range of voices are heard over the course of the PNA. To achieve its goals the PNA requires the creation of a model of future population growth based on the most current certifiable Citywide data available. From this model, the PNA will perform region-specific scenarios to project if current RAP service levels would be sustainable for the city growing population. Additional components will include the consideration of climate change, environmental justice and other environmental factors as well as the appraisal of past park investment, growth, and development over the last 25 years. This will help inform the PNA's Decision Making Framework, as well as any park planning efforts that may be undertaken in the future. The expected outcome of the PNA would be to develop a Decision Making Framework to objectively inform how the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) should be prioritizing overall park investment, including future capital improvement projects, and to allocate RAP resources to meet the needs identified in the community outreach process that emphasizes inclusivity, accessibility, and transparency. The assessment is not meant to produce a list of projects or commitments to build in the future and will not have a legally binding effect on later activities. Beneficiaries of the project are the patrons of the park.

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: CCR Title 14, Chapter 3 Section 15286

Reasons why project is exempt:

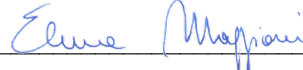
The propose Board's action consists of awarding the Park Needs Assessment for the City of Los Angeles to Olin Partnership , LTD. The final result of this effort is a planning study that highlights the needs for parks and recreation structures in the City of Los Angeles and a decision making framework that will support future planning, taking into account climate change, environmental justice and other environmental factors. The assessment is not meant to produce a list of projects or commitments to build in the future and will not have a legally binding effect on later activities.

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: 1/14/2025 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: _____