

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Monica

1685 Main Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

(Address)

Project Title: Safety Element Update

Project Applicant: City of Santa Monica

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: Santa Monica

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Safety Element addresses associated Federal and State requirements to identify risks and vulnerabilities from natural and human-made disasters and other emergency events and would establish the strategies for creating a safer and more resilient City. The Safety Element establishes the City's goals, policies, and programs to reduce the short and long term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and social dislocation due to hazards from the natural and built environment including geologic hazards, flooding, hazardous materials, airport hazards, climate change effects, and fires.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Monica

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: Section 15061(b)(3); Section 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The adoption of the amended Safety Element and amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal Code to implement the Safety Element is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Safety Element is primarily limited to policy modifications and updates in compliance with State law and is not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. Based on the evidence in the record, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts (Class 8) actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The Safety Element addresses climate change effects with policies and actions that foster sustainability and environmental protection. Therefore, the Safety Element is exempt pursuant to Section 15308.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachel Kwok

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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: Rachel Kwok Date: 2/12/25 Title: Environmental Planner

▪ 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: _____