

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Los Angeles

1240 Imperial Highway

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From: (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles
Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division
1149 S Broadway St 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015

(Address)

Project Title: South LA Urban Resilience Project

Project Applicant: Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.

Project Location - Specific:

South Los Angeles (north: I-10; west: Arlington Ave and Van Ness Ave; east: Vermont

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Planting 400 15-gallon street trees in public right-of-way tree wells and parkways and remediating three medians with drought-tolerant landscaping to expand urban canopy, reduce the urban heat island effect, and conserve water in South Los Angeles.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.

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: 15304 - Minor alterations to land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of planting street trees and installing drought-tolerant landscaping within existing public rights-of-way. The project involves minor alterations to existing public facilities and landscaping improvements with negligible expansion of existing use and no significant environmental impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Hector Banuelos Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 847-3077

If filed by applicant:

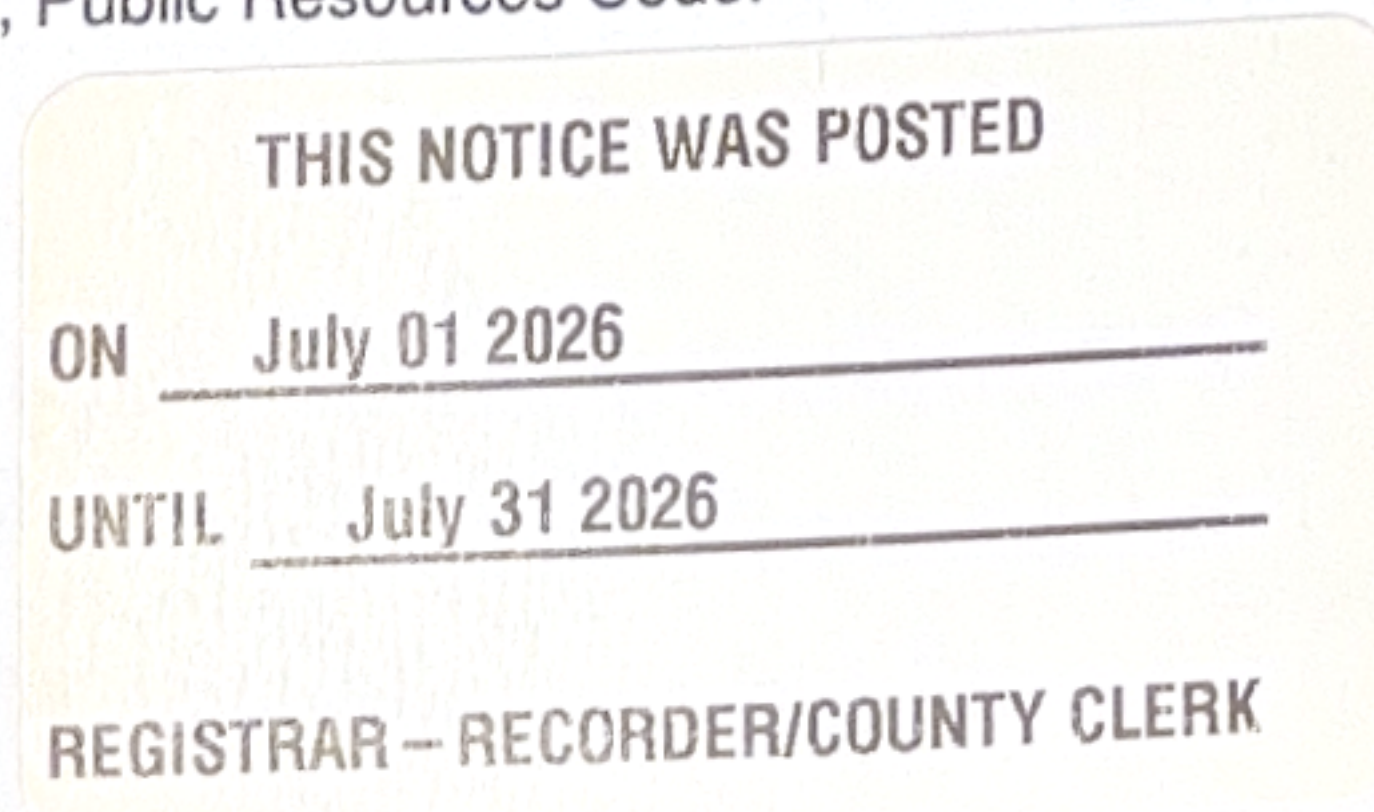
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/26/26 Title: Street Tree Supt

■ 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: _____



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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply to all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The project is limited to Los Angeles public right-of-way. There are no officially mapped environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern within Los Angeles city public right-of-way. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exception applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

There are no other known projects that could involve cumulatively significant impacts. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

There are no unusual circumstances known to this office. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

4. Scenic Highway. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic Highway.

Adding street trees will not damage any scenic resources. Furthermore, there are no designated state scenic highways in the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

5. Hazardous Waste Site. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

Tree planting will not involve deep or extensive grading and usually does not involve the export of soil. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

No historical resource is involved in the proposed project so this exception has no application here.