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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
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PROJECT TITLE: FLAT TOP - Rescission of previous board action for the acquisition of five parcels by donation for the development of a park	LOG REFERENCE: BR 23-041
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PROJECT LOCATION: APN 5206-017-003, 5207-027-004, 5207-028-005, 5207-028-006, and 5207-028-008

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

On August 13, 2014, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board), through Board Report No. 14-220, authorized the acquisition by donation of five parcels totaling approximately 1,583,569 square feet or 36.37 acres, located in the Montecito Heights area of East Los Angeles (APN 5206-017-003, 5207-027-004, 5207-028-005, 5207-028-006, and 5207-028-008) for the preservation of open space and the development of a passive use park. The parcels are immediately adjacent to RAP's Mount Olympus Park. The subject vacant property consists of various hillside lots.

North East Trees (NET), a RAP partner in other endeavors, was to acquire the property and to transfer the property at no cost and free and clear of any encumbrances to the City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks for park purposes in perpetuity.

Real Estate Staff discovered that the property had substantial title issues that included encroachments and unpaid tax obligations. After several attempts to resolve all outstanding issues, RAP determined that it would no longer recommend proceeding with the acquisition/acceptance of the property donation.

In October of 2022 RAP received a letter from NET indicating that NET would not be able to transfer the property at no cost and without any monetary encumbrances to RAP. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends terminating all negotiations and terminating the project approved by the Board through Board Report No. 17-034 approved on February 15, 2017.

CONTACT PERSON: ELENA MAGGIONI	AREA CODE: 213	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 482-6980	EXT.:
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c)
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2b	ART. 18, Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below	ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15333
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(d)	ART. 18, Sec. 15262
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(j)	ART. 18, Sec. 15270
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions)		

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

The adoption of a resolution to repeal the previously adopted resolution constitutes a disapproval of a project. Therefore, it is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article 2, Section 2, Class j) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and to Chapter 18, Section 15270 of the California CEQA Guidelines.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor		DATE: 2/16/2023
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FEE \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D. BY:	DATE:

