

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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: 6
PROJECT TITLE: VARIOUS CENTERS – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Four (4) Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers	LOG REFERENCE: BR 23-053

PROJECT LOCATION: 9450 Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City 91402; 8600 Hazeltine Ave Panorama 91402; 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd Sun Valley 91352; 8801 Kester Ave Panorama City 91402

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The proposed project consists of an agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to host the April 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Special Primary Election in four (4) facilities from March 23, 2023, and expire no later than June 30, 2023.

Beneficiaries of the project are the CD6 voters.

CONTACT PERSON: ELENA MAGGIONI	AREA CODE 213	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 482-6980	EXT.
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<p>EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION</p>	<p>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3)</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2b</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2(d)</p> <p>Art. II, Sec. 2(i)</p>	<p>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</p> <p>ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a)</p> <p>ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c)</p> <p>ART. 18, Sec. 15268</p> <p>ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15333</p> <p>ART. 18, Sec. 15262</p> <p>ART. 18, Sec. 15282</p>																												
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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

It is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply, see attached narrative.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

<p>SIGNATURE: ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor</p> 	<p>DATE: 3/16/2023</p>
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VARIOUS CENTERS – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Four (4) Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of an agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to host the April 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Special Primary Election in four (4) facilities:

- Albert Pinatanida Intergenerational Center, 9450 Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City 91402
- Panorama Recreation Center, 8600 Hazeltine Ave Panorama 91402
- Fernangeles Recreation Center, 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd Sun Valley 91352
- Mid Valley Senior Center, 8801 Kester Ave Panorama City 91402.

The term of the proposed VCA shall be from March 23, 2023, and expire no later than June 30, 2023; this includes set-up, voter assistant training, elections day(s), and tear-down.

The project is located at 9450 Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City 91402; 8600 Hazeltine Ave Panorama 91402 and 8801 Kester Ave Panorama City 91402 in the Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills Community Planning Area and 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd Sun Valley 91352, in the Sun Valley-La Tuna Canyon Community Planning Area (Fig.1).

II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Basis for Categorical Exemption

The proposed Project consists of issuance of a permit to use an existing structure facility involving negligible or no expansion of use.

It is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines.

Consideration of Potential Exceptions to Use of a Categorical Exemption

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 proposed project falls under Class 1, 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.

The proposed project consists of an agreement to use existing recreation center as voting sites. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. 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.

RAP is not aware of any unusual circumstances associated with this project. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

4. Scenic Highway. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that 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.

The proposed project is not within sight of any state designated scenic highway, nor of any other historic and scenic resource. 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.

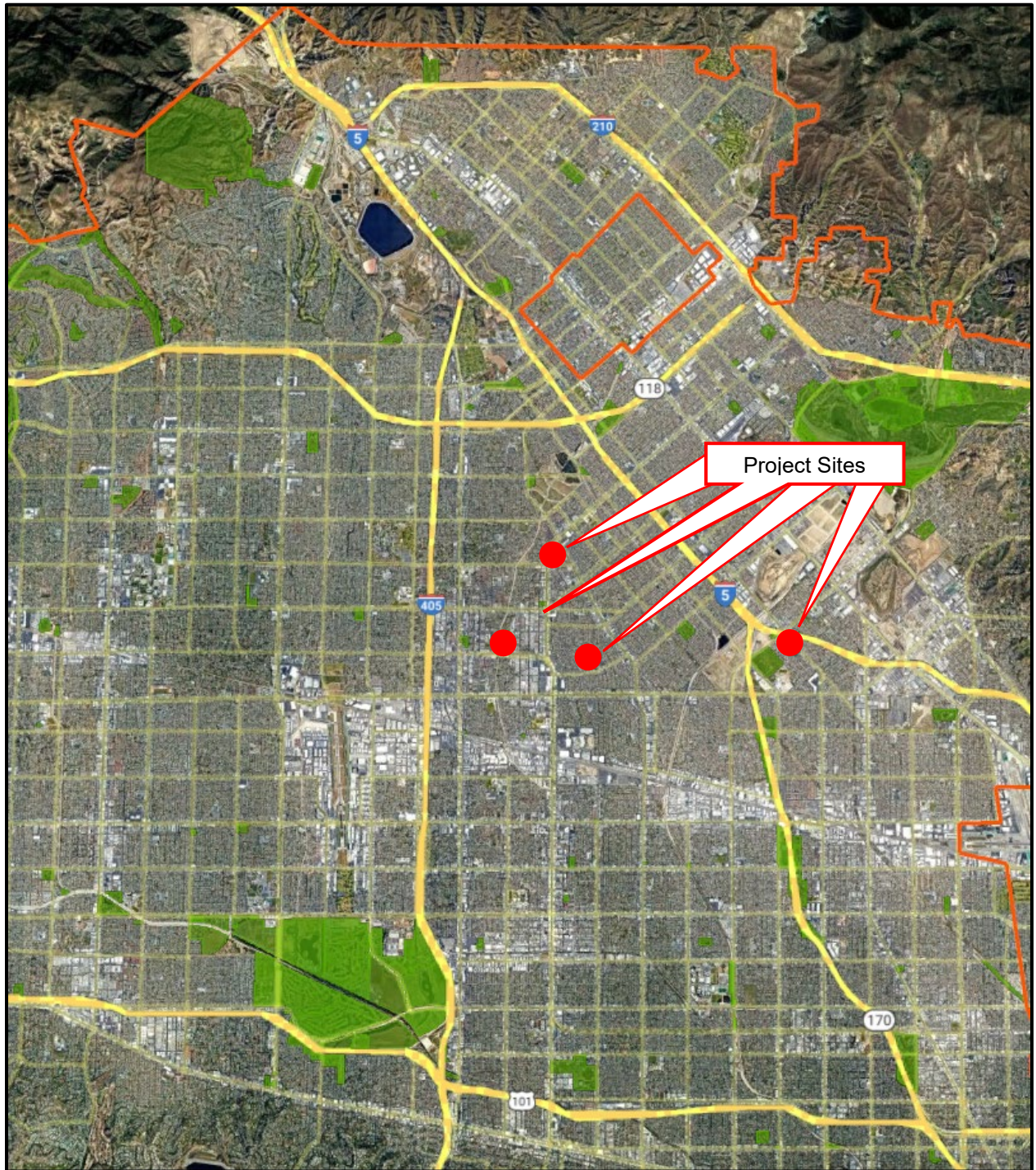
As of January 30, 2023, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project sites. They have listed three contaminated sites near Fernangeles Recreation Center: RB Case #: 913521125A, a leaking underground storage tank remediated in 2001, T0603702314, another leaking underground storage tank remediated in 1996, and T0603774984, a soil contamination remediated in 2007. These sites have been remediated and do not pose a threat to the voting centers. A school investigation site (ID 70000020) is reported within 500 feet of Panorama Recreation Center, but, according to Envirostor, no recognized environmental conditions associated with the Site present a risk to public health or the environment. 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.

The proposed project area is not located in proximity of known historical, paleontological or archeological resources. No excavation is required and this office does not anticipate the disruption of archaeological or paleontological resources.

Therefore, this exception has no application here.

Figure 1. Project Location



List of References

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