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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.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> 14
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> 1ST AND BROADWAY CIVIC CENTER PARK Project suspension	<b>LOG REFERENCE:</b> PRJ21252, BR 23-060

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 217 West 1st St, Los Angeles, CA, 90012

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
 First and Broadway Civic Center Park is an undeveloped, vacant 1.96-acre property generally bounded by the Los Angeles County's Grand Park to the north, Spring Street to the east, 1st Street to the south, and Broadway to the west.  
 The property was acquired in 2013 as dedicated park land. Extensive site demolition to remove remnants of a former 13-story State office building and a 2-level underground parking structure was completed by the City in late 2014. After extensive community outreach conducted for the Project, including presentations, design workshops, paper and online surveys spanning from October 2014 to July 2019, the final proposed scope of work for the Project was developed and included: a two-story restaurant building with rooftop access at the northwest corner of the park, trees and green spaces for public enjoyment, walking pathways and passive recreational uses, numerous seating areas, new hardscaping and landscaped areas, bicycle parking area, 16 multi-function canopies to provide shade and lighting throughout the park, and bioswales and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for infiltration and/or appropriate treatments of storm water runoffs.  
 On November 20, 2019, the Board approved the final plans and call for bids for the Project (Report No. 19-233).  
 On July 16, 2020, the Board canceled the bids due to lack of sufficient funding and the Project was planned to be re-bid at a later date.  
 Recently, the Office of Council District 14 and the Mayor's Office requested RAP to make the allocated and committed Quimby and Park Fees available of other park projects in CD14. It is unknown at this time how and when the First and Broadway Civic Center Park site will be developed and made available for public park use; the suspension of the Project would not preclude the City from pursuing the construction of the Project as previously designed should sufficient funding be secured. Pursuant to the Mayor's emergency declaration on homelessness, the Mayor's Office's proposed uses for First and Broadway Civic Center Park site involve homelessness services that may include overnight and/or safe parking, or temporary housing. RAP staff will therefore return to the Board at a later date with information about the future of this park site.


<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> 482-6980	<b>EXT.</b>
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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(i)	ART. 18, Sec. 15282

OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions)

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**  
 The proposed Project consists of the cancellation of a project. This action is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Class J of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and to Article 18, Section 15270 of California CEQA Guidelines.

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor		<b>DATE:</b> 3/16/2023
<b>FEE \$75.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D. BY:</b>
		<b>DATE:</b>

